

**SJPBAC MEETING April 7, 2006  
UNAPPROVED MINUTES**

**I. ROLL CALL**

Laurel Eiler, co-chair  
Susan Wright, co-chair  
Bill Cleveland  
Roland Wilson  
Charlie Weston  
Tom Graney  
Steve Newman  
Marsha Henry

Ron Schaeffer, concerned citizen  
Michael Dombrowski, MRD Associates  
Phil Ciaravella, FDEP  
Bill Williams, County Commissioner  
Melody Ray Culp, USFW  
Wade Waltmyer  
Tim McFarland, County Attorney (for first item only)  
Lisa Logan, The Star  
Bud Arnold, Ashwood

**II. TIM MCFARLAND, REFERENDUM FORM AND BALLOT  
INFORMATION UPDATE:**

Mr. McFarland presented draft resolutions that will need to be passed by the BOCC to place the issue on the ballot. Costs of the election were discussed and how it would be funded. There was discussion on the blanks the committee would need to complete in their recommendations for the final referendum language as well as the date for the vote

**III. APPROVAL OF LAST MONTH'S MINUTES.** It was moved, seconded, motion passed 8-0.

**IV. PAULA PICKETT, TDC REPORT ON FINANCES.**

Paula passed out a report on the TDC expenditures. Expenses were tax attorney, website development, printing costs and signage. TDC has approved allocating an additional \$5,000 for SJPBAC use. There was discussion of the tax attorney's fees and also of the BOCC approving the 1-cent bed tax.

## **V. MICHAEL DOMBROWSKI, ENGINEERING UPDATE:**

Michael has started the permit application after BOCC approval. Part of the preparation of permit application involves continually refining the design. Currently have removed or deleted about 100,000 cubic yards (\$500,000 in construction costs). There have been discussions with the park service on Rish Park, State park service wants to participate by extending the northern limits of the project into the park. Exactly how far into the park they wish to go is under discussion. Michael is looking at that now to come up with a concept design for the park service to consider. He has a meeting next Friday to present the project to them that will discuss the project, a preapplication meeting. Park service personnel will be there. One of the benefits is the project performance is enhanced and also because park service will receive 100% state funds to renourish that segment and a share of mobilization/demobilization costs.

Michael mentioned a May 1<sup>st</sup> FDOT meeting where the options with the Stump Hole revetment will be discussed. He was unsure of the format of meeting, but has talked to Howard Lovette and will get more details [POST MEETING NOTE: This meeting has now been postponed, possibly until after the MSTU referendum vote.]

The permit application is being refined, and he hopes that around the first few weeks of May he will have it ready to submit. He's also been preparing a draft biological opinion to provide to US Fish & Wildlife. It contains all data in terms of piping plover, turtles, etc. for Lorna Patrick and USFW to review, modify and hopefully assist them in getting the process through quicker.

Meeting with USFW, possibly the US Army Corps of Engineers, and National Marine Fisheries representatives will meet with Michael April 27 or 29 address the whole permitting process. Target goal is to have permits in hand mid-2007.

There was a question on Rish Park beach access. Conceptually there has been agreement to taking the southern triangle of the undeveloped part of the park and leasing it to the county for a beach access. The discussions and necessary paperwork is in process with the various agencies.

There was a question on how long will the permit application process take? Michael is hoping by mid 2007 to have all permits in hand, and go out to bid April/May 2007. When the project will actually begin depends on whether we can construct in turtle season, availability of dredge, etc. Could be anywhere from August to November 2007.

Question about whether we need a new permit to do scheduled nourishment. Nourishment is a whole new permit, but the process is a lot easier. All the issues have been resolved and it's much quicker and easier to finalize the permit. Michael guesstimated nine months if that.

Question on the status of Eglin and possible construction to the south at a later date. Michael noted it is going through their encroachment committee but any funding needs to go from DC. In 30 years, Eglin will lose \$300 million of land value.

Question on the ECL and when can it be drawn. Drawing the ECL is a 4- to 6-month process. Obviously, you want to do the survey when there's a lot of sand out there, but it also will depend on the storms this season.

