

## MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

### ISLE OF PALMS SPECIAL DISTRICT

March 11, 2015

Board President Ken Wright opened the meeting and called it to order at approximately 1836 hours with a Roll Call of all Board members present [Agenda Item 1]. Other Board members/officers present were Vice President Paul Raudenbush, Secretary Brad Radloff and Member Tim Pacheco. KWright indicated that Treasurer Matt Kwartler could not make it due an emergency trip to Miami. Board Attorney Wayne Flowers of Lewis, Longman & Walker (LLW) was could not attend but sent Brenna Durden to sit for him. Approximately 5 homeowners of the District attended. Joe Wagner, P.E. of Taylor Engineering was also present to provide an update on issues associated with the District's permit.

#### **Agenda-Specific Public Comment [Agenda Item 2]-**

As a result of a new Florida Statute, public comments of agenda items only (no general items) are to be taken prior to addressing the Meeting Agenda. There were no public comments regarding agenda items.

#### **OTHER AGENDA ITEMS**

3. Approve the Minutes of the January 13, 2015 Board meeting.

**MOTION:** To approve the minutes of the January 13, 2015 Board meeting, by KWright.

**The motion was seconded by PRaudenbush and passed unanimously by all Board members present.**

4. Treasurer's Report by MKwartler. The treasury report was deferred until the April 8<sup>th</sup> Board meeting since MKwartler was not available to present it.
5. Update on ACOE Permit. Still waiting, the National Fisheries Service has not reviewed their portion of the permit application yet. It may be July before there is some indication as to when we might see something from the ACOE.
6. Update on Board Attorney on viability of amendment to the District Ordinance to allow financing for dredging and update on similar District efforts to obtain Board authority to maintain canals and bulkheads.
  - A) Financing: KWright explained his communications with Councilman Richard Clark regarding the possibility of adjusting the District's Ordinance to include the ability for

obtaining loans to finance dredging efforts. Mr. Clark was basically non-responsive or otherwise not helpful, likely due to his term limits in office, and it was suggested that we might wait and then talk to his replacement. Another aspect that may drive who the Board needs to contact regarding this issue, is the new District (Beaches #13) that our subdivision falls under (the lines have been re-drawn). It appears that the Board will need to approach the new Beaches Councilman (Bill Gulliford) after the elections of March 2015 to discuss the issue. However, it was decided that since PRAudenbush has spent quite a bit of time with Mr. Clark through the Chamber of Commerce, that he would contact him personally to see what his thoughts are on the issue.

- B) Update on Harbor Waterways' efforts to obtain authority over canals/docks/bulkheads: The Board has been waiting to see how Special District Harbor Waterways' works out. Prior to this meeting WFlowers forwarded a copy of Harbor Waterways' proposed Ordinance language regarding said authority and the Board briefly discussed how that might apply to the IOPSD. Some thoughts from the Board members included issues with liability and the monumental effort to enforce and monitor such authority, not to mention the amount of work it would take to review and approve proposed docks and bulkheads, etc. (as applicable). The effort by Harbor Waterways has not been resolved as yet. As a result of this discussion, PRAudenbush asked Joe Wagner about the ability of individual homeowners (under the District's permit, once it has been renewed) to remove soil/sediment that may blown-out into a canal from a compromised bulkhead. Mr. Wagner suggested that, the way the permit application has been submitted, it would not allow for individuals to conduct their own dredging in front of their bulkheads without obtaining additional authorization from the agencies to do so. Mr. Wagner was asked what it would take to get that included in the permit as an amendment to the permit and he said suggested that he would have to check into that.

**MOTION:** To authorize Taylor Engineering (Joe Wagner) to check into adjusting the permit application to include an individual's ability to clear out soil/sediment from bulkhead blow-outs, etc., by KWright.

**The motion was seconded by TPacheco and passed unanimously by all Board members present.**

7. Update on status of prior year audit. The District has to have an audit conducted every year since there are collected monies involved. The audit is almost done but the auditor's said the Board has to have a Management and Director's Authorization Letter and Representations. However, the auditors cannot write the letter since it should be done by independent third party, so they provided the name of another CPA that can prepare the letter for a nominal fee. KWright had gone ahead and authorized the additional fee to the CPA for the letter since without it; the audit could not be completed.

8. Discussion of 2015 tax assessments, annual budget and reporting. Basically, the discussion revolved around budgeting deadlines required by the City and the issue of when to decide whether the assessment will be increased or not and how to project what that might be prior to voting on it for purposes of budgeting. Then, general budget discussions/Q&A ensued but no voting on the budget necessary for this meeting. The budget will be voted on in the April meeting. Board Attorney BDurden suggested that if the assessment is going to change that a Public Hearing needs to be called for a vote on the change.
9. New business. KWright brought up handling the Board's website. The website has not been updated since MKwartler requested that its management be transferred from his responsibility to another Board member's (PRaudenbush). PRaudenbush suggested that MKwartler has not shown him the ropes on that yet and will try to get with him ASAP to get that all straightened out.

### ***Future Meeting Dates -***

There is a new venue for meetings now that will be held at the "Captain's Club" located at 13363 Beach Blvd.; as listed below. Whereas the meetings *were* held on Tuesdays, they are *now* being held on Wednesdays at 6:30 PM.

April 8, 2015    June 10, 2015    July 8, 2015    October 14, 2015    November 18, 2015

### ***General Public Comment -***

There were no public comments

### ***Adjournment -***

KWright adjourned the meeting at 1913 hrs.