



**SANTA ROSA**  
ISLAND AUTHORITY

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PENSACOLA BEACH, FLORIDA  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
NOVEMBER 6, 2019  
5:00 P.M.

BOARD MEMBERS

Karen Sindel  
Chairwoman  
Brigette Brooks  
Vice Chairwoman  
Thomas Campanella  
Secretary Treasurer  
Jerry Watson  
Acting Secretary Treasurer  
Liz Callahan  
Member  
Bubba Peters  
Member

1-3. A scheduled meeting of the Santa Rosa Island Authority was held on Wednesday November 6, 2019, beginning at 5:00 p.m. Members in attendance were: Dr. Thomas Campanella, Ms. Brigette Brooks, Mr. Jerry Watson, Ms. Liz Callahan, Mr. Bubba Peters, and Ms. Karen Sindel, Chair. Ms. Sindel led the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by a moment of meditation.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (Regular Board Meeting – 10/9/2019)

**Upon motion of Mr. Jerry Watson seconded by Mr. Bubba Peters, the Board unanimously approved the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting (10/9/2019) as presented. (6-0)**

5. CHANGES OR ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

6. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

**Upon motion of Dr. Thomas Campanella seconded by Mr. Bubba Peters, the Board unanimously approved the agenda as presented. (6-0)**

7. CHAIR'S COMMENTS

8. COMMISSIONER BENDER'S COMMENTS

The Commissioner wasn't in attendance.

9. PENSACOLA BEACH VISITOR'S INFORMATION CENTER

Ms. Alison Westmoreland presented this month's report for the VIC.

10. UPDATE BY DAN BROWN, SUPERINTENDENT OF THE GULF ISLANDS NATIONAL SEASHORE

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Mr. Brown gave an update on the ferry system and stated a 10 year contract had been signed. He discussed the following:

- Start dates for next year
- Specialty cruises
- The variety and number of customers, local and tourists
- The possibility of field trips with schools

Ms. Sindel spoke highly of her experience on the ferry, and complimented the staff as being very friendly with he customers.

CONSENT AGENDA

11. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. ARCHITECTURAL & ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE, KAREN SINDEL, CHAIR, MS. LIZ CALLAHAN AND MR. BUBBA PETERS, MEMBERS

Item # 1 – Approval of a Modification # 3 to Sub-grant Agreement for FMA-PJ-04-FL-2015-013, to increase the funding by \$94,562.03, modify the scope of work, and approval for the Board Chairman to execute the document. (Staff report by Paolo Ghio)

**The Committee approved staff's recommendation.**

B. DEVELOPMENT & LEASING COMMITTEE, MS. BRIGETTE BROOKS, CHAIR, DR. THOMAS CAMPANELLA AND MR. BUBBA PETERS, MEMBERS

Item # 1 – Request by Robert Ledenko - 112 Ariola Dr. - to renew their lease for another 99 year term, under like covenants, provisions, and conditions, as are in the lease contained, including an option for further renewals. (Staff report by Robbie Schrock)

**The Committee approved staff's recommendation.**

C. ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE, DR. THOMAS CAMPANELLA, CHAIRMAN, MR. JERRY WATSON AND MS. KAREN SINDEL, MEMBERS

Item # 1 – Report on Financial Statements and Expenditures. (Staff report by Vickie Johnson)

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**The Committee unanimously accepted the report on Financial Statements and Expenditures as presented.**

**Upon motion of Ms. Liz Callahan seconded by Mr. Jerry Watson, the Board unanimously approved the Consent Agenda as presented. (6-0)**

REGULAR AGENDA

12. OLD BUSINESS

Item # 1 – Request by Richard and Elsa Sjolander – 226 Ariola Dr. – Lot 3, Block 16, Villa Primera – to encroach 15' into the 20' rear yard setback, and 10' into the 15' side yard setback, for the construction of an in ground swimming pool, and appurtenances. (Staff report by Paolo Ghio)

SPEAKER:

Elsa Sjolander – She reviewed her points as to the pool they were requesting, stated they had notified the neighbors, and addressed the offers regarding the fence height around the pool.

Jack Kirk-He stated he didn't want to be a bad guy, but he felt the Sjolanders needed to abide by the setbacks. He said they had built their house to the setbacks, and they should have taken into consideration that they wanted a pool, when they built the house.

Discussion followed regarding a possible smaller pool, (that the Sjolander's weren't aware of was available), the fence height, and the fact no compromise was offered to the neighbors.

Mr. Ghio pointed out that this was an encroachment, not a variance.

**Upon motion of Dr. Thomas Campanella seconded by Mr. Jerry Watson, the Board unanimously denied the request by Richard and Elsa Sjolander – 226 Ariola Dr. – Lot 3, Block 16, Villa Primera – to encroach 15' into the 20' rear yard setback, and 10' into the 15' side yard setback, for the construction of an in ground swimming pool, and appurtenances, in this form. (6-0)**

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**Further discussion followed regarding submitted house plans and consideration for a pool.**

Mr. Ghio stated that the SRIA approval for house plans do not include a pool approval. He pointed out it is a separate application, and there are procedures to follow. He said every applicant is made aware that there is a possibility the pool may not be accommodated, and they have to follow the procedures in place.

13. REPORTS

A. ENGINEER'S REPORT

Mr. Huggins submitted his report for the review of the Board. He stated 9 of the wooden dune walkovers were being replaced with mobility mats, and CEI would be assisting with that.

B. DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DIRECTOR REPORT

Mr. Ghio submitted his monthly report for the review of the Board. He stated he and BDI were meeting with DEP regarding preconstruction on replacing the wooden structures (walkovers), and BDI was the engineer of record.

14. VISITOR'S FORUM

15. BOARD MEMBER'S FORUM

Ms. Sindel had questions regarding the Board seeing the 100% design plans for the traffic congestion management project, and requested a joint meeting with Escambia County regarding this.

Mr. Ghio assured the Board he would get a digital copy and have pertinent points presented at the December 11, 2019, Committee Meeting.

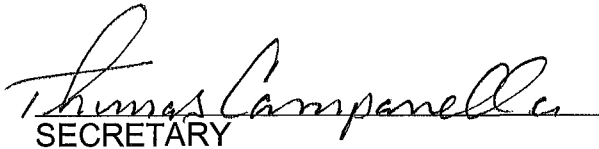
Ms. Sindel and Mr. Watson thanked him for doing that.

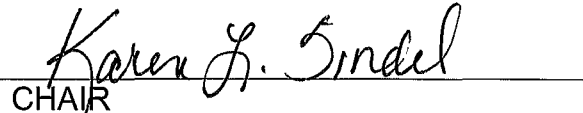
Dr. Campanella stated the plans aren't complete and the scale is off, and the SRIA Board needs to better understand what is being suggested.

16. ADJOURN

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**There being no further business to come before the Board, Chair Sindel declared the Regular Board Meeting of the SRIA Board adjourned at 5:45 p.m.**

  
SECRETARY

  
CHAIR

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