

**MINUTES OF THE
FLORIDA INLAND NAVIGATION DISTRICT**

Board of Commissioners Meeting

9:00 a.m., Friday, December 16, 2016

The Shores

2637 South Atlantic Avenue

Daytona Beach Shores, Volusia County, Florida 32118-5643

ITEM 1. Call to Order.

Vice-Chair Netts called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

ITEM 2. Pledge of Allegiance.

Vice-Chair Netts led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

ITEM 3. Roll Call.

Secretary Donaldson called the roll and Vice-Chair Netts, Treasurer McCabe and Commissioners Blow, Chappell, Isiminger, Osteen, Sansom, and Williams were present. Chair Cuozzo and Commissioner Crowley were absent. Secretary Donaldson stated that a quorum was present.

ITEM 4. Consent Agenda.

Vice-Chair Netts asked if there were any comments or questions regarding the Consent Agenda. There were none.

Commissioner Williams made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner O'Steen. Vice-Chair Netts asked for discussion. Hearing none, a vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

ITEM 5. Additions or Deletions.

Vice-Chair Netts asked if there were any additions or deletions to the meeting agenda.

Mr. Crosley stated that he would like to add to the agenda: Item 17B. Agreement, Scope of Work and Fee Quote for the Economic Update of Palm Beach County, Florida; Item 17C, Bid Approval – Intracoastal Waterway Maintenance Dredging Palm Beach Reach I, Near the Jupiter Inlet; and Item 17D, St. Lucie County Letter.

Mr. Crosley stated that because a representative from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) is not at today's meeting, he would like to delete from the agenda: Item 9, Comments from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

Commissioner Williams stated that he would like to discuss additional dredging of Fernandina Beach Marina.

Mr. Crosley stated that he would like to add to the agenda: Item 5A, Dredging Fernandina Beach Marina.

Commissioner Blow stated that he would like to discuss the Summerhaven River project. Mr. Crosley suggested discussing the item under: Item 18, Additional Commissioner Comments.

Commissioner Chappell made a motion to approve the final agenda as amended. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams. Vice-Chair Netts asked for discussion. Hearing none, a vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

ITEM 5A. Dredging Fernandina Beach Marina.

Commissioner Williams stated that he would like to discuss adding dredging of the Fernandina Beach Marina to the District's Nassau County Dredging Project. Mr. Crosley stated that the District is not at the bid stage for that project and it could be added as a future additional agenda item. Commissioner Williams stated that he would like to discuss the item today to determine if the Board is in favor of the additional project before he takes it to the City Commission for discussion. Mr. Crosley stated that if the question is dredging additional material and use of the District's site, with the Board's permission, he could task Taylor Engineering to review the project and bring it back as a subsequent agenda item.

Commissioner Sansom asked if this would give Commissioner Williams the time that he needs. Commissioner Williams stated that Taylor Engineering has indicated that the material could cost \$10.50 per cubic yard, which is a savings from the \$31.00 per cubic yard cost for the city to do the project separately.

Commissioner Blow suggested writing a letter to the City of Fernandina Beach stating the FIND is willing to consider allowing the marina's dredging project to be completed with the District's dredging project.

Mr. Crosley asked Mr. Scarborough if the District's dredging project plans and specifications have been completed. Mr. Scarborough stated that the Nassau County

dredging plans and specifications have been completed. This additional dredging could be added to the plans and specifications.

Mr. Crosley stated that with the Board's approval he could write a letter, requesting an engineering review and cost estimate to add the project to the plans and specifications to the Nassau dredging project. If the cost is within his authority, he could approve moving forward with the project. If the additional project cost his over his spending authority, he would bring it to the Board in January for approval.

Dr. Taylor stated that he would prepare an estimate now.

