



PENSACOLA BEACH
SANTA ROSA ISLAND AUTHORITY

Board Members:

Thom Blas
Chairman

William Griffith
Vice-Chairman

McGuire Martin
Secretary/Treasurer

Jimmie Perkins
Thomas Campanella
Vernon Prather

W A "Buck" Lee
General Manager

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1-3. A regularly scheduled meeting of the Authority was held on Wednesday, December 7, 2005, beginning at 5:00 p.m. Members in attendance were: Mr. Bill Griffith, Mr. McGuire Martin, Mr. Jimmie Perkins, Dr. Thomas Campanella, and Mr. Vernon Prather. Member absent was Mr. Thom Blas. Mr. Griffith, Vice Chairman, called the meeting to order and led a moment of meditation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. **Upon motion of Mr. Martin, seconded by Mr. Perkins, the board unanimously approved the minutes of the regular board meeting of November 2, 2005. (5-0)**

Upon motion of Mr. Martin, seconded by Mr. Perkins, the board unanimously approved the minutes of the special board meeting of November 7, 2005. (5-0)

Upon motion of Mr. Perkins, seconded by Mr. Martin, the board unanimously approved the minutes of the special board meeting of November 9, 2005. (5-0)

5. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The General Manager read the rules regarding election of officers. Mr. Vernon Prather nominated the following for office:

Mr. Thom Blas, Chairman
Mr. Bill Griffith, Vice Chairman
Mr. McGuire Martin, Secretary/Treasurer
Mr. Jimmie Perkins, Acting Secretary/Treasurer

There being no nominations from the floor, the nominations were closed, and the vote was taken. The officers were elected as follows on a vote of 4-1 with Dr. Campanella voting in the negative:

Mr. Thom Blas, Chairman
Mr. Bill Griffith, Vice Chairman
Mr. McGuire Martin, Secretary/Treasurer
Mr. Jimmie Perkins, Acting Secretary/Treasurer

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The Manager congratulated the officers on their election and turned the gavel over to Mr. Griffith, Vice Chairman.

6-7. CHANGES OR ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

Upon motion of Mr. Perkins, seconded by Mr. Prather, the agenda was unanimously adopted with the following change: Added Item #10 to New Business regarding ratification of the Visit Florida Advertising Grant. (5-0)

8. READING OF RECUSAL FORMS

Ms. Bolman read two recusal forms issued on November 2, 2005 by Mr. Martin due to his interests in competing businesses. One of the votes regarded restaurant seating in public areas and the other vote regarded allotment of parking spaces for businesses.

9. CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

Mr. Griffith wished everyone a Happy Holiday and reminded them of the committee meetings scheduled for December 14, 2005. He then noted that it was Pearl Harbor Day and recognized those who have served our country over the years.

10. RESOLUTION OF RECOGNITION FOR AUTHORITY EMPLOYEES

Mr. Griffith read the revised resolution of recognition for Authority employees.

Upon motion of Mr. Prather, seconded by Mr. Perkins, the board unanimously adopted the resolution of recognition for Authority employees. (5-0)

11. PENSACOLA BEACH RESIDENTS & LEASEHOLDERS ASSOCIATION REPORT

Mr. Gary Smith, President of the Pensacola Beach Residents and Leaseholders Association, announced that the Association's Christmas party was scheduled for Tuesday, December 13 at 6:00 p.m. at the Paradise Inn, and everyone was invited. He noted that the primary focus of the Association in the coming year would be to support the Pensacola Beach Elementary School. Mr. Smith noted that the Association would continue the sea oat program, as well as holding fund-raising social events and possibly publishing a calendar.

12. PENSACOLA BEACH CHAMBER OF COMMERCE REPORT

Ms. Sandy Johnston, Manager of the Visitor's Information Center, reported that the lighted boat parade and the Christmas street parade were held the previous weekend

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and were a success. She said the Chamber was organizing an idea exchange of the post-hurricane do's and don'ts, which they hoped to compile into a manual. She said they planned to ask the Manager to speak on re-entry decals, and were in the process of trying to arrange meetings with the various groups. A brief discussion followed.

