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SPECIAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES
JULY 23, 2014**

1-3. A Special Board Meeting of the Santa Rosa Island Authority was held on Wednesday, July 23, 2014, beginning at 5:40 p.m. Members in attendance were: Chairwoman Tammy Bohannon, Thomas Campanella, Mr. Dave Pavlock, Mr. Jerry Watson and Ms. Janice Gilley. Mr. Ed Guernsey was absent and Ms. Gilley left the meeting at 5:55 p.m. Chairwoman Bohannon called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a moment of meditation.

4. CHAIRWOMAN'S COMMENTS

Ms. Bohannon added additional discussion of the LOST four projects and Mr. Lee stated he had some information regarding golf carts he wanted to share with the Board, as well.

Item # 1 - Discussion regarding funding sources for the Gulfside Beach nourishment.

Ms. Bohannon stated she was attending a meeting at the BCC on July 24, 2014, and reviewed the letter she is presenting. (See attached.) She stated Mr. Lee had been in contact with Amy Lovoy and hopefully the SRIA will get support at tomorrow morning's meeting.

Mr. Lee stated there are closing costs involved (around \$60,000.00) that the SRIA should offer to pay.

Mr. Stebbins pointed out that the letter is requesting the loan, and the terms will be dealt with within the Interlocal Agreement between the SRIA and Escambia County.

Ms. Gilley questioned if beach nourishment could be covered under LOST funding.

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Mr. Stebbins stated he isn't certain, that Ms. Lovoy has concerns, due to the funds being contingent.

SPEAKER:

Ron Ellington – He stated LOST funds could be used to cover this loan, since it was going to be for more than a 5 year period. He reiterated that the word “penalty” needed to be added to Ms. Bohannon’s letter. He pointed out that Escambia County is experiencing some difficulties, first from the flooding, and then also the explosion at the jail. He encouraged the Board to make a line item Beach Reserve fund in the budget if there is money left over at the end of the year, in order to protect it.

Jim Cox – He reiterated what Mr. Ellington stated regarding keeping the excess cash in a fund for use on the Beach. He encouraged the Board to take \$1.5 million from reserve tonight and put it towards the beach nourishment project, and only ask Escambia County for a loan of \$6.5-7 million.

Ms. Bohannon stated Ms. Gilley had to leave the meeting, but asked what projects she would like to suggest for LOST funding.

Ms. Gilley suggested crosswalks and making dune walkovers handicapped accessible.

Mr. Lee stated he would meet with Charlie Morgan and Paolo Ghio to assess the dune walkovers.

Ms. Gilley left the meeting at 5:55 p.m.

SPEAKER:

Terry Preston – She stated she agreed with Jim Cox. She wants the Board to take \$1.5 million from reserve to use towards the beach nourishment.

Upon motion by Mr. Dave Pavlock seconded by Mr. Jerry Watson, the Board unanimously voted to authorize a letter to be sent to the Board of County Commissioners, with the addition of the word “penalty”, requesting a loan for \$8.5 million to fund the beach nourishment project, as well as paying the anticipated \$60,000.00 in closing costs for the loan. (4-0)

Mr. Pavlock then made a motion to amend the FY 2014/2015 SRIA budget to move \$1.5 million to a restricted fund to be used for nourishment. After much discussion, he later withdrew the motion.

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Mr. Lee encouraged the Board to wait to move or spend funds until after the audit of our records is complete, so we know exactly what money is on hand.

Item # 2 – Discussion of LOST four proposed projects.

Ms. Bohannon explained that Mr. Ellington wants a list of proposed projects to turn into Escambia County for possible inclusion in the LOST four funding.

After much discussion, this is the list of projects suggested by the SRIA Board for inclusion in the LOST four funding:

1. Gulfside Beach Nourishment
2. Crosswalks
3. "Walking" Boardwalk on Soundside
4. Smart parking for Casino Beach parking lot.

Upon motion of Mr. Dave Pavlock seconded by Mr. Jerry Watson, the Board unanimously approved the following four projects for inclusion in a letter to Escambia County to ask for funding from LOST four: Gulfside beach nourishment, crosswalks, "walking" boardwalk on Soundside, and smart parking for Casino Beach. (4-0)


Item # 3 – Golf Carts.

Mr. Lee explained that Escambia County will not take action on the request by the SRIA Board to allow golf carts on the Island. The County will be allowing Low Speed Vehicles (LSV) on the Island, on any road. They must have tags, seat belts, lights, windshields, along with other features.

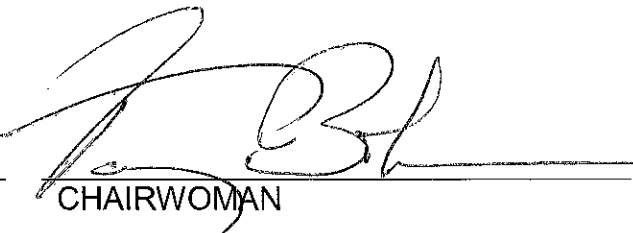
5. ADJOURN

Adjournment:

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chairwoman Bohannon declared the Special Board Meeting of the SRIA Board adjourned at 6:28 p.m.



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CHAIRWOMAN

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