

**PELICAN BAY SERVICES DIVISION BOARD REGULAR SESSION
MAY 2, 2018**

The Pelican Bay Services Division Board met on Wednesday, May 2, 2018, at 1:00 p.m. at the Community Center at Pelican Bay, 8960 Hammock Oak Drive, Naples, Florida 34108.

In attendance were:

Pelican Bay Services Division Board

Scott Streckenbein, Chairman
Tom Cravens, Vice-Chairman
Joe Chicurel
Jacob Damouni
Ken Dawson

Nick Fabregas
Pete Griffith
Bohdan Hirniak
Susan O'Brien
Mike Shepherd
Rick Swider

Pelican Bay Services Division Staff

Neil Dorrill, Administrator
Marion Bolick, Operations Manager

Mary McCaughtry, Operations Analyst
Lisa Jacob, Associate Project Manager
Barbara Shea, Recording Secretary

Also Present

Dave Cook, Pelican Bay Foundation
Tim Durham, County Manager's Office

Jim Hoppensteadt, Pelican Bay Foundation
Robert Sanchez, PBPOA
Trent Waterhouse, Pelican Bay Foundation

APPROVED AGENDA (AS PRESENTED)

1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Roll call
3. Agenda approval
4. Approval of 04/04/18 Regular Session meeting minutes
5. *Approval of proposed FY19 PBSB Budget
6. Audience comments
7. Administrator's report
 - a. Update on timeline for streetlight and sign repairs
 - b. Update on timeline for 41 berm clean-up and restoration
 - c. Update on timeline and costs for dredging Clam Pass
 - d. Update on drainage easements and debris removal
 - e. April financial report
8. Committee reports
 - a. Clam Bay
 - b. Landscape & Safety
 - c. Water Management
 - d. Budget
9. Chairman's report
10. Old business
11. New business
 - a. Bids/quotes for FY18 water management projects
12. Adjournment

ROLL CALL

All members were present and a quorum was established

AGENDA APPROVAL

Mr. Cravens motioned, Mr. Dawson seconded to approve the agenda as presented. Item #6 "Audience comments" will be heard prior to item #5 "Approval of proposed FY19 PBSB budget." The motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF 04/04/18 REGULAR SESSION MEETING MINUTES

Mr. Cravens motioned, Mr. Dawson seconded to approve the 04/04/18 regular session meeting minutes as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS

Mr. Trent Waterhouse, PBF Board, commented on the formation of a committee by the PBF to discuss the US 41 berm and explore/research possible berm projects and financing options. The PBF has invited the PBSB to designate one member to participate on this committee. Mr. Streckenbein appointed Mr. Cravens as the PBSB designee, and Dr. Chicurel as the alternate.

Ms. O'Brien suggested that this committee's goal would be to bring a recommendation back to both the PBF Board and the PBSB Board. She commented that approximately 60% of the US 41 berm is owned by the PBF and 40% is owned by four associations.

Dr. Joseph Doyle commented that tomorrow, the Collier County Planning Commission will consider a change to the ordinance which will allow for public input into any applications made by commercial interests to do landscape renovations.

Mr. Vincent Vespo commented that serious consideration should be given to constructing a wall along the US 41 berm.

Mr. Ed Staros commented that he does not support the proposed increase in the PBSB FY19 budget and suggested that it is outrageously high.

Mr. Peter Duggan welcomed the new PBSB board members and thanked the board for cleaning up the beach.

Ms. Molly Moffatt commented on large unsightly areas along PB Blvd. North (on the north side when entering PB from US 41), which have no sod.

APPROVAL OF PROPOSED FY19 PBSB BUDGET

Mr. Streckenbein commented on the large turnout at the PBSB Special Session on April 30, where the proposed FY19 budget was discussed. Mr. Streckenbein is charging the PBSB Budget Committee to vet the idea of issuing bonds and/or other financing options, which may be a global long-term solution to PBSB budgeting.

Mr. Ed Staros commented on the Ritz Carlton's current assessment bill of \$184,600. He commented that this amount is "abusive" since Ritz Carlton employees and guests are not entitled to use PB facilities.

Ms. O'Brien commented that under the proposed FY19 PBSB budget, the Ritz Carlton's assessment would increase by \$55,000. She commented that the PBSB needs to establish a ten-year plan and a funding source. She commented on line items, within the proposed budget, which could be reