



**SANTA ROSA  
ISLAND AUTHORITY**

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PENSACOLA BEACH, FLORIDA  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
AUGUST 14, 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 August 14, 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 – 7/10/2019)**

**Upon motion of Mr. Jerry Watson seconded by Ms. Brigette Brooks, the Board unanimously approved the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting (7/10/2019) as presented. (6-0)**

5. **CHANGES OR ADDITIONS TO AGENDA**

Mr. Ghio asked to add a vote, under Regular Agenda, for a new slate of officers, as there is an addition of a new Board Member.

6. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

**Upon motion of Ms. Brigette Brooks seconded by Dr. Thomas Campanella, the Board unanimously approved the agenda as amended. (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.

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10. UPDATE BY DAVID FORTE, TRAFFIC OPERATIONS AND PLANNING DIVISION  
MANAGER, ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT, ESCAMBIA COUNTY

Mr. Forte asked if anyone had any questions regarding his report.

Ms. Brooks asked about the congestion management plan, and Mr. Forte said they were looking at comments regarding the plans, and the plan hadn't been accepted yet. Mr. Forte said there would be more public outreach.

CONSENT AGENDA

11. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. ARCHITECTURAL & ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE, MS. JANICE GILLEY  
CHAIRMAN, MS. LIZ CALLAHAN AND MS. KAREN SINDEL, MEMBERS

Item # 1 - Request to do a non-monetary refund for approximately 1000 cubic yards of sand to ECUA and for a temporary easement on SRIA property for 2 years to store the sand. (Staff report by Paolo Ghio)

**The Committee unanimously approved the request to do a non-monetary refund for approximately 1000 cubic yards of sand to ECUA and agreed to a license agreement for the specified SRIA property for 2 years to store the sand. All agreements are to be prepared by ECUA for SRIA legal counsel review and presentation to both Boards.**

B. ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE, DR. THOMAS CAMPANELLA, CHAIR, MR. JERRY  
WATSON AND MS. KAREN SINDEL, MEMBERS

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

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

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

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REGULAR AGENDA

12. NEW BUSINESS

**ADDED BY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

Item # 1 – Slate of new officers for the remainder of 2019

Mr. Ghio suggested the following slate for the rest of 2019 SRIA Board:

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

**Upon motion of Jerry Watson seconded by Bubba Peters, the Board unanimously approved the officers for the remainder of 2019. (6-0)**

13. OLD BUSINESS

Item # 1 – Adoption of ordinance

SPEAKERS:

Patricia Simmons – She isn't in favor of the ordinance, and stated the Beach is the soul of the community. She thinks promises have been broken, and she's unhappy about it.

Frances Hinely – She doesn't support the ordinance as it is, and wants more time for review before the BOCC votes on it tomorrow.

Ms. Sindel stated the BOCC will only have a conversation about it at their meeting tomorrow (August 15, 2019), and the vote will be at a later time. (Future agenda)

Tim Smith – He stated the proposed ordinance doesn't support what the "Save Our Beach" organization has been working on, and is unhappy that it has been "gutted", and the most important language has been taken out. Public access is important to him.

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Dianne Krumel – She doesn't believe the SRIA has the authority to do an ordinance. She stated the SRIA is only a manager of the Island, and should withdraw and hand the item back over to the BOCC. She said her organization wouldn't have any time to consult with their attorney regarding the proposed ordinance.

Alice Kruger – She said she has lived here 2 years, and it was a privilege to come to Pensacola Beach. She has concerns Pensacola Beach will end up looking like Destin, and wants to keep the Beach public and clean.

Margaret Hostetter – She stated the SRIA Board isn't elected, and are a glorified management group. She stated Mr. Stebbins is wrong in his recommendation of the proposed ordinance and has exceeded his authority. She said the SRIA needs to be prepared for a lawsuit.

Kelly Moore – He read the SRIA Mission Statement. He wants to make sure the SRIA continues to promote tourism, and stated the Board is lucky they aren't elected.

Liz Hewson – She said she had just texted with Commissioner Bender, and he confirmed there would only be discussion on the ordinance in the meeting the next morning, and there would be a hearing on September 5, 2019 at the BOCC for more input.

Ms. Brooks stated the fact the building cap is referenced in the ordinance is a good thing, and that it is tantamount to no new leases.

Dr. Campanella pointed out the SRIA has tried to protect the Beach and preserve the Island. He said he is sorry the "Save Our Beach" organization is upset, but powers have been delegated to the SRIA by Chapter 24500.

Mr. Watson said the SRIA has certain powers, but can't trump federal legislation. (24500)

Ms. Callahan said the referendum passed with incredible support, however the ordinance doesn't necessarily transfer.

Mr. Peters stated he had done a lot of research, and the the SRIA is not charged to do something outside of 24500. He pointed out the referendum is non-binding.

Discussion followed.

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**Upon motion of Ms. Liz Callahan seconded by Ms. Brigette Brooks, the Board approved the proposed ordinance regarding unleased property on the Island. (5-1) Mr. Watson voted in the negative.**

14. REPORTS

A. ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Mr. Stebbins presented his report for the review of the Board. A brief discussion was held on 4 Ensenado Quatro.

B. ENGINEER'S REPORT

Mr. Huggins submitted his report for the review of the Board.

C. DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DIRECTOR REPORT

Mr. Ghio submitted his monthly report for the review of the Board.

15. VISITOR'S FORUM

The following people spoke at Visitors Forum:

Kelly Moore – He voiced concerns over beach nourishment and road reconstruction after a storm.

Lil Eubanks – She reiterated that she opposed the proposed ordinance and didn't want mention of the building cap in there. She had concerns there was no time to talk to Commissioner Bender prior to a vote on the proposed ordinance.

Alice Krugger – She is concerned the wording is different from what the "Save our Beach" people wanted in the ordinance.

Margaret Hostteter – She asked for the County to scrap the round-about. She feels like Mr. Stebbins has mis-applied his legal knowledge, and is concerned the federal government could take away land from the Island.

Dianne Krummel – She stated the Island Authority is a great guardian of the Island, however the referendum language has been gutted, and she is worried about generations to come, and encouraged the Board to think beyond today.

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Tim Smith – He is concerned about the red-lined verbiage in the proposed ordinance, and hopes there is time to review it before it is voted on.

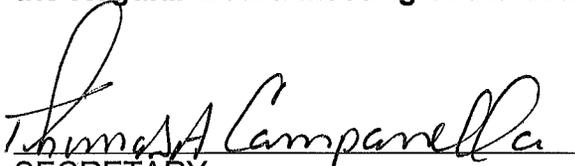
Terry Preston – She feels there is information that isn't clear to the "Save the Beach" group. She supports the proposed ordinance.

16. BOARD MEMBER'S FORUM

There was a brief discussion regarding beach nourishment and how it was paid for. (Matching grant from the State)

17. ADJOURN

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

  
SECRETARY

  
CHAIR

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