Commissioner Sansom made a motion to approve moving forward with writing a letter to the City of Fernandina Beach conceptually approving the additional dredging of the Fernandina Beach Marina, subject to the capacity of DMMA NA-1 to handle the additional dredged material. The motion was seconded by Secretary Donaldson. Vice-Chair Netts asked for discussion. Hearing none, a vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

ITEM 6. Public Comments.

Vice-Chair Netts asked if there were any public comments on issues that are not on today's agenda.

Mr. Clay Henderson, for the Florida Audubon Society, stated that earlier this week he met with Treasurer McCabe regarding the Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) identifying Spoil Island V-7 as a Critical Wildlife Area (CWA) for additional bird protection. The Audubon Society has been involved in wildlife protection for over 100 years as ordered by President's Roosevelt and Taft.

Mr. Henderson stated that in 1960, Mr. Russell Mason representing the Florida Audubon Society, worked with FIND to establish Spoil Island V-7 as a bird sanctuary, and the Florida Audubon Society has been completing bird surveys of Spoil Island V-7 since then.

Mr. Henderson stated that recently, the Florida Audubon Society has been working with the FWC to obtain official CWA protection of Spoil Island V7. This official protection requires land owner consent. The FWC only establishes critical wildlife areas if the property owners agree. There was conflicting information about who owned the Port

Orange island, with some records indicating it is owned by the state and managed by FIND. The item was pulled from the FWC's agenda.

Mr. Henderson stated that The Florida Audubon Society would like to work with FIND to seek legal protection of Spoil Island V7. The society will post signs on the island, contact the USACE for concurrence, and try to come to a mutual outcome for Spoil Island V-7.

Mr. Henderson stated that he respects FIND and the work that FIND does and he sincerely appreciates the partnership that FIND and the Florida Audubon Society have had since 1960. He stated that he is confident that the agencies can work together to protect the birds and FIND's interests.

ITEM 7. Board Meeting Minutes.

Vice-Chair Netts asked if there were any comments or questions regarding the November 19, 2016 Finance & Budget Committee and Board Meeting Minutes.

Commissioner Blow requested that a change be made to the November 19, 2016, Board Meeting Minutes, Item 9, to read: that when Ms. Trulock talks about the Summerhaven River project she refers to the "county" and it should state, "the St. Augustine Port Waterway and Beach District i.e. "Port District". Also, Ms. Trulock was discussing the Summerhaven River Change Order for "\$260,000.00" and it should say "\$400,000.00."

Commissioner Isiminger requested that a change be made to the November 19, 2016, Board Meeting Minutes, Item 13, to read: Commissioner Isiminger "referenced the constructions plans and specifications and asked if the plans are similar to previous project plans at this Inlet."

Treasurer McCabe made motion to approve the November 19, 2016 Personnel Committee, Finance & Budget Committee and Board Meeting Minutes as amended. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams. Vice-Chair Netts asked for discussion. Hearing none, a vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

ITEM 8. Staff Report on Volusia County Area Projects.

Mr. Crosley stated that Phase I of the Dredged Material Management Plan (DMMP) for the Intracoastal Waterway (IWW) in Volusia County was completed in 1993. Phase II

of the DMMP was completed in 1994 and all major land acquisition was completed in 1997.

Mr. Crosley stated that there are six (6) identified Intracoastal Waterway (IWW) dredging reaches within Volusia County supported by seven (7) Dredged Material Management Areas (DMMA) that have been identified and purchased for waterway maintenance. The 50-year dredging projection is 4.2 million cubic yards. The storage projection is 9 million cubic yards.

Mr. Crosley stated that to date, three (3) of the seven (7) Dredged Material Management Areas (DMMA) in the county, MSA 434/434C, V-26 and V-29, have been fully constructed. In 2006, 780,000 cubic yards of beach quality material was offloaded from MSA 434/434C and placed on the beaches of New Smyrna to repair storm damage impacts. It will be necessary to again offload the island with the next dredging event.