CONSENT AGENDA

13. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. DEVELOPMENT & LEASING COMMITTEE (11-9-05) – Dr. Thomas Campanella

The following item was withdrawn:

Item #1 – Staff report on allowing seating in the public areas of Quietwater Boardwalk on a permanent basis subject to increased lease fees (no board action necessary)

B. ARCHITECTURAL & ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE (11-9-05) – Mr. Bill Griffith, Chairman

The committee unanimously recommends approval of the following item:

Item #1 – Staff to develop recommended revisions to Article 13 of the Escambia County Land Development Code to address covered entries

C. ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE (11-9-05) – Mr. Jimmie Perkins, Chairman

The committee unanimously recommends approval of the following items:

Item #1B – Removing from consideration the proposed Commercial Lease Extension Policy presented by the Authority staff

Item #4 – Request for Disposition of Property

The following item was held in committee for additional research:

Item #1A – Commercial Lease Extension Policy proposed by Commercial Lease Extension Committee

The committee unanimously recommends acceptance of the following item:

Item #2 – Report on Financial Statements and Expenditures

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Upon motion of Mr. Perkins, seconded by Dr. Campanella, the board unanimously adopted the consent agenda as published. (5-0)

REGULAR AGENDA

14. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE (11-9-05) – Mr. Jimmie Perkins, Chairman

Item #2 – 2006 Mardi Gras Funding & Activities (Staff Report by Buck Lee)

The Manager reported on the recent meeting regarding the Mardi Gras activities, and recommended that the board provide funding in the amount of \$10,000. A discussion followed during which the board heard comments by Ms. Deb Friedman.

Upon motion of Mr. Martin, seconded by Mr. Perkins, the board unanimously approved funding in the amount of \$10,000 for the 2006 Mardi Gras activities on Pensacola Beach. (5-0)

15. NEW BUSINESS

Item #1 – Knights of Columbus, Deluna Assembly No. 156 – Request to replace sign at the site of the commemorative cross on Ft. Pickens Road

Ms. Mary Bolman reviewed the request, and stated that staff recommended approval of the request, as presented.

Upon motion of Mr. Martin, seconded by Mr. Prather, the board unanimously approved the request by the Knights of Columbus, Deluna Assembly No. 156 – Request to replace sign at the site of the commemorative cross on Ft. Pickens Road. (5-0)

Item #2 – Mr. Frank H. Peirce – Pensacola Beach Community Church – 920 Panferio Drive – Request for waiver of lease fees for 916 Panferio Drive

Ms. Bolman reviewed the request and stated that staff recommended denying the request due to the obligations of the bond documents. A discussion followed during which staff indicated their willingness to assist the church with the process to enable them to use the residential structure for a church facility.

Mr. Perkins made a motion to approve the staff recommendation and Dr. Campanella seconded the motion. The motion failed on a vote of 3-2 with Mr. Griffith and Mr. Martin voting against the motion.

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Item #3 – Mr. Fred Simmons – Sandpiper Gulf Aire Inn, Inc. d/b/a Paradise Inn – 21 Via de Luna – Request for approval to sublease to Mrs. Angelika Simmons to operate a retail boutique

Ms. Bolman reviewed the request, and stated that staff recommended approval of the request, subject to payment of 5% percentage fees.

Upon motion of Mr. Martin, seconded by Dr. Campanella, the board unanimously approved the request by Mr. Fred Simmons, Paradise Inn for approval to sublease to Mrs. Angelika Simmons to operate a retail boutique subject to payment of 5% percentage fees. (5-0)

Item #4 – Hilton Garden Inn – 12 Via de Luna – Request from McCrory Building Company to place two construction/office trailers on Beachside Resort property during construction of the Hilton Garden Inn Phase II and the new parking facility

Ms. Sue Smith provided the background on the request, and said that staff recommended approval of the request, as presented, subject to compliance with all applicable building codes.

Upon motion of Mr. Martin, seconded by Mr. Perkins, the board unanimously approved the request by McCrory Building Company on behalf of the Hilton Garden Inn to place two construction/office trailers on Beachside Resort property during construction of the Hilton Garden Inn Phase II and the new parking facility. (5-0)

Item #5 – Mr. David Brannen, P. B. Surf, Ltd. d/b/a The Hampton Inn – Request for approval to assign the lease to H & S Development, LLC

Ms. Bolman reviewed the request, and said that staff recommended approval of the request, subject to continuing the process to bring the lease into compliance. A discussion followed during which the board heard comments by Mr. Julian MacQueen.

