

## **BEACH AND SHORE PRESERVATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

The Indian River County (IRC) Beach and Shore Preservation Advisory Committee (Beach) met at 3:00 p.m. on Monday, June 15, 2009, in the County Administration Building, Building B, 1800 27<sup>th</sup> Street, Vero Beach, Florida. You may hear an audio of the meeting; review the agenda and the minutes on the IRC website - [www.ircgov.com/Boards/BSPC/2009](http://www.ircgov.com/Boards/BSPC/2009).

Present were David Barney, Robert Lindsey, Cheryl Gerstner, and Bob Anderson, Board of County Commissioners (BCC) Appointees; Vice Mayor Tom White, City of Vero Beach Appointee; Councilmember Joel Tyson, City of Fellsmere Appointee; Robert Tench, Alternate, Town of Orchid Appointee; and Councilmember Mike Ochsner, Town of Indian River Shores Appointee.

Absent were Chairman Bill Glynn, and Stephen Krasco, BCC Appointees; Councilmember Dale Simchick, City of Sebastian Appointee; and Councilmember Paul Johnson, Town of Orchid Appointee (all excused).

Also present were IRC staff: Commissioner Liaison Peter O'Bryan; Jim Davis, Public Works Director; Dr. Jonathan Gorham, Coastal Resource Manager; James Gray, Coastal Engineer; and Terri Collins-Lister, Commissioner Assistant, District 4. Others present were Marty Smithson, Sebastian Inlet Taxing District (The District); Don Dexter, City of Vero Beach; Stephen Boehning, Coastal Waterways; Sheryl Koenes, Disney's Vero Beach Resort; Steve Smith, Ranch Road Sandmine; Tem Fontaine, Coastal Technology, Inc. and Lee Cockey, Barbara Lange, Chris Hendricks, and M.J. Smith, Interested Citizens.

### **Call to Order**

Commissioner Liaison Peter O'Bryan called the meeting to order and turned the meeting over to Vice Mayor Tom White.

### **Approval of the Minutes of May 18, 2009** (00:00:39)

**ON MOTION BY Mr. Anderson, SECONDED BY Councilmember Ochsner, the members voted unanimously (8-0) to approve the minutes of May 18, 2009.**

### **Sector 3 Beach Restoration Update - Dr. Jonathan Gorham, IRC Coastal Resources** (00:00:48)

Dr. Gorham updated the members on the Sector 3 Beach Restoration Project and stated the County had submitted a response to a request for

additional information (RAI) #5 to the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) on June 12, 2009. He mentioned the physical and biological monitoring plan was complete, however the DEP requested some additional revisions and details on the plan to mitigate for project impacts to near shore reefs should they occur. He felt this would complete all of the items identified in the RAI process which would allow the application to be deemed complete upon the receipt by DEP of the Federal Biological Opinions.

Dr. Gorham indicated the BCC approved a work order at their June 9, 2009 meeting to proceed with the bidding of the construction of Sector 3 to include options for both offshore and upland sand sources. He went over a timeline of the Sector 3 Beach Restoration Bidding and Permitting, a copy of which is on file in the Commission Office. He anticipated a bidding period from June 30, 2009 through July 30, 2009 and hoped to make a recommendation for award to the BCC by mid-August. He opined if an off-shore sand source was chosen there would be no further modification and the County could proceed with contract award as early as September 15, 2009; however no construction could take place until after November 1, 2009. He noted in the event an upland sand source was the low bidder, then state and federal permits would need to be modified in order to incorporate the sand source. A discussion followed the permitting timeline if an upland sand source was awarded the contract.

Dr. Gorham concluded the BCC approved a work order to conduct the survey work for the establishment of the erosion control line and construction easements documents, a separate task that would need to occur prior to construction.

**Discussion on the Proposed Offshore Drilling – Dr. Jonathan Gorham, IRC Coastal Resources** (00:20:53)

Dr. Gorham discussed the proposed offshore oil and gas exploration bill (HB 1219). He reviewed the information in the article entitled, Offshore Oil and Gas Drilling in State Waters, a copy of which is on file in the Commission Office.

Vice Mayor White suggested the members review the article on HB 1219 and discuss in further at the next Beach meeting. He suggested after discussion the committee would then make a decision whether to move forward with a resolution to the BCC either in support or opposition to HB 1219.

**Update from the Sebastian Inlet Taxing District Commission - Mr. Marty Smithson, The District** (00:30:39)

Mr. Smithson reported The District continues to negotiate with the Sebastian Inlet State Park on the sand disposal area and was working with the

Division of State Lands on a land swap of easements. He added Dr. Gary Zarillo completed the draft of the annual State of Sebastian Inlet Report.

A discussion ensued regarding St. Lucie County's proposal for a pump station in Fort Pierce.

A question was raised whether The District was still looking at realigning the channel to the intra-coastal. Mr. Smithson replied in the affirmative and had just approved a work order to pursue the permitting.

**Status of County Beach Parks – Mr. Jim Davis, Public Works Director**  
(00:39:00)

Mr. Davis told the committee there was a ribbon cutting and dedication at the Golden Sands and Wabasso Beach Parks on Friday, June 5, 2009. A question was raised whether there had been discussions on possibly acquiring the "dip site" as additional parking at the Wabasso Beach Park. Mr. Davis replied the site had been acquired and cleaned up, however no funds had been appropriated to improve parking.

Commissioner Liaison O'Bryan mentioned a sign dedicating the Wabasso Beach Park to former County Commissioner Alma Lee Loy. Mr. Davis replied the County was already working on a sign.

Mr. Tench commended Mr. Davis for his work on the Wabasso and Golden Sands Beach Parks.

A discussion ensued on having at least one public beach in IRC opened 24 hours a day as does the City of Cocoa Beach and the City of Miami. Mr. Barney stated he would look into the matter further.

**Committee Members Matters** (00:49:56)

Commissioner O'Bryan brought up the summer meeting schedule and suggested canceling the July and August Beach meetings. A discussion followed regarding the timeline for the bid award. It was the consensus of the committee to cancel the July meeting and the next meeting would be held on August 17, 2009.

**Chairman Matters**

There was none.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:55 p.m.