Mr. Crosley stated that all DMMA's with the exception of V-6 have been fenced. The future development footprint of DMMA V-22A has been cleared and grubbed. The presence of a bald eagle's nest on DMMA V-21 has precluded any development of that site beyond the security fence.

Commissioner Sansom noted that staff should be monitoring the eagle's nest to document activity or in-activity at DMMA V-21.

Mr. Crosley stated that in the fall of 2012, the USACE's hopper dredge "Currituck" conducted operations in the IWW in the vicinity of Ponce Inlet for a period of approximately four (4) days in between assignments on the U.S. east coast. Approximately 3,000 cubic yards of material was dredged for the temporary relief of shoaling in this vicinity. A full-scale dredging event was initiated in late summer of 2013 and completed in November 2013. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) is initiating Plans & Specifications to dredge this area again in 2017.

Mr. Crosley stated that the Volusia County Waterways Economic Study Update was completed in 2011 and it found that there were approximately 284 waterway-related businesses in the county employing 1,466 people, with salaries of approximately \$53.4 million and an economic output of \$235.4 million. This economic impact generated \$11.2 million in tax revenue. Property values were determined to be increased from \$339 to \$429

million by the presence of the IWW channel. The study reports that these values would decrease by approximately 20% overall if dredging of the waterways ceased.

Mr. Crosley stated that since 1986, the District has provided \$13.2 million in Waterways Assistance Program funding to 117 projects in the county having a total constructed value of approximately \$50.7 million.

Mr. Crosley stated that the District has partnered with Volusia County for the past several years to provide funding assistance for the removal of trash and debris from Volusia County's waterways. The District provides up to \$10,000.00 per year for this program.

ITEM 9. Comments from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

This Item has been deleted from the agenda.

ITEM 10. Presentation – Professional Tallahassee Legislative Services.

Mr. Crosley stated that the District's Tallahassee legislative coordinator, Mr. Jon Moyle, with the Moyle Law Firm, P.A is here today to provide an update on the past year's activities. Mr. Moyle will also discuss insight for successful strategies for the forthcoming State Legislative session in fiscal year (FY) 2017. He recommends a 2-year agreement with a clause for a mutual 2-year extension of a continuing services contract.

Mr. Jon Moyle, President of Moyle Law Firm, stated that the Florida Legislature is getting ready for the regular session that starts March 7, 2017. Committee meetings are taking place and the Senate met this week. There are 20 new members and 16 of the new Senators previously served in the Florida House. The number of the respective political parties in the House and Senate did not change materially. The Florida House of Representatives has 79 Republican members and 41 Democratic members, with the Democrats gaining three seats following the November election. The Florida Senate has 25 Republican members and 15 Democratic members, with the Democrats gaining one seat following the November election. The Democrats in the House now have more than one-third of the House's membership, meaning that certain procedural motions could potentially be forestalled, if block voting takes place.

Mr. Moyle stated that two of the issues that will gain attention this Legislative Session include the Florida Supreme Court ruling regarding a Worker's Compensation issue that has caught the attention of the business community. Water was an issue during the last session and will continue as an issue during this session.

Mr. Moyle stated that the Legislative Organizational Session elected Senator Joe Negron, R-Palm City, as Senate President. Senator Negron is interested in the Indian River Lagoon and higher education. The House elected Representative Richard Corcoran, R-Lutz, as House Speaker. Numerous committee assignments have been made. Legislative committee meetings are beginning now and will be held regularly beginning in January and February.

Mr. Moyle stated that the Revenue Conference met earlier this week and Budget Year 2017-2018 estimates were reviewed and adjusted by the state's economists. There is approximately \$1.1 billion in new dollars that will not go far for new projects.

Mr. Moyle stated that Representative Corcoran, the new House Speaker, has implemented a lot of new rules changing the way business and appropriations will be done in the House. Members must file bills and be on record for projects. Lobbyists will be required to identify the issues for which they are lobbying. Members may no longer use private airplane travel. Any entity that has tax dollars associated with it, such as a city, county, or special taxing district will be required to file that public record. The Senate does not have to go along with these rules.

