

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

July 10, 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. Board Attorney, Wayne Flowers was also present. Approximately 12 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 May 22, 2012 meeting. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Preliminary Timeline

The President raised the matter of Noticing the Board's Intent to use a Uniform Method of Assessment. This method was discussed at the last meeting and provides that each landowner in the taxing district would be assessed the same amount for each waterfront lot. Publication of the Notice of the hearing will be made. It will cost \$250. President Sessions asked for contributions from Board members and others to defray the costs. Those contributing will be reimbursed by the District when funds are available. Contributions should be by check and given to Jason Sessions. A vote on the uniform assessment would be held at an upcoming 2012 meeting.

The goal is to get an assessment on next year's tax rolls.

Rules of Procedure

President Sessions had circulated proposed rules of procedure to Board members before the May meeting. In addition to the matters discussed at the prior meeting, further changes were proposed to conform the rules to the representation of North, Central and South areas of the Isle of Palms as set forth in the enabling ordinance. Other discussion included whether newspaper publication of Meeting Notices was the best way to notify residents. However, Board counsel advised such publication must be undertaken. President Sessions renewed his call for contributions because publication would entail additional expense. Timing of Agenda preparation was also discussed and

revisions to the rules on that issue are anticipated. Boardmembers Radloff and Wright would email all of their suggested changes to the Rules to President Sessions for inclusion in the revised copy. In addition, paragraph 2 of Section 1.1(6) (a) of the proposed Rules relating to Board “conflict of interest” was felt to be confusing. Wayne Flowers, Esq. will rewrite it for clarity.

Isle of Palms Community Association and Leftover Prior Dredging Funds. President Sessions noted that the Isle of Palms Community Association has substantial funds in its coffers. He requested that the Association consider a loan of some of its funds to the Dredging Board to assist with the Board’s current expenses. Dot Allen, newly elected Vice-President of the Association said she would look into it. Ken Wright would assist. The Board is still awaiting the funds held by the Community Association Board that were donated by residents solely for dredging purposes.

President Sessions also expressed concern that the Isle of Palms Community Association website refers residents with questions about dredging matters to Richard Barsky, rather than to any member of the Dredging Board. Dot Allen agreed to look into correcting this issue.

Elections for Board of Supervisors

A potential problem with some individuals qualifying as candidates for election to the Board of Supervisors was raised. The Board’s enabling ordinance provides that each area with separate access to the Intracoastal shall be represented on the Board by persons living within their area. The North and South Isle of Palms have two (2) representatives and the Central area has one (1) representative. Three candidates, Dorothy Allen, Wendy Hood, and Brian Morris applied to run for seats representing areas outside of those in which they live. Attorney Flowers advised, based on research confirmed by the Supervisor of Elections and the Jacksonville General Counsel’s Office, that if one of these candidates wins the election, they cannot become a Board Member unless they first move into the area of the Isle of Palms for the seat which they are representing. Mr. Flowers said that if such persons were elected but could not be seated, the current boardmember for that area would remain on the Board until a special election was held. Because there may be ambiguity in the enabling ordinance, it was suggested that it be amended before the next election.

Future Meetings:

The Board scheduled the following meetings: August 28, 2012, September 25, 2012 and November 13, 2012. All meetings will be held at 6:30 PM in the Advance Hall at the First Baptist Church at 324 N. 5th St., Jacksonville Beach, 32250,

Communications Committee

Tim Pacheco advised that he needs more signs to notify residents of meetings, particularly for the South Isle of Palms and help with their placement in that area.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION:

Public discussion. Residents who were first time attendees expressed interest in the process of determining dredging need and assessment. As these were thoroughly and frequently discussed issues at prior meetings, after brief discussion, the residents were requested to ask their questions after the meeting. A resident also inquired on the feasibility of the Board using a staff or committees. He was assured the Board desired to have help in the form of committees of residents.

Adjournment:

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