

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, February 15, 2010, in the County Administration Building, Building B, 1800 27th 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/2010.

Present were Chairman Bill Glynn, David Barney, Cheryl Gerstner, Stephen Krasco and Bob Anderson, Board of County Commissioners (BCC) Appointees; Councilmember Tom White, City of Vero Beach Appointee; Councilman Joel Tyson, City of Fellsmere Appointee; Councilmember Mike Ochsner, Town of Indian River Shores and Councilmember Bill Troxell, Town of Orchid Appointee.

Absent was Robert Lindsey, BCC Appointee and Councilmember Jim Hill, City of Sebastian Appointee (both excused).

Also present were IRC staff: Commissioner Liaison Peter O'Bryan; Michael Zito, Assistant County Administrator; Chris Mora, Public Works Director, Jason Brown, Budget Director, James Gray, Coastal Engineer; and Terri Collins-Lister, Commissioner Assistant, District 4. Others present were: Sheryl Koenes, Disney's Vero Beach Resort; Marty Smithson, Sebastian Inlet Tax District (The District); Steve Smith, Ranch Road Sand Mine; Bob Schafer, Ranger Construction; Don Dexter, City of Vero Beach; Ann Bolduc, Senator Joe Negron's Office; Michael Walther and Tem Fontaine, Coastal Technology, Inc.; Al Stock, William Suddath, Louise Schmitt, Chris Hendricks, Dale Simchick, and Lee Cockey, Interested Citizens.

Call to Order

Chairman Glynn called the meeting to order.

Approval of the Minutes of the January 18, 2010

Mr. James Gray, IRC Coastal Engineer, made a correction to the January 18, 2010 meeting minutes, page two, last sentence of paragraph three, should read: *"develop a monitoring test plan for reproductive success of sea turtles using an upland sand source"*.

**ON MOTION BY Councilmember Ochsner,
SECONDED BY Mr. Anderson, the members voted
unanimously (9-0) to approve the minutes of
January 18, 2010 as amended.**

Sector 3 Beach Restoration Progress Update - Mr. James Gray, IRC Coastal Engineer

Mr. Gray reviewed the information contained in his Sector 3 Project Beach Committee Permitting and Construction Update, a copy of which is on file in the Commission Office.

A discussion ensued on the closure of Wabasso Beach Park and Golden Sands Beach Park and the concern was expressed whether the Wabasso Beach Park would have been closed if the Sector 3 Beach Project had been dredged. Mr. Gray stated that Wabasso Beach Park would have been closed just as long due to being the central access area.

A question was raised on the approximate amount of sand lost over the past several months. Mr. Gray replied from the summer of 2007 through January 2010, the County lost approximately 115,000 cubic yards of material in the dunes and low berm.

Mr. Marty Smithson asked if the permit allowed for the storm loss yardage to be replaced in addition to the 202,000 cubic yards of sand. Mr. Gray indicated the losses could be realized and filled in with the increased phase I volumes.

Mr. Gray gave a photo update of the Sector 3 Beach Project construction from February 10-15, 2010, a copy of which is on file in the Commission Office.

A discussion ensued on the truck traffic on County Road 510. Mr. Chris Mora, Public Works Director, stated there had been no complaints about traffic congestion and the majority of the truck traffic was obeying the speed limit and deployed tarps to cover the sand. Chairman Glynn pointed out that increased presence of the Sheriff's Department has been positive.

Mr. Gray brought up the contractual items and noted following the bidding of the project, the US Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) and the US Army Corps of Engineers (CORP) required the County in order to obtain a permit needed to place a coarser material on the Beach and increase sand frequency testing in regards to the upland source. He reported the County received a change order from the contractor, Ranger Construction, in the amount of \$984,000. The BCC approved \$439,000 of the \$984,000 at their February 2, 2010 meeting, and then directed staff to bring back additional information justifying the remaining balance to the March 2, 2010 BCC Meeting.

Mr. Jason Brown, IRC Budget Director, stated the total amount of funding

available was 13.1 million dollars for the Sector 3 Beach Project. He added when the County selected Ranger Construction, the bid total was \$10.4 million and with staff's recommendation of \$439,000, the total amount was \$12,980,000, a 2.6 million increase. He emphasized the majority of the 2.6 million increase was unrelated to Ranger Construction, but a permitting issue with DEP in which the County had to agree to a 1.6 million mitigation for a zero impact design. Adding the \$500,000 requested by Ranger Construction would bring the total to \$13.5 million, \$400,000 over the budgeted amount for the Sector 3 Beach Project. He said the County was working with Ranger Construction on the final aspects of the additional \$500,000 to include some possible credit components, but from a funding standpoint, the funds would be available to complete the project. A discussion followed on the cost comparison of an Offshore Sand Source and Upland Sand Source, economic impact using the Upland Sand Source, the quality of sand being placed on the beach and an engineered beach.

Update from the Sebastian Inlet Taxing District Commission - Mr. Marty Smithson, The District

Mr. Smithson stated The District had been notified by DEP that they would be receiving a permit for construction of the dredge material management area, however prior to construction The District would need to finalize their agreement with the Sebastian Inlet State Park.

Committee Members Matters

There was none.

Chairman Matters

Chairman Glynn brought up the Sector 5 Beach Project. Mr. Gray stated future beach project timelines had been pushed back four to five years. He opined a key to moving forward with the Sector 5 Beach Project, would be to focus on getting the engineered beach reauthorized from the CORP.

Other Matters

There was none.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:02 p.m.