Mr. Moyle stated that the Constitutional Revision Commission will be meeting around the state and putting revision proposals together for the 2018 election cycle.

Mr. Moyle stated that The Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) pollution notification rule is being challenged as exceeding FDEP's authority. The judge will hear the argument on December 20, 2016.

Commissioner Isiminger referred to page 2 of the contract and noted that "event" should read "advance".

Commissioner Isiminger made a motion to approve a 2-year contract with Jon Moyle for Tallahassee representation with a possible 2-year extension by mutual consent. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams. Vice-Chair Netts asked for discussion. Hearing none, a vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

ITEM 11. Presentation and Discussion on the Navigation District Commercial-Industrial Waterway Access Inventory Report.

Mr. Crosley introduced Ms. Beth Lempke, with Planning Solutions Inc., who is here today to provide a draft report on commercial-industrial waterway access opportunities within the District's 12 member counties.

Ms. Lemke stated that the purpose of the commercial-industrial waterway access inventory study was necessary because most waterfront access is privately owned and subject to conversion to non-water-dependent uses. Local government provides significant funding for recreation waterway access projects, but little money is provided for commercial and industrial access. This report will highlight locations where commercial or marine contractor access is needed for staging areas and other industrial uses.

Ms. Lemke stated that existing facilities such as boat ramps, bridges, FIND sites, vacant government and industrial properties were identified for potential commercial and industrial access and use.

Mr. Lemke stated that parameters included compatible surrounding land use including: waterway site access, water depth, location near an inlet, landside site access, 2-lane road access directly to site, and direct Highway US 1 access. The size of the site was reviewed for: storage of materials, parking for employees, maneuvering of heavy vehicles, and site size – 5 acres or larger. Areas of interest included 192 bridges and 285 boat ramps, including boat docks and port facilities within the District's 12 counties. Parcels adjacent to these facilities were also identified. She has had discussions with the City of New Smyrna Beach and the city is interested in keeping a portion of the Swoop Site Boat Ramp for industrial use.

Ms. Lemke stated that from between 1970-2010, the State of Florida had the largest coastal population growth in the County, an increase by 15 million people. By 2013, Florida led the county in new powerboats and increased vessel registrations. The demand for commercial-industrial waterway access has increased and is based on a relative correlation to vessel registrations, which are another indicator of growth in the boating industry.

Ms. Lemke stated that she has been in contact with the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) to discuss the SR 528 Bridge as a potential shared-use site. The site has a deep-water area alongside the bridge for barges.

Ms. Lemke stated that Florida's newest coastal residents are wealthier and can afford and desire waterfront land. Vacant land owners cannot afford coastal property taxes and are selling waterfront land for residential use. This is the time to rethink waterway and

waterfront access. Mixed, shared, and multi-function use of waterfront land should be considered.

Ms. Lemke stated that maritime management plans should be completed by local government. FIND should consider adding a deed-restriction to grant applications requiring that the project provides public access for a specified amount of time.

Ms. Lemke stated that local government and state agencies should be encouraged to adopt a working waterfront with a commercial water access policy, such as requiring public access as part of waterway development plans.

Mr. Brad Griese presented a draft review of the report. Commissioner Sansom asked about the water-depth information. Ms. Lemke stated that channel water-depth is available, but shoreline water-depth was not as readily available. If FIND has a source for that information, it can be added to the report.

Secretary Donaldson noted that bathymetry depth data is sketchy closer to shore, there is more information on channel water depth. He stated that even NOAA shore depth data is not accurate and sometimes old. Information may be obtained from local county or city data and then researched further. Once there is full data and an identified site, FIND should develop a partnership with FDOT.

