

**MINUTES  
LONGBOAT KEY TOWN COMMISSION  
JOINT MEETING WITH  
MANATEE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSION  
1112 MANATEE AVENUE WEST, 4<sup>TH</sup> FLOOR  
BRADENTON, FLORIDA  
FEBRUARY 14, 2012 - 1:30 P.M.**

**PRESENT:**

**Town of Longboat**

Dave Brenner, Vice Mayor, District 3  
Lynn Larson, District 1  
Jack Duncan, District 2  
Pat Zunz, District 5  
Hal Lenobel, District At Large

**Manatee County Commissioners**

John Chappie, Chair, District 3  
Larry Bustle, District 1  
Michael Gallen, District 2  
Robin DiSabatino, District 4  
Carol Whitmore, District 6  
Donna Hayes, District 5  
Joe McClash, District 7

**ALSO PRESENT:**

Dave Bullock, Town Manager  
Trish Granger, Town Clerk

Ed Hunzeker, County Administrator  
Tedd Williams, Jr., County Attorney  
Susan G. Romine, Board Records Director

**NOT PRESENT:**

Jim Brown, Mayor, District 4  
Phill Younger, District At-Large

**CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Manatee County Chair John Chappie called the Joint Meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. and following introductions, noted the process for the meeting.

**1. Order of Presentations and Introduction of Speakers**

Manatee County Natural Resources Director Charlie Hunsicker presented an overview of the presentations and introduced Mr. Milan Moran, PE, with the United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE).

**2. Schedule for Maintenance Dredging of the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway**

USACE Engineer Milan Moran, P.E., presented an overview of the proposed dredging equipment and time frame for the project. Discussions were held on the following topics/issues:

- utilization of the sand on Longboat Key versus Egmont Key
- last dredging project performed in the area
- estimated cost of the project
- restrictions on the use of the type of boat being utilized.

**3. Presentation of the Inlet Management Study**

Manatee County Natural Resources Director Charlie Hunsicker provided an overview of the modeling of the shoreline changes introduced Mr. Rick Spidoni of Coastal Planning and Engineering (CP&E), Inc., provided an overview of the Inlet Management Plan (IMP) for Longboat Pass and statutory requirements for inlet management planning.

**3. Presentation of the Inlet Management Study** - Continued

Mr. Tom Pierro, PE, with Coastal Planning & Engineering, Inc. (CP&E), commented on the accuracy of the model displayed, gave a PowerPoint presentation on the IMP for Longboat Pass, provided background information on the previous study of 2008 (WCIND Regional Model Study of Sarasota Bay), reviewed the Inlet Management Study, commented on the recommendations provided in 2011, and discussed the alternate channel consideration.

**4. Discussion of Work Session Objectives**

**5. Questions, Comments, and Conclusions**

Manatee County Natural Resources Director Charlie Hunsicker and Town of Longboat Key Public Works Director Juan Florensa discussed the Work Session Objectives outlined in Staff's report.

Discussions were held with Mr. Hunsicker, Mr. Florensa, and Mr. Beau Southard with CP&E on the following topics/issues:

- commendation of staff and the Inlet Management Plan (IMP) study
- permeable adjustable groins and the need for all proposed structures to work together
- length of time that the County and Town have been working together
- inclusion of the recreational users to be involved
- existing navigational restrictions in current channel
- sand harvested in 1993 and resulting erosion
- existing groins on Coquina and lack of accretion to date
- existing management plan for the Pass
- impact of groins on manatee migrating and sea turtle nesting
- testing on north side of Pass (Coquina) and length of time for testing
- options to test the Longboat Key side
- State requirement to utilize geo-textile tubes before lengthening of Coquina for permitting process
- restrictions in the deed for Greer Island relating to placement of structures
- range of channel alignments and option to utilize sand from the dredging of the authorized channel on the north end of Longboat Key in lieu of placement of structures

Deputy County Attorney Rodney Wade commented on the requirements for the Greer Island Board of Trustees to review and approve the construction of any groins.

Discussions were held on the impact on down-drift sand for one versus two groins.

West Coast Inland Navigation District (WCIND) Executive Director Chuck Listowski noted agreement with the presentation this date and advised of an upcoming meeting of the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP). Upon inquiry, Mr. Hunsicker noted that a meeting was scheduled with the FDEP, staff, and WCIND and opined of the necessity for the County Commission to make a determination on a Policy Statement prior to meeting with the FDEP on the IMP to secure State support.

**4. Discussion of Work Session Objectives** - Continued

**5. Questions, Comments, and Conclusions** - Continued

Discussion ensued with Mr. Hunsicker and Mr. Tom Campbell (CP&E) on the following topics/issues:

- continuation of the existing 50% sand sharing versus suggestion to provide Longboat Key with 100% share of sand removed from Pass (for modeling purposes)
- renourishment of Coquina beach in 1977
- comments from Town residents and their desire to solve the erosion issues
  
- knowledge gained on the utilization of structures to resolve beach erosion
- options for a different split of shared sand.

The following individuals commented on the proposed IMP:

Mr. Richard Wood  
Ms. Barbara Wood  
Mr. Gene Jaleski  
Mr. Bob Appel  
Ms. Sara Kennedy, Reporter with the Bradenton Herald newspaper.

Discussion ensued on the estimated cost of the project and the cubic yard sand cost for pulling sand from the pass and the mobilization costs to be considered.

Mr. Hunsicker advised that Manatee County Staff will bring a report to the Manatee County Commission for consideration at their March 13, 2012, meeting.

Upon inquiry, Town Manager David Bullock noted that the direction provided by the Town Commission previously, with a final Policy decision from Manatee County, could be brought to the Town Commission at the next Regular Meeting.

Upon inquiry, Mr. Hunsicker advised that State and WCIND funding will be sought for the project.

**6. Commissioner Comments**

Individual comments followed on the presentations made this date.

**7. Adjournment**

Manatee County Chair Chappie adjourned the Joint Meeting at 3:40 p.m.

Trish Granger  
Trish Granger, Town Clerk

James L. Brown  
James L. Brown, Mayor

Minutes Approved: 04-02-2012