

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
ISLE OF PALMS SPECIAL DISTRICT FOR DREDGING

May 22, 2012

President Jason Sessions opened the meeting and called it to order. Board members present were President, Jason Sessions, Vice President, Matt Kwartler, Secretary, Ken Wright, and Boardmembers Tim Pacheco and Brad Radloff. Approximately 30 homeowners were present.

Copies of the meeting Agenda and a Proposed Timeline of events were provided to interested persons.

Agenda Items

MOTION: To approve the minutes of the April 17, 2012 meeting. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Preliminary Timeline (copy attached)

The first item discussed on the timeline was the Notice of Intent to use a Uniform Method of Assessment. This is the method by which each landowner in the taxing district would be assessed the same amount for each waterfront lot, rather than using value of a property, length on the waterline or other methods. Some homeowners expressed a preference for using value assessments or waterline footage. The various methods were discussed. It was noted that whether you had 50 feet or 120 feet of waterfront, an \$800,000 home or a \$300,000 home, everyone could still have a boat, and the issue was access in and out of the canals. Public Notice of the hearing would be made, and vote on this issue would be held at an upcoming 2012 meeting.

Other matters on the timeline were discussed briefly.

MOTION: To approve the preliminary timeline. Motion seconded and passed unanimously.

Directors & Officers Insurance. The question was raised again about whether the Board had D & O insurance and it was clarified that we did not.

Leftover Prior Dredging Funds. Ken Wright reported that the Isle of Palms Community Association had met the previous Saturday but had not yet turned over any funds to the Dredging District—although that seemed to be the Association's intent.

Elections for Board of Supervisors

It was discussed that the elections for officers would be held with the general elections this year. Candidates wishing to qualify need to apply with the Supervisor of Elections. The qualifying period is from June 4th to June 8th 2012. Boardmember Radloff noted that if you are not happy with or do not trust the current Boardmembers, this is your chance to vote them out.

Notice to candidates would normally be published by the state. However, the State had failed to do so for the District this year. The Board was going to see about publishing in the Daily Record. Jason Sessions indicated he would front the cost, if not too great, and would anticipate being repaid by the District.

Rules of Procedure

President Sessions had circulated proposed rules of procedure to Boardmembers prior to the meeting. However, Tim Pacheco had not received his copy. Consideration of the Rules was tabled until next meeting after Mr. Pacheco had the opportunity to review them. Mr. Radloff discussed some preliminary considerations and typographical errors in the document. Further discussion would be had at the next meeting. Board members could email President Sessions their comments before the next meeting.

Next Meeting:

The Board's next meeting was tentatively set for Tuesday July 10, 2012 at 6:30 PM in the Advance Hall at the First Baptist Church at 324 N. 5th St., Jacksonville Beach, 32250, pending determination of the availability of the Hall.

Communications Committee

Tim Pacheco thanked the committee members for the efforts in distributing notices of the meeting to the IOP dredging district residents.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION:

At this point, the meeting was opened for public discussion. Several residents expressed concerns about fairness issues in terms of who gets dredged first and how often, etc. The Board noted that was why the District had representatives from North, Central and South areas, so that no area would get excessive benefit.

Adjournment:

At the conclusion of the questions and comments, the meeting was adjourned.

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Preliminary Timeline of events to occur over the next 24 months

Next 6 months- Adopt the Uniform Method for levy of assessments-

- June 2012-publish notice of intent to utilize uniform method along with date, time and place where a public hearing will be conducted to adopt a Resolution confirming use of the uniform method, once per week for 4 consecutive weeks preceding the public hearing.
- July 2012-Conduct a public hearing on the question of electing to use the uniform method and after allowing the public to weigh in adopt a Resolution electing to use of the uniform method for assessment and collection of non-ad valorem assessments. Following adoption of Resolution on use of uniform method, the Board must agree upon a preliminary assessment amount for each parcel in the District. No public hearing is required for this step—just a vote of the Board at a regular meeting.
- August 2012-Publish and mail a notice of the date and time for a public hearing at which the Board will determine the assessment amount. The notice, as previously mentioned, must include the proposed amount of the assessment. The Board can adopt an assessment that is lower than that proposed in the notice. Following the public hearing, the Board will adopt a Resolution establishing the assessment for each parcel in the District for FY 2013-2014.
- Fall 2012- Enter into an interlocal agreement with the Tax Collector and Property Appraiser concerning the collection of the assessments

June 2012- Submit the minutes of the meetings to the City Council by June 30th.

- Adopt operating procedures for the District

January 2013- Submit approved methodology to tax collector

February 2013-Approve budget for 2013-2014 year.

Summer 2013- Board will adopt an assessment roll which will be utilized by the Tax Collector to actually collect the assessments along with the ad valorem taxes owed by each property owner.

November 2013-March 2014—Receive funds from assessments collected by tax collector

January 2014-Begin surveying to assess dredging maintenance needs-prepare budget for first phase

March 2014-Bid initial work and prepare budget for 2014-2015