Commissioner Isiminger stated that this report is a planning document to identify potential contractor sites by location, land and adjacent use. He stated that the report is very thorough and he likes the way Commissioner comments were included in the report. A separate report would identify the greatest need, which is access for marine contractors to staging areas for dredging work. He stated that he does not feel that access is related to vessel registration.

Commissioner Sansom suggested adding bathymetric information to the report.

Commissioner Sansom stated that there is an existing Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the FDOT and FDEP relative to the use of bridge causeways for recreation.

Commissioner Blow noted that the District's FY 2016-2017 Waterway Assistance Program (WAP) application cycle is about to begin. He suggested adding a local government question that requires a listing of all owned or controlled waterfront sites that allow commercial marine contractors access for personnel use, staging, loading and

unloading in your city/county. A point value should be added to this question. He noted that the grant writer may not know the answer to the question and would have to contact the Building and Zoning Department, who may have to discuss it with another department. This gets local government interested and thinking about water-access contractor staging areas.

Vice-Chair Netts stated that the question on the District WAP application may also revive the thought that Maritime Master plans are important and need to be developed.

Commissioner Chappell asked that contractor staging water-access information, by county, should be provided to each Commissioner to use during discussion with local government to inform them that this is what FIND is considering when reviewing grant applications.

Vice-Chair Netts stated that the FIND Commissioner could also go before their County Commission and discuss where their county ranks with these types of facilities compared to other Florida counties.

Commissioner Sansom stated that FIND should provide this presentation to FDOT Secretary Boxhold so that he can see the problem and perhaps partner with FIND to network and help provide this benefit to Florida's marine contractors.

Mr. Crosley stated that this was a small contract and Ms. Lemke provided more information than the District contracted for. She did an excellent job and this is a great starting point of an ongoing process. One thing that could be done from this report is to prioritize the top 20 sites and add additional information on those sites. He would suggest working with Planning Solutions to take this to the next level.

Commissioner Donaldson stated those are great suggestions. He would like to see additional information put together to be used to educate the District counties and communities and explore examples needed to get a project going.

ITEM 12. Scope of Services and Fee Proposal for Geotechnical Exploration and Engineering for Dredged Material Management Area M-8, St. Lucie County, Florida.

Mr. Crosley stated that Taylor Engineering has completed a Request for Qualification (RFQ) to select a geotechnical consultant for work at Dredged Material Management Area (DMMA) M-8. This site is currently undergoing design and permitting

in preparation for construction in the subsequent year. This work is required to evaluate the potential influence, if any, of the construction and use of DMMA M-8.

Mr. Crosley stated that Ellis & Associates (EA) have provided a scope and fee quote to conduct geotechnical evaluations of DMMA M-8. The firm has successfully completed projects for the District in the past, and staff has determined the scope and fee to be reasonable and accurate.

Commissioner Sansom made a motion to approve the proposal and fee quote from Ellis & Associates, Inc. in the amount of \$94,400.00 for geotechnical evaluation of DMMA M-8, St. Lucie County, FL. The motion was seconded by Secretary Donaldson. Vice-Chair Netts asked for discussion. Hearing none, a vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

ITEM 13. Taylor Engineering Hourly Rate Adjustment.

Dr. Taylor stated that for 2017 he is proposing an average 2.6% increase for all staff and a 3.9% adjustment for technical and professional staff.

Dr. Taylor stated that the industry is changing and the large firms are purchasing the smaller firms. The middle ground that evens out the profession is being lost and he finds this disturbing. He does not want to be purchased, he founded Taylor Engineering because he wanted a firm that he could be proud of and that would endure. If a large firm cannot buy a small firm, they then start to steal employees.

Dr. Taylor stated that this request is in line with industry standards and that he feels the proposed increase is reasonable given that the average proposed direct rates are lower than the average of both the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) and Zweig-White 2016 Salary Survey of Northeast and South Atlantic Engineering Firms. Both sources base their information on 2015 and 2016 salaries and this direct rate increase is for 2017. He stated that he respectfully asks that the Board consider this request.

