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PENSACOLA BEACH, FLORIDA  
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
APRIL 27, 2016**

1-3. A Special Board Meeting of the Santa Rosa Island Authority was held on Wednesday, April 27, 2016, beginning at 5:35 p.m. Members in attendance were: Mr. Dave Pavlock, Dr. Thomas Campanella, Mr. Jerry Watson, Ms. Janice Gilley, and Ms. Tammy Bohannon. Ms. Karen Sindel was absent. Chair Pavlock called the meeting to order.

4. Item # 1 – Discussion on leases.

Mr. Pavlock said the Board is waiting for a submission of the budget.

Mr. Ghio stated he and Dottie would be meeting with each Board Member in the next week to review the budget.

Ms. Bohannon questioned if the Directors had been in conversation with the County.

Mr. Ghio assured her that talks had been had with the County, Visit Pensacola, and private entities. He said some great ideas had surfaced regarding the Blue Angels show.

A discussion followed about the County collecting taxes and the still pending appeal of the court decision in favor of Island Resorts.

Ms. Gilley suggested the SRIA operate as usual and assume the County will collect taxes in the next year.

Ms. Bohannon said the County needs to give us some direction, and the Board should stay with the current 50% reduction in lease fees. She also wants future beach nourishment addressed.

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Ms. Bohannon said she had received a letter that was sent to Sheriff Morgan regarding piers on the Island, were they public or private.

Mr. Pavlock stated he responded to the sender. (Mr. Bill Post)

Mr. Stebbins said essentially Mr. Post's demand is that people can use any dock on the Island, that they are public property, based on some old SRIA minutes from 1971. He said neither the County nor the SRIA has ever said docks/piers were public, they are a continuation of leasehold property. He said there were possible public easements across some of the structures, but the public portion ended there.

Ms. Bohannon said people come onto her dock.

Dr. Campanella stated some docks used to be public, but the key was that the "owner's use" couldn't be interfered with. He stated there were liability issues.

Mr. Ghio stated there were differences in regulation for public commercial docks and residential docks.

Mr. Stebbins pointed out there are lease amendments for piers and the leaseholder has to have insurance on the piers and indemnify the SRIA.

Mr. Pavlock asked if Chris Jones' office increase the parcel value if a pier is built.

Ms. Bohannon said it does increase the value for taxes and something needed to be written in black and white on this subject for future reference.

Mr. Ghio stated that he had been saying piers were private ever since he took over in 2010.

Mr. Stebbins stated he would review the topic and get back to the Board with his findings.

Ms. Bohannon asked if the tax ramifications were addressed in the new Bonifay lease, and was told yes they were. She asked for someone to contact Santa Rosa County to inquire about the 5% surcharge they add on top of sales tax.

Mr. Pavlock reminded the Board to get their new Sunpass for the toll plaza.

**Upon motion of Mr. Jerry Watson seconded by Ms. Janice Gilley, the Board tasked Mr. Stebbins with emailing Mr. Post regarding his inquiry to let him**

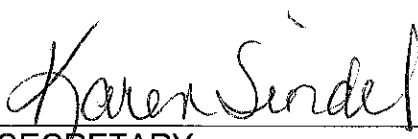
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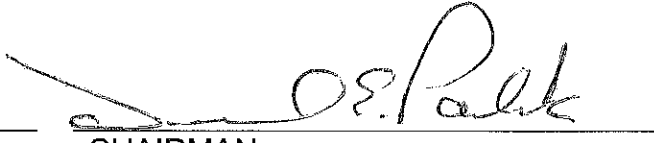
know Mr. Stebbins is researching the topic and will let him know his findings. (5-0)

5. ADJOURN

Adjournment:

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chair Pavlock declared the Special Board Meeting of the SRIA Board adjourned at 6:02 p.m.

  
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CHAIRMAN

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