

# PENSACOLA BEACH

SANTA ROSA ISLAND AUTHORITY

Board Members:

William Griffith  
Chairman

Thom Blas  
Vice-Chairman

McGuire Martin  
Secretary/Treasurer

Jimmie Perkins  
Thomas Campanella  
Vernon Prather

Monte E. Blews  
General Manager

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1-2. A regularly scheduled meeting of the Authority was held on Wednesday, January 5, 2005 beginning at 5:00 p.m. Members in attendance were: Mr. Bill Griffith, Mr. Thom Blas, Mr. McGuire Martin, Mr. Jimmie Perkins, Dr. Thomas Campanella, and Mr. Vernon Prather. Mr. Griffith, Chairman, called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance. A moment of silence was observed in memory of the victims of the tsunami in South Asia.

Mr. Griffith recognized Mr. Kevin White, District 5 County Commissioner and Mr. Vernon Prather, new board member appointed by Commissioner White. The board heard comments by Mr. Prather.

**3. Upon motion of Mr. Blas, seconded by Mr. Perkins, the board unanimously approved the minutes of the regular board meeting of December 1, 2004. (6-0)**

**Upon motion of Mr. Martin, seconded by Mr. Perkins, the board unanimously approved the minutes of the special board meeting of December 8, 2004. (6-0)**

4-5. CHANGES OR ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

**Upon motion of Mr. Blas, seconded by Mr. Perkins, the agenda was unanimously adopted as published. (6-0)**

6. READING OF RECUSAL FORMS

Ms. Mary Bolman read the recusal forms issued since the last meeting.

7. CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

Mr. Griffith announced that the committee assignments for the current year would remain the same as those of the previous year with the exception of Mr. Prather serving in place of Mr. Ayres on the Architectural & Environmental Committee and the Operations Committee.

Mr. Griffith then recommended that the board move forward with the selection process for the SRIA General Manager, who is scheduled to retire on May 31, 2005. A

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discussion followed during which Mr. Griffith asked that the board members be provided with a copy of the job description for the General Manager and that the issue be placed on the agenda for discussion at the January 12, 2005 committee meetings.

8. SPECIAL PRESENTATION – ANN & CHARLIE KNIGHT

The board heard a presentation by Ann & Charlie Knight, coordinators of the Santa Rosa Island Triathlon. Mr. Bill Griffith, SRIA Chairman, accepted a donation in the amount of \$20,000 from Mr. & Mrs. Knight representing a portion of the proceeds from the Triathlon, which had to be cancelled due to Hurricane Ivan. Mr. Jeff Castleberry, Principal for the Pensacola Beach Elementary School, accepted a donation in the amount of \$5,000 from Mr. & Mrs. Knight for the school. Mr. Griffith asked that the letter from the Knights accompanying the donation be distributed to the board and the news media.

9. PENSACOLA BEACH RESIDENTS & LEASEHOLDERS ASSOCIATION  
REPORT

There was no report from the Pensacola Beach Residents & Leaseholders Association.

10. PENSACOLA BEACH CHAMBER OF COMMERCE REPORT

Ms. Sandy Johnston, Manager of the Visitor's Information Center, reported that the chamber was assisting the businesses with reopening, noting that they had received target re-opening dates for most of the businesses. She said that the chamber was also in the process of compiling a list of the homes and condominiums available for rental. A discussion followed.

CONSENT AGENDA

11. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. ARCHITECTURAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE (12-8-04) –  
Mr. Thom Blas, Chairman

The committee unanimously recommends approval of the following item:

Item #1 – Mr. Roger Bevan – Radical Rides, Inc. – 444 Pensacola Beach Boulevard (Santa Rosa Sound) – Request to replace shade structures that were destroyed by Hurricane Ivan

B. ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE (12-8-04) – Mr. Jimmie Perkins, Chairman

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Item #3 – Report on Financial Statements and Expenditures

**Upon motion of Mr. Blas, seconded by Mr. Martin, the board unanimously approved the consent agenda, as published. (6-0)**

REGULAR AGENDA

12. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE (12-8-04) – Mr. Jimmie Perkins, Chairman

Item #1 – Agreement with Yates Construction Company for placement of construction trailers at the Portofino Condominiums construction site

Ms. Mary Bolman reported that staff and the representatives of Yates Construction Company agreed to the terms of the agreement presented to the board, Yates paid the restitution costs for the SRIA clean-up, and staff recommended approval of the agreement, as presented to the board.

**Upon motion of Mr. Martin, seconded by Mr. Blas, the board unanimously approved the agreement between Yates Construction Company and the Santa Rosa Island Authority for placement of construction trailers at the Portofino Condominiums construction site. (6-0)**

13. OLD BUSINESS

Item #1 – Hurricane Ivan Update

The Manager announced that for the next few months, staff will present a Hurricane Ivan status report at each board meeting. Mr. Dave Hemphill, SRIA engineering representative presented a slide presentation regarding the status of the debris removal project on Pensacola Beach.

The Manager then reported on the state of the beach, noting that the Authority received \$3 to \$4 million in damages to the public infrastructure on Pensacola Beach. He said that staff anticipated a \$2 million deficit in commercial lease revenues during the current fiscal year, and he summarized the steps taken to address the shortfall. The Manager stated that the board may need to approach the county for assistance. He noted that, within the confines of the Authority's limited financial resources, staff's goals include making sure Casino Beach is open and available to the public, opening 90% of the Pensacola Beach Gulf Pier to the public, and establishing some parking in the vicinity of the Ft. Pickens Recreation area.