Commissioner Isiminger stated that this request and proposal is fair, competitive and reasonable.

Commissioner McCabe agreed that the request is reasonable. She questioned the GIS Senior rate increase. Dr. Taylor stated that GIS staff are becoming Senior Specialists and entry level GIS service is not available. The current GIS contract with FIND is with Senior GIS service.

Commissioner Chappell asked about the multiplier. Dr. Taylor stated that it is 169 with a 12% profit. Commissioner Chappell stated that he has been going through the same process and Dr. Taylor's rates are more than fair.

Commissioner Chappell made a motion to approve the rate adjustment requested by Taylor Engineering for 2017. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Blow. Vice-Chair Netts asked for discussion. Hearing none, a vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Crosley stated that Taylor Engineering has been doing a great job for FIND and their work is one of the reasons the District's projects move along seamlessly.

ITEM 14. Delegation of Authority - Executive Director.

Mr. Crosley stated that each year the Board usually reviews the Executive Director's Executive Authority for accuracy and updates, as necessary. No significant changes have occurred to this authority since December 13, 2014, when the Board elected to increase the Executive Director's spending authority for administrative purposes from \$3,000.00 to \$5,000.00. Any changes to this authorization would need to be adopted by Resolution.

Commissioner Chappell asked how the Spending Authority amounts for administrative services of \$5,000.00 and land acquisition and management and dredging-related services in the amount of \$10,000.00 are working for him. Mr. Crosley stated that because project costs are increasing, he would appreciate an increase in expenditures for administrative services to \$7,000.00, land acquisition and management and dredging related services in the amount to \$14,000.00. He would also like an increase in dredged material removal from 20,000 cubic yard or less to 50,000 cubic yards or less from a site for public purposes.

Commissioner Chappell made a motion of approval to adopt Resolution 2016-06, revising the District Board's Delegation of Authority to the Executive Director (as indicated). The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sansom. Vice-Chair Netts asked for discussion. Hearing none, a vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

ITEM 15. Finance and Budget Committee Report.

Committee Chair McCabe stated that the District's Finance and Budget Committee met before today's Board meeting and the committee reviewed and recommends approval

of the October 2016 financial statements, the delegation of authority and the expenditure and project status report. She asked for questions. There were none.

Treasurer McCabe made a motion to approve the recommendations of the District's Finance and Budget Committee, October 2016 financial statements, the delegation of authority and the expenditure and project status report. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams. Vice-Chair Netts asked for discussion. Hearing none, a vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

ITEM 16. Washington D.C. Report.

Mr. Crosley stated that following last month's elections, Republican Leadership announced they would be seeking a continuing resolution (CR) through next year that would effectively lock-in current spending levels after the current CR expired on December 9, 2016. The decision to advance a CR came after discussions between senior House Republicans and the Trump transition team, as the President-elect's team reportedly wanted to give incoming President Trump an opportunity to fully weigh-in on spending decisions. The word is that earmarks may be reinstated this year.

Mr. Crosley stated that the Washington visit is scheduled for March 6 through March 9, 2017.

Commissioner Blow stated that this may be the time to address the seagrass issue and discuss a plan to push it forward. Mr. Crosley stated that he has been talking with the Marine Industries Association (MIA) and has asked them to write a letter concerning the National Marine Fisheries Service. If there is a chance to make a change, it would probably be early in the new administration. Commissioner Blow stated that President-elect Trump has mentioned the strangling effect of regulations to private business and he noted that those same regulations are strangling local government.

ITEM 17B. Agreement, Scope of Work and Fee Quote for the Economic Update of Palm Beach County, Florida.

Mr. Crosley stated that the Balmoral Group, the District's top-ranked firm for the Economic Analysis Update of the District Waterways, has provided a scope of work and fee quote for Palm Beach County.