Question on sand search. Weather has set them back in terms of actual field work. Will be discussing sand search next Friday with the state park and may actually have more than one borrow area. If we end up moving the borrow area north, it is calmer seas and can have the dredge out there longer and operating. The cost estimates include the proper amount of funding to the sand transport even though the exact site has not been determined. Michael emphasized for all **THE CAPE SHOALS ARE NOT UNDER CONSIDERATION.**

## **VI. PHIL CIARAVELLA – FDEP UPDATE.**

Phil said he felt the update on the Rish Park and the state park pretty much had already been covered. He noted the Bureau's (FDEP) budget has made it through the house and senate now, so there will be funding starting in July for the next round of permitting and construction costs will be in next year's budget.

## **VII. PRESENTATION BY WADE WALTMYER, Earthbalance biologist.**

Commissioner Williams met Mr. Waltmyer while going through a fellowship with the University of Florida in growth and environmental management. As part of the fellowship, they're doing a practicum with UF on our project. A biologist from Pasco County is also working on this. Their work will be posted with UF. Residents can review it on their website.

Wade noted things of interest in his review of the project so far. He commented on the environmental impact discussions and noted temporary impacts on habitat and turtle nesting is far outweighed by the long-term gains. If it's done right, it's a great project.

It was mentioned that Lorna Patrick will be presenting at the next meeting and talking about our project and what constitutes an environmentally friendly project. Commissioner Williams stressed we need to get the environmental issues into laymen's terms and assure people that they're being addressed.

Wade commented it was his perception that all voices are being heard and we are working well on resolving issues.

## **VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

A. **BEACH ACCESS:** The plans for two primary accesses have been approved by the county. These are county accesses that are constructed and maintained by the county and will support the project. There will be more discussion and meetings on the Buffer preserve and old Dunes restaurant area for a primary access in the near future. We have a verbal commitment for one secondary at this point and another backup is being discussed. Currently we're at about a 50% cost share. Other possible options should any of the current accesses fail were discussed. Discussion occurred on the need to ask the commission to review and establish the rules of operation and conduct, etc., for all beach access points.

B. **ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE** – Steve Newman stated this month they have no report. Will be gearing up next month, with Lorna Patrick coming to speak to the SJPBAC. There was discussion of the economic impact study from Dr. Stronge and that we should have an update and corrected version soon. There was discussion of engaging

the local economic development council to get agreement with the economic impacts on the community reported in the study

**C. COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE** – Tom Graney reported. Need to discuss the proposed town hall meetings, what will be the structure of those meetings; i.e., who speaks, agenda, environment. Tentative dates are April 21<sup>st</sup> and May 20<sup>th</sup>. Invited speakers will include Michael Dombrowski and Phil Flood (FDEP). Warren Yeager has agreed to facilitate. There will be one-page handouts on various subjects of concern and/or interest to attendees. Will work to invite representatives of other communities who have completed beach restoration in their area.

**D. FINANCE COMMITTEE** -- SUSAN WRIGHT reported in Steve Conroy's absence. The MSTU categories were revisited. Tax roles will be the classifications that are the ones that will be used. Susan reported on the meeting with the bond representative and that he had given us some projected numbers based on a few scenarios of what a bond would cost to service the debt in real-life examples. The committee has come up with what the recommendations for what % of the project should be paid for by each of the three groups, assuming passage of all three. The finance committee will prepare a report on costs and funding estimates for the County and Don Butler will present our recommendations for the MSTU referendum vote date of the 27<sup>th</sup> of June.

Because of the timing of the BOCC meeting on April 25<sup>th</sup>, it was discussed that town halls may need to be pushed back from our current dates. Paula will be meeting with the Supervisor of Elections again to bring more specifics on how the vote will actually be conducted on June 27<sup>th</sup>. Costs are tied to how the vote is conducted, i.e., mail out (if possible) scanned, etc., but is in the range of \$2,500.

There was discussion of a resolution from the BOCC to restate the MSTU caps and the commitment to not change the caps.

Meeting adjourned 4:00 p.m.