1-3. A regularly scheduled “hybrid” meeting, (both virtual and in-person at the Santa Rosa Island Authority) was held on Wednesday June 10, 2020, beginning at 5:00 p.m. As this was a hybrid/Zoom teleconference meeting, Ms. Brigette Brooks announced a roll call for all members in attendance that are typically seated at the dais for SRIA Meetings. Those present were: Chair – Ms. Brigette Brooks, Secretary Treasurer, Mr. Jerry Watson, (via Zoom) Acting Secretary Treasurer – Ms. Liz Callahan (via Zoom), Board Member – Ms. Karen Sindel, Board Member – Bubba Peters, (via Zoom) Attorney – Mr. Mike Stebbins (via Zoom), Director of Administration – Ms. Robbie Schrock (via Zoom), and Executive Director – Mr. Paolo Ghio. Dr. Thomas Campanella arrived at 5:06 p.m. Ms. Brigette Brooks explained the Visitors Forum process, emailing Mr. A.J. Powell at aj_powell@sria-fla.com, with their name, telephone number, street address, and the topic that they wish to speak about. They will have three (3) minutes to speak. Ms. Brigette Brooks then led the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by a moment of meditation.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (Regular Board Meeting – 5/13/2020)  
(Special Board Meeting – 5/27/2020)

Upon motion of Ms. Karen Sindel seconded by Mr. Jerry Watson, the Board unanimously approved the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting (5/13/2020) as well as the Special Board Meeting (5/27/2020) as presented. (5-0)

5. CHANGES OR ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

6. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Upon motion of Ms. Karen Sindel seconded by Mr. Bubba Peters, the Board unanimously approved the agenda as presented. (5-0)

7. CHAIR’S COMMENTS

Ms. Brigette Brooks said she was happy to see the people in the room as well as online.
8. COMMISSIONER BENDER'S COMMENTS

Commissioner Bender thanked Public Works for the job they did after the storm, and the good job they do every day on the Island.

** Dr. Thomas Campanella entered the meeting at 5:06 p.m., at the SRIA Board Room. 

9. PENSACOLA BEACH VISITOR'S INFORMATION CENTER

Ms. Alison Westmoreland gave her report for the VIC. She stated they had received 506 calls and had sent out 72 Visitor's Guides.

Ms. Karen Sindel asked when the VIC would be back open and fully staffed.

Ms. Alison Westmoreland said she wasn't certain of their opening date, but was relying on the SRIA to tell the VIC when the SRIA opened, so they could follow suit.

Ms. Brigette Brooks stated she assumed that the questions the VIC was receiving were regarding the opening of the beach.

Ms. Alison Westmoreland said the VIC was getting a lot of questions regarding the rules and regulations of the beach, as well as many questions regarding events such as the Blue Angels and the Fourth of July.

10. INTRODUCTION OF MR. DARIEN SCHAEFER - PRESIDENT AND CEO OF VISIT PENSACOLA

Mr. Darien Schaefer told the audience about where he has lived, his work history and his degree. Mr. Darien Schaefer said that in response to the Corona virus, they closed the Visitor's Centers, had some staff working remotely, and some were furloughed. Mr. Darien Schaefer said they had budget cuts in April, and had to cancel many financial commitments, but feels confident that their situation will be better by September. The plan is to re-open the Visitor's Centers on June 22, 2020. Mr. Darien Schaefer showed a power point presentation, explaining the marketing plan, and encouraged the use of the "Pensacola" app. The TD collections were down 51% in March and 68.6% in April, which wasn't as disappointing as they were expecting. Mr. Darien Schaefer stated that Pensacola
is doing a lot better than many other places and encouraged everyone to be responsible and follow social distancing guidelines.

Dr. Thomas Campanella asked if the Island can get back to 100% occupancy.

Mr. Darien Schaefer stated the government never said the hotels had to cut back, the hoteliers did it themselves, and staffing had been a problem.

Ms. Karen Sindel thanked Mr. Darien Schaefer for the newsletter, and said it was extremely informative and welcomed him to the community.

Dr. Thomas Campanella and Ms. Brigette Brooks complimented the tv ad that is running.

