

## **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, August 17, 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 Chairman Bill Glynn, David Barney, Robert Lindsey, Cheryl Gerstner, Stephen Krasco and Bob Anderson, Board of County Commissioners (BCC) Appointees; Councilmember Joel Tyson, City of Fellsmere Appointee; Councilmember Dale Simchick, City of Sebastian Appointee; Robert Tench, Alternate, Town of Orchid Appointee; and Councilmember Mike Ochsner, Town of Indian River Shores Appointee.

Absent were Vice Mayor Tom White, City of Vero Beach Appointee and Councilmember Paul Johnson, Town of Orchid Appointee (both 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; Sheryl Koenes, Disney's Vero Beach Resort; Ann Bolduc, Senator Joe Negron's Office; Chuck Kramer, Fisher & Sons; Bob Schafer, Ranger Construction; Steve Smith, Ranch Road Sand Mine; Michael Walther and Tem Fontaine, Coastal Technology, Inc.; Amanda Conochalla and Jacob DiPietre, Walt Disney World Co.; and Bill Johnson, Gayle LeGore, Janyne Kenworthy, Barbara Lange, Lee and Donna Cockey, Interested Citizens.

### **Call to Order**

Chairman Bill Glynn called the meeting to order.

### **Approval of the Minutes of June 15, 2009** (00:00:36)

Mr. Marty Smithson referred to page three, second paragraph of the June 15, 2009 meeting minutes and suggested changing the word connecting to realigning. **"A question was raised whether The District was still looking at ~~connecting~~ realigning the channel to the intra-coastal."**

**ON MOTION BY Councilmember Tyson, SECONDED  
BY Mr. Anderson, the members voted unanimously  
(10-0) to approve the minutes of June 15, 2009 as**

amended.

**The Status of the Sector 3 Bids - Dr. Jonathan Gorham, IRC Coastal Resources** (00:01:46)

Dr. Gorham updated the committee on the Sector 3 Beach Restoration Project. He reviewed the information contained in a Power Point Presentation, a copy of which is on file in the Commission Office. He noted the bid for the Sector 3 Beach Restoration Project opened on August 3, 2009 and was structured so that it would accommodate both upland and offshore sand sources. He stated upon reviewing the bids and their supporting Geotechnical information, it was determined that the County needed additional information from all of the responding upland bidders in order to be able to evaluate the characteristics of the material proposed as well as the bidder's ability to produce the required quantities of the material specified in the bid.

Dr. Gorham indicated the additional information from the upland bidders had been received and the County planned to take their recommendation to the BCC at their September 8, 2009 meeting.

A discussion ensued in reference to the additional information requested from the upland sand source bidders. Dr. Gorham referred to the bid tabulation sheet and gave a brief summary of the low bidder for both the Upland Sand and Offshore Bidders.

	Upland Sand Source Bidder	Bid Price		Offshore Bidder	Bid Price
Base Bid	Stormwater & Underground, LLC	\$7,068,022		Great Lakes Dredge and Dock Company, LLC	\$8,938,566
Alternate Bid	Ranger Construction	\$7,649,054		Great Lakes Dredge and Dock Company, LLC	\$9,089,561

A question was raised on the difference between the base and alternate bids. Dr. Gorham replied the difference was strictly timing with the construction on the base bid beginning in November 2009 and the alternate bid in November 2010. A lengthy discussion followed on the criteria taken into consideration when making a bid recommendation.

**ON MOTION BY Mr. Anderson, SECONDED BY Councilmember Ochsner, the members voted unanimously (10-0) to hold a Special Call Meeting on Thursday, September 3, 2009 to review staff's**

**final bid recommendation for the Sector 3 Beach  
Renourishment Project.**

**Update on the Permitting for the Sector 3 Beach Restoration Project**  
(00:50:36)

Dr. Gorham indicated the Sector 3 Beach Restoration Project was still in the Joint Coastal Permitting process from both the state through the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) and the federal through the U.S. Army Corp. of Engineers (Corps). He stated on the state permitting side all the items in the Joint Coastal Permit Application due from the County were completed, however what remained outstanding with the state was the biological opinions from the US Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) and the National Marine Fisheries Service in order to deem the permit complete. He reported the draft of the USFWS biological opinion was expected to be completed by August 31, 2009 and a final biological opinion by September 30, 2009. He added the next step in the process will be the issuance of the draft permit and notice of intent to issue permit which would be completed 30 to 90 days from the receipt of those biological opinions.

Dr. Gorham said on the federal side, the permit from the Corps has been 90% drafted and awaiting the biological opinions. He indicated the federal permit could not be issued until the DEP issued the draft permit and notice of intent.. He opined to have the federal permit by October 22, 2009, the best case scenario and December 22, 2009, being the worst case scenario.

Dr. Gorham explained once there was an award for construction this year, under the base bid from either an upland or offshore sand source, the County would immediately move forward with establishing the erosion control line, a required process to construct the beach renourishment project. He confirmed the County had surveyors under contract and were ready to proceed.

In the event that an upland sand source bidder was awarded the contract, Dr. Gorham indicated the Joint Coastal Permit and Federal Permit would need to be modified to authorize the use of the particular sand source. He remarked the County had been working in consultation with DEP staff concerning the upland sand source issue in order to be prepared to expedite a potential request for the permit to use an upland sand source. He said the best case scenario for the issuance of a permit using an upland sand source was January 8, 2010 and the worst case scenario, April 15, 2010. He mentioned the County was preparing to conduct some archaeological resource investigations on the Sector 3 beach fill areas at the request from the State of Florida's Historical Preservation Office. He added if an upland sand source is awarded the contract for the Sector 3 Beach Project, then an archaeological resource investigation would need to be conducted at the upland sand mine sites as well.

**Update from the Sebastian Inlet Taxing District Commission - Mr. Marty Smithson, The District** (01:11:12)

Mr. Smithson stated when The District entered into an Interlocal Agreement with the County, at that time the estimate of \$26 a cubic yard for sand was based on the high numbers received from the offshore sand sources. He continued in the agreement, The District looked a two years worth of sand credit of 90,000 cubic yards of sand per year totaling \$4.68 million. He indicated with the Sector 3 Beach Project Bids being much lower, The District, after much discussion to either use a cost savings or the opportunity to pay for more sand credits voted to provide the agreed amount of \$4.68 million to the County for additional sand credits. He noted the additional sand credits would allow The District to improve the capacity of their sand trap and provide a better sand transfer mechanism to the Sector 1 and 2.

Chairman Glynn acknowledged The District and thanked them for their alliance with the County.

**Chairman Matters** (01:17:18)

Chairman Glynn thanked Mr. Jim Davis, Mr. Jonathan Gorham, Mr. James Gray, Mr. Michael Walter, and all of those involved with the Sector 3 Beach Project for their outstanding efforts.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:25 p.m.