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Mr. Griffith encouraged the Manager to contact the County Administrator about providing some relief in areas such as the additional \$200,000 in Authority funding designated for the Pensacola Beach Fire Department, and assistance with paving the parking nodes. A discussion followed.

Item #2 – Road Improvement Project

Mr. Dave Hemphill, SRIA engineering representative, reported that two road projects were underway on Ft. Pickens Road and Via de Luna. He said the Ft. Pickens project included rebuilding the roadway and installing drainage improvements in three areas, beginning in the immediate future. Mr. Hemphill said that the road improvements to Via de Luna were scheduled to begin on February 6, 2005. A discussion followed during which Mr. Griffith asked that Mr. Hemphill provide an analysis comparing underground to overhead power and report back to the board.

14. NEW BUSINESS

Item #1 – Mr. John E. White – 63 Via de Luna – Request for approval to sublease to Mr. Earl Tucker to operate a full service restaurant d/b/a The Tucker's Beach Café

Ms. Bolman said that staff recommended approval of the request subject to payment of percentage fees of 2% for full service food and 5% for all other sales and services.

**Upon motion of Mr. Martin, seconded by Mr. Perkins, the board unanimously approved the request by Mr. Jackie White to sublease to Mr. Earl Tucker to operate a full service restaurant d/b/a The Tucker's Beach Café, subject to payment of percentage fees of 2% for full service food and 5% for all other sales and services. (6-0)**

Item #2 – Soundside Holiday Beach Resort – 19 Via de Luna – Request to place a management office trailer on leasehold property during Hurricane Ivan repairs

Ms. Sue Smith reviewed the request and stated that staff recommended approval of the request, as presented.

**Upon motion of Mr. Blas, seconded by Mr. Perkins, the board unanimously approved the request by Soundside Holiday Beach Resort, 19 Via de Luna, to place a management office trailer on leasehold property during Hurricane Ivan repairs. (6-0)**

Item #3 – The Dock – 4 Casino Beach Boardwalk – Request to place a construction office trailer on leasehold property during Hurricane Ivan repairs

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Ms. Bolman said that staff wished to hold this item for the January 12, 2005 committees to allow for further investigation. A discussion followed. Ms. Bolman recommended that board action be subject to staff and legal review.

**Upon motion of Mr. Martin, seconded by Mr. Perkins, the board unanimously approved the request by Ms. Jan Scruggs, The Dock, 4 Casino Beach Boardwalk, to place a construction office trailer on leasehold property during Hurricane Ivan repairs, subject to review and approval by staff and legal counsel. (6-0)**

Ms. Bolman recommended that board action on items #2 and #4 be subject to staff and legal review and revision of the existing agreements, as necessary.

**Upon motion of Mr. Blas, seconded by Mr. Perkins, the board unanimously approved that the board actions for Item #2, Soundside Holiday Beach Resort office/management trailer; and #4, Baywatch Condominium Association Construction office trailer, be subject to staff and legal review of the existing agreements, as necessary. (6-0)**

Item #4 – Baywatch Condominium Association – 1150 Ft. Pickens Road -  
– Request to place a construction office trailer on leasehold property during Hurricane Ivan repairs

**Upon motion of Mr. Perkins, seconded by Mr. Blas, the board unanimously approved the request by the Baywatch Condominium Association, 1150 Ft. Pickens Road, to place a construction office trailer on leasehold property during Hurricane Ivan repairs subject to staff and legal review of the existing agreements, as necessary. (6-0)**

15. REPORTS

A. MANAGER'S REPORT

The Manager noted that his report was published for the information of the board.

B. ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Mr. Matt Dannheisser, SRIA legal counsel, said the attorney's report was also published for the information of the board, and noted that he and Mr. Stebbins met with Mr. Prather to orient him on board issues. He invited the other board members to schedule similar meetings with the attorneys, as necessary.

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C. ENGINEER'S REPORT

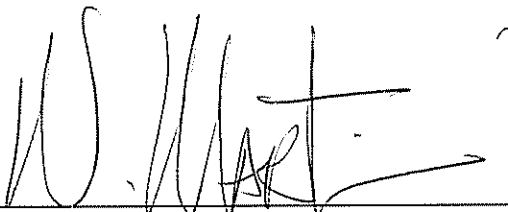
Mr. Hemphill noted that his report was previously addressed.

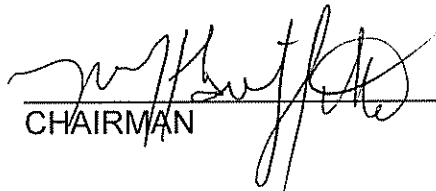
16. VISITORS FORUM

The board heard comments by Mr. Ray Palmer, 4 Calle Hermosa, about a notice he had received regarding location of a landscaping wall on the right of way, requesting that the board support a ninety day extension for him to resolve the issue. A discussion followed.

**Upon motion of Mr. Martin, seconded by Mr. Perkins, the board unanimously recommended that Mr. Ray Palmer, 4 Calle Hermosa, be allowed an additional ninety days to resolve the issue of a landscaping wall on the right of way. (6-0)**

There being no further business before the board, the meeting adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

  
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SECRETARY

  
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CHAIRMAN

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