Upon motion of Mr. Prather, seconded by Mr. Perkins, the board unanimously voted to direct legal counsel to draft an acceptable agreement with the Hampton Inn so the lease can be assigned to H & S Development, LLC with the agreement to be addressed at a special board meeting to be held in conjunction with the committees on December 14, 2005. (5-0)

Item #6 – Look to the Future – A Survey by The Island Times Newspaper

Mr. Griffith said that he would like for the board to accept the survey for the record, and

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noted that this item would be discussed at the December committee meetings.

Upon motion of Mr. Martin, seconded by Mr. Perkins, the board unanimously voted to move the survey and report by the committee to Redefine Pensacola Beach into committee for further discussion. (5-0)

Item #7 – Extension of AccuStaff Contract to Supply Toll Facility Employees

Ms. Debbie Norton said that staff recommended approval of a one-year extension to the contract with AccuStaff to supply toll facility employees at a cost not to exceed \$407,500, which is within the budget approved and funded by Escambia County.

Upon motion of Dr. Campanella, seconded by Mr. Perkins, the board unanimously approved a one-year extension to the contract with AccuStaff to supply toll facility employees. (5-0)

Item #8 – Change Order to Gulf Power Contract – Road Improvement Project

Ms. Norton reviewed the request, stating that staff recommended amending the current contract with Gulf Power for underground utilities in conjunction with the road improvement program by \$23,633.

Upon motion of Mr. Perkins, seconded by Dr. Campanella, the board unanimously approved amending the existing contract with Gulf Power Company for underground utility services in conjunction with the road improvement program by \$23,633. (5-0)

Item #9 – Adoption of 2006 Meeting Calendar

Ms. Bolman presented the proposed calendar, stating that staff recommended approval of the Authority's 2006 meeting calendar.

Upon motion of Mr. Prather, seconded by Mr. Perkins, the board unanimously approved the 2006 SRIA meeting calendar. (5-0)

Item #10 – Ratification of Visit Florida Hurricane Impact Grant

The Manager reviewed the information regarding the grant, and recommended that the board ratify the Visit Florida Hurricane Impact Grant and ratify that Mr. E. W. Bullock is authorized to act as the agent for the Santa Rosa Island Authority in pursuit of the grant.

Upon motion of Mr. Martin, seconded by Mr. Perkins, the board unanimously ratified the Visit Florida Hurricane Impact Grant and ratified that Mr. E. W. Bullock is

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authorized to act as the agent for the Santa Rosa Island Authority in pursuit of the grant. (5-0)

16. REPORTS

A. MANAGER'S REPORT

The Manager said his report was published for the information of the board. He then recognized Mr. Charles Bare of Congressman Jeff Miller's office, who reported on the status of Highway 399 between Pensacola Beach and Navarre.

B. ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Mr. Matt Dannheisser, SRIA legal counsel, said his report was published for the information of the board.

C. ENGINEER'S REPORT

Mr. Dave Hemphill, SRIA engineering representative, said his report was also published. He requested that the board authorize the manager to sign an application for a \$500,000 grant with no matching funds required through the Northwest Florida Water Management Board for restoration of Little Sabine Lagoon. Mr. Hemphill then reviewed the past issues with Little Sabine Lagoon. He said the action would authorize the engineer to proceed with obtaining the grant.

Upon motion of Mr. Prather, seconded by Mr. Perkins, the board unanimously voted to authorize the Manager to sign the application for a \$500,000 grant with no matching funds required for restoration of the Little Sabine Lagoon to be submitted through the Northwest Florida Water Management Board. (5-0)

17. VISITORS FORUM

The board heard comments by Mr. Julian MacQueen. The board then heard comments by Mr. Doug Smith on behalf of The Palace. A discussion followed regarding the default by The Palace. Following a discussion, Mr. Dannheisser, said that legal counsel could move forward with the default, but not have entry of final judgment for ninety days. Additional discussion followed.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Pearson appeared before the board regarding pier construction at their leasehold at 130 Siguenza Drive, and a discussion followed.

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Upon motion of Mr. Prather, seconded by Mr. Perkins, the board unanimously voted to refer the Pearson item to the December 14, 2005 committee meetings. (5-0)

Upon inquiry by Mr. Pearson, Mr. Griffith said that the committee could address Mr. Pearson's deadline for corrections at the committee meeting.

There being no further business before the board, the meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

CHAIRMAN

SECRETARY

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