Mr. Crosley stated that Attorney Breton has reviewed and approved the agreement and a work order, staff is recommending approval. Provided a satisfactory output results from this work order, staff anticipates receiving subsequent scopes and fee quotes for the

remaining District counties. Future work orders may also include multiple counties and will be scheduled for Board approval as received.

Commissioner Isiminger asked if staff feels that the price is reasonable. Mr. Crosley stated that the price is very reasonable.

Commissioner Williams stated that because of the boating community the IWW has become a recreational amenity for the public. He would like the economic report to provide recreational waterway user information.

Commissioner Williams made a motion to approve an agreement with Balmoral Group, LLC, for the Economic Analysis Update of the Districts Waterways, and approval of the initial Work Order in the amount of \$104,828.00 for Palm Beach County, Florida. The motion was seconded by Secretary Donaldson. Vice-Chair Netts asked for discussion. Hearing none, a vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

ITEM 17C. Bid Approval – Intracoastal Waterway Maintenance Dredging Palm Beach Reach 1 Near the Jupiter Inlet.

Mr. Crosley stated that the Navigation District has an Interlocal Agreement with the Jupiter Inlet District to conduct a cooperative Intracoastal Waterway (IWW) maintenance dredging project near the Jupiter Inlet. The District's share is \$721,106.40 which is 60%, of the low bid with total project costs of \$1,202,844.00. Staff is recommending the Board approve up to \$800,000.00 for this project to account for potential variations in dredging quantities. The District Engineer has reviewed this project and approved the low bidder. This bid is significantly lower than previous District's dredging projects of this area.

Commissioner Sansom made a motion to approve the low bidder and up to \$800,000.00 to complete the District's portion of the joint FIND-JID maintenance dredging project near Jupiter Inlet, Palm Beach County, Florida. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Blow. Vice-Chair Netts asked for discussion. Hearing none, a vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

ITEM 17D. St. Lucie County Letter.

Mr. Crosley stated that the District advertised and received one (1) bid for the St. Lucie Reach I Maintenance Dredging project. The bid was for almost three (3) times the engineer's cost estimate. The high bid was mostly likely because the project required several miles of pipeline with three (3) boosters. He stated that FIND is going to redesign

the project from hydraulic to mechanical dredging, placing the material on a barge and pumping it onto DMMA SL-2.

Mr. Crosley stated that when St. Lucie County heard that FIND was starting over, they sent a letter to partner with FIND on the project. St. Lucie County is interested in beach compatible sand for their beaches. FIND will be exploring opportunities to place sand on the beach. Staff expects the project re-design and new project scope to be completed soon.

Mr. Crosley stated the he has contacted Mr. Richard Bouchard, with St. Lucie County, to discuss this project. The county has indicated that they will pay for part of the additional project cost related to beach renourishment.

Mr. Crosley stated that he has discussed the project changes with Ms. Trulock of the USACE and he noted that there are some hurdles regarding material beach placement that will need to be worked out.

Commissioner Donaldson stated that St. Lucie County did not receive FEMA funding to help with shoreline damages from Hurricane Matthew. Due to the critical state of the beach erosion, it is important to the county to make a concerted effort to complete this project by May 30th which is a project permit requirement associated with sea turtle nesting. Fortunately, during spring 2014 a similar project was successfully completed through a joint effort of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) and St. Lucie County, Erosion District. The USACE placed and graded approximately 164,100 cubic yards of beach quality material dredged from the inlet channel and turning basin onto Ft. Pierce Beach. St. Lucie County is asking to be co-permitees on this project and they are also asking for financial help from the District. This joint effort could lower the District's project cost from the previous project bid.

Commissioner Donaldson made a motion to approve up to \$50,000.00 for a St. Lucie Reach I dredging and Beach Renourishment project Scope of Work from Taylor Engineering, Inc. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Blow. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Blow. Vice-Chair Netts asked for discussion. Hearing none, a vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

ITEM 17. Additional Staff Comments and Additional Agenda Items.