CONSENT AGENDA

11. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. ARCHITECTURAL & ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE, DR. THOMAS CAMPANELLA, CHAIR, MS. KAREN SINDEL AND MS. BRIGETTE BROOKS, MEMBERS

Item # 1 – Request by Pensacola Beach Inc. – 24 Via de Luna – to sublease a portion of vacant property to Verizon wireless to place a temporary C.O.W. (Cell on Wheels) 6/15/2020 – 7/20/2020, for the Blue Angels Airshow event. (Staff report by Paolo Ghio)

The Committee unanimously approved staff's recommendation.

Item # 2 - Request by Gene I. and Susan B. Schmidt – Approval of a Pier Amendment to Lease Agreement for 803 Rio Vista Dr. (Lot 3, Block 30, Villa Segunda) (Staff report by Paolo Ghio)

The Committee unanimously approved staff's recommendation.

B. ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE, MS. KAREN SINDEL, CHAIR, MR. BUBBA PETERS AND MS. BRIGETTE BROOKS, MEMBERS

Item # 1 – Report on Financial Statements and Expenditures. (Staff report by Vickie Johnson)
The Committee unanimously accepted the report on Financial Statements and Expenditures as presented.

Upon motion of Ms. Karen Sindel seconded by Dr. Thomas Campanella, the Board unanimously approved the Consent Agenda as presented. (6-0)

REGULAR AGENDA

12. OLD BUSINESS

Item # 1 – Discussion leading to a recommendation regarding the proposed scooter ordinance. (Report by Mike Stebbins) Referred from the May 27, 2020 Committee Meeting for further discussion.

Mr. Mike Stebbins gave background on the item and stated staff recommended approval. Mr. Mike Stebbins explained the reasons the ordinance was crafted the way it was.

Ms. Brigette Brooks said the ordinance was well thought out, and she was in favor of it.

Ms. Karen Sindel stated she understood why the ordinance is necessary, however traffic management on the Island has always been an issue. Ms. Karen Sindel questioned the enforceability of ordinance, and complained about other vehicles using the pedestrian path. Ms. Karen Sindel asked if this was how everyone wanted law enforcement to spend their time.

Dr. Thomas Campanella said there has always been an issue of motorized on the bike path. Dr. Thomas Campanella said the Board is focused on safety and will need to “harp” on that. Dr. Thomas Campanella wants the signage to be updated, to be more clear regarding what vehicles are allowed on the paths.

Ms. Brigette Brooks asked Mr. Paolo Ghio is there had been any feedback from law enforcement regarding the enforcement of the ordinance if it is adopted.

Mr. Paolo Ghio stated there had been no feedback from law enforcement.

Upon motion of Dr. Thomas Campanella seconded by Mr. Jerry Watson, the Board approved the adoption of the ordinance as presented. (5-1) Ms. Karen Sindel voted in the negative.
Mr. Paolo Ghio pointed out that the approval would be in the form of a letter drafted by himself and Mr. Mike Stebbins to the County Administrator encouraging the BCC to adopt the ordinance, as the SRIA can’t pass an ordinance.

Ms. Brigette Brooks asked Mr. Mike Stebbins if the motion needed to be amended, and Mr. Mike Stebbins stated he didn’t feel it needed amending, that all understood it would simple be a recommendation from the SRIA Board.

13. REPORTS

A. ATTORNEY’S REPORT

Mr. Mike Stebbins stated the Board had his report and he would be happy to answer any questions they had.

He told the Board that the Pensacola Beach Inc. case had been referred back to the trial court, basically to close out the case.

B. ENGINEER’S REPORT

Mr. Jeff Huggins stated the Board had his report and he would be happy to answer any questions.

Ms. Brigette Brooks said she knew the bid had gone out, and asked if there were any responses.

Mr. Jeff Huggins stated that one packet had been picked up, but they have received no bids yet.

C. DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DIRECTOR REPORT

Mr. Paolo Ghio stated the Board had his report and he would be happy to answer any questions.

