

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

November 13, 2012

Pre-election Board President Jason Sessions opened the meeting, called it to order, and congratulated Board members on winning their respective seats on the Board. All of the originally appointed Board members were re-elected for another term. Pre-election Board members/officers present were President, Jason Sessions, Vice President, Matt Kwartler, Secretary, Ken Wright, and Boardmembers Tim Pacheco and Brad Radloff. Absent from the meeting was Board Attorney Wayne Flowers. Approximately 44 homeowners were present.

Copies of the meeting Agenda and a Proposed "Preliminary Timeline of events" (updated 11-13-12) were provided to interested persons.

AGENDA ITEMS

First Order of Business - Nominate Board Officers

MOTION(s): To Approve Nominated Board Officers for the New Term

President > Jason Sessions > 2nd by KWright > Passed unanimously

Vice President > Ken Wright > 2nd by MKwartler > Passed unanimously

Secretary > Brad Radloff > 2nd by TPacheco > Passed unanimously

Treasurer > Matt Kwartler > 2nd by KWright > Passed unanimously

Other Business:

JSessions read notes prepared by WFlowers that reiterated the Board's adoption and approval of the use of the Uniform Method for the Levy of Assessments, summarized what it means to use said method as previously discussed in past meetings, the potential levy amounts, and when preliminary and final assessment amounts would be voted on. The Board agreed to vote on the preliminary assessment amount on December 4, 2012 since it is necessary to provide public notice prior to voting on the final amount. The Board agreed to vote on the final amount during the next meeting on January 15, 2013. It was also stressed that the voted final amount could be less than the preliminary amount set for purposes of the public notice. Questions were taken from persons in attendance and affected by the Board's decisions. The main concern was fairness in assessing the same amount for varying property sizes.

Since Ken Wright was not present for the September meeting during which the other four Board members discussed their views/feelings regarding the proposed assessment (pre-election), he was asked by the meeting attendees to share *his* views/feelings. Mr. Wright indicated that he understood the pros and cons of the varying positions of persons affected by the Board's decision regarding the assessment amount and suggested that he was in the \$400-\$500 range for the first year.

MOTION: To approve the minutes of the September 18, 2012 meeting. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Interlocal Agreement

An example of an "Interlocal Agreement" was passed out among the Board members by JSessions for Board members to review prior to and discuss at the next meeting. Said interlocal agreement is intended, in general, to authorize the Duval County Tax Collector to collect the annual assessment amount established by the District for purposes of dredging. The agreement also allows the County to collect a fee (a percentage of the total assessment amount collected annually for the District). There was discussion as to what the percentage would be. KWright thought it might 3.5% whereas the example agreement uses 2%. Comments and questions were also taken from persons in attendance that might be affected by the Board's decisions. The main concerns were how much that percentage was going to be and what, if anything else, would the City have control over, as it relates to the Districts activities and how the collected revenue is spent.

Preliminary Timeline/Future Meeting Dates

The forthcoming Board meeting dates (below) were basically established in keeping with timelines needed for submitting the necessary paperwork to City of Jacksonville to get the Board approved assessment amount on the tax rolls. Of course, the apparent goal is to get an assessment on next year's tax rolls.

December 4, 2012 > Vote on preliminary assessment for public notice.

January 15, 2013 > Vote on final assessment amount for the first year.

February 12, 2013 > TBD

All meetings are to be held at 6:30 PM in the "Advance Hall" (around back) at the First Baptist Church at 324 N. 5th St., Jacksonville Beach, 32250.

MOTION: To approve the forthcoming meeting dates. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Isle of Palms Community Association

Concerns were expressed about the Isle of Palms Community Association (IOPCA) website that still refers residents with questions about dredging matters to Richard Barsky, rather than to any member of the Dredging Board. It was suggested that the matter be brought up at the next IOPCA board meeting which was scheduled for November 15, 2012 and suggest that a link to the Dredging Board website (iopjax.com) where Board Meeting Minutes can be obtained for review.

Public Open Discussion (Questions/Comments)

Approximately 10 persons (none identified) asked varying questions or made comments, as outlined below:

- 1) Wanted to know if we knew what the engineering costs were for the original dredging activity, including a breakdown. Ans: No, but would be interested in getting that info.
- 2) Wanted to know what to do about neighbor's "leaking seawalls." Ans: Report them to the City.
- 3) A comment that we should get a show of hands as to how much assessment people are willing to pay. Ans: Good point. Although it may not be entirely representative, it would be interesting to see what it is to help the Board members see how they might vote on the assessment amount. JSessions suggested that the meeting attendees should help get as many people as they can to the next two meetings so that we can get a show of hands.
- 4) Do we know how much material needs to be dredged. Ans: No, need money for surveys
- 5) Do we have to have a certain percentage of the community vote on the amount of the assessment to approve it. Ans: No, the Board was elected by vote to determine the amount.
- 6) A comment that the original dredging was wasn't done professionally. Ans: Agreed that the dredging could have been done hydraulically rather than using excavating equipment but disagreed that using excavating equipment was an unacceptable or unprofessionally accepted method. In addition, it was suggested that the hydraulic method was relatively expensive.

- 7) Who has the say when the work [dredging] is done. Ans: We do [the Board].
- 8) How long will the dredging go on. Ans: Continuously.
- 9) A comment about assessing different lots, different amounts due to their size and what if the surveys show some areas don't need any dredging. Generally, concerned about fairness of dredging frequency. Ans: MKwartler addressed the concern with varying ways to look at how the uniform method would in the long term fairly cover everybody.
- 10) For the original dredging, they didn't get close up to docks and lifts and will that change for the upcoming activities. Ans: Something to consider but there are many issues associated with getting up close to said facilities.

The public discussion ended with a second request to get a show of hands of how the attendees felt regarding how much to assess for the first year and resulted as shown below (44 persons in attendance, not including Board):

\$500.00 >> 20

\$400.00 >> 1

\$300.00 >> 7

\$200.00 >> 3

Adjournment:

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