Vice-Chair Netts asked if there were any additional staff comments or agenda items.

Mr. Crosley stated that the DMMA DU-2 Weir Replacement project bids were not successful and the District is re-bidding that project.

Mr. Crosley stated that MSA 726 landscape project is almost complete.

Mr. Crosley stated that the Broward Dredging of the deepest part of the channel is complete, but there are still some utility issues delaying dredging of a small section of dredging. The City water utility lines have been relocated, but FIND is waiting on FPL and ATT to relocate their utility lines. The dredged material is being removed from the DMMA site.

Ms. Zimmerman stated that the Okeechobee Waterway trip has been re-scheduled for February 1 through February 3, 2017. Day 1 travels from Stuart to Fort Myers. She stated that she will e-mail Commissioners with an update on Monday, December 19th.

Ms. Zimmerman stated that she e-mailed Commissioners about Paul Dritenbas's retirement and 65th Birthday party.

Ms. Zimmerman stated that the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) did not receive many requests for their Derelict Vessel Funding grant program. The FWC has \$400,000.00 in funding that will be used for a second round of Derelict Vessel Funding grant applications. The application deadline is January 11, 2017.

ITEM 18. Additional Commissioners Comments.

Vice-Chair Netts asked if there were any additional Commissioner comments.

Commissioner Sansom noted that last evening's Community Outreach Event was well-attended and very nice. He wishes everyone a happy and safe holiday.

Commissioner Chappell stated that due to the District's deepening project, the Fort Lauderdale Boat Show attracted several 300-foot-long vessels and generated \$850 million in revenue. This year's boat show was the largest and generated more revenue than any previous boat shows.

Commissioner Chappell stated that the Marine Industries Association of South Florida (MIASF) Executive Director Phil Purcell will be retiring in 2018.

Commissioner O'Steen stated that he attended the Jacksonville Waterway Commission meeting and had a great conversation with Mr. John Nooney.

Commissioner Blow stated that the January 2017 Board meeting will be held in St. Johns County.

Treasurer McCabe stated that about two weeks ago, the Daytona Beach News Journal did a story about V-7, Bird Island and the CWA designation. The story was not accurate. She stated one entire paragraph had to do with FIND's involvement with the Audubon Society and the FWC. It also indicated that the FIND Volusia County Commissioner, appointed by the Governor, had failed to respond to a request from Clay Henderson and David Hartgrove. She stated that she responded to Mr. Henderson and Mr. Hartgrove's emails in approximately 10 minutes. She stated that she contacted the Daytona Beach News Journal and told them that the story was wrong and asked that they correct it. The Daytona Beach News Journal corrected part of the story. The reporter stated that Commissioner McCabe failed to respond or return numerous calls to her. She e-mailed Ms. Pulver, the reporter and requested that she correct that statement because she did call her back, left a message and waited for a call-back from the reporter. Commissioner McCabe took a screen shot of the telephone number from her caller ID, showing the number, time and length of the return telephone call and the message and Ms. Pulver still would not retract the statement. Several days later another reporter called for a story and she asked that the original story be corrected and she told her about the telephone message and the reporter stated that the Daytona Beach News Journal has an antiquated telephone system that routinely drops telephone messages and calls.

Commissioner Blow stated that if Mr. Henderson really wants to work with FIND, he will write a letter of support to the Daytona Beach News Journal Editor explaining that he has had excellent cooperation regarding this subject from FIND.

Vice-Chair Netts asked if staff has a start-time for the Matanzas dredging project. Mr. Crosley stated that St Johns County and the USACE has delayed the project until February or March 2017.

ITEM 19. Adjournment.

Vice-Chair Netts stated that hearing no further business the meeting was adjourned at 11:29 a.m.

Jon Netts Vice-Chair

Attest: Don Donaldson, Secretary

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