Mr. Paolo Ghio gave an update on the Blue Angels Show for 2020. (See attached, the plan is to release to the media after the meeting)

Ms. Karen Sindel stated the press release reads well, and requested a copy. Ms. Karen Sindel asked if the Commissioner from District 2 had cleared this, since the show also includes Perdido Key this year.

Mr. Paolo Ghio said yes, the Commissioner from District 2 had cleared the plan.
Ms. Karen Sindel asked if the civilian aircraft would perform.

Ms. Paolo Ghio said the expectation was that the civilian acts want to perform. They have discussed with Ms. Robbie Schrock and Mr. Paolo Ghio their serious intentions to participate.

Ms. Karen Sindel stated the plan was a very good solution, and know it had been worked on very hard.

Mr. Paolo Ghio said thank you, just like our meetings now, it was a hybrid show.

Ms. Karen Sindel asked if the Sheriff’s department had been contacted, as the parking and traffic situation was different in Perdido Key.

Mr. Paolo Ghio said he has a call into Major Hobbs, but had been trying to keep it under wraps until he talked the Board. Mr. Paolo Ghio said the PIO would be reaching out to all the normal avenues, and that the release would go out this evening.

Ms. Robbie Schrock said the PIO was Ms. Katie King, and she was on the phone line, hearing all the items the Board was suggesting.

Mr. Jerry Watson wanted to make sure the plan was coordinated with the City Police and the Sheriff’s department.

Ms. Karen Sindel agreed with Mr. Jerry Watson.

Ms. Brigette Brooks asked if the 4 days that the Airshow would encompass would be spelled out in the press release.

Mr. Paolo Ghio stated all the fine details would be released on June 26, 2020.

Ms. Karen Sindel and Ms. Brigette Brooks agreed the plan was a wonderful solution.

14. VISITOR’S FORUM

Ms. Brigette Brooks asked Mr. AJ Powell if anyone had requested to speak.

Mr. AJ Powell stated that no one requested to speak.

15. BOARD MEMBER’S FORUM
Ms. Karen Sindel asked when the SRIA would be re-opening.

Mr. Paolo Ghio stated he was working on that, keeping an eye on the reports from the state, however he wanted to protect his staff, who were working at a high level of efficiency.

Ms. Karen Sindel stated it wasn't a good visual for our government building to be closed, and that the SRIA can't be the last people that open.

Mr. Jerry Watson stated he trusted Mr. Paolo Ghio's directions, and wants to follow his lead.

Dr. Thomas Campanella said the front windows need to open, for people to be able to renew tags.

Mr. Bubba Peters hopes there are no increases in the cases of the virus in the County, and is glad the staff has stayed safe.

Ms. Brigette Brooks praised the staff, and hopes everything is open on the Island to support the Airshow.

16. ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chair Ms. Brigette Brooks declared the Regular Board Meeting of the SRIA Board adjourned at 5:48 p.m.

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Red, White and Blues Week featuring the Pensacola Beach Air Show – July 8-11, 2020

Locals and visitors from all over look forward to the annual Pensacola Beach Air Show held on the Fourth of July weekend. The Blue Angels, the U.S. Navy's flight demonstration squadron stationed at Naval Air Station Pensacola, headline the festivities.
The Blues hold several practice sessions along the beach in the days lead

Featuring The US Navy’s Blue Angels and:

Veterans Flight

Gary Ward
2020 Pensacola Beach Air Show Update:

June 10, 2020 – After multiple meetings between the Santa Rosa Island Authc staff proposes the SRIA continue planning the 2020 Pensacola Beach Air Show.

The air show program this year is built around social distancing in observance Prevention (CDC) recommendations for the COVID-19 virus.
The program will be a four-day event, and each day will have similar flight maps for the public four different opportunities to view the performances at least once.

The event’s footprint has been expanded substantially and there will be noceilings to comply with CDC recommendations.

Aerial displays along the beach are scheduled to begin before noon each day. SRIA staff and performers, including the Blue Angels, are still refining exact times to include both Pensacola Beach and Perdido Key.

The full program with all the details will be published on June 26, 2020. All off on Visit Pensacola Beach’s Facebook page.

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**BLUE ANGELS WEEK CALENDAR**

July 8th – July 11th

Full schedule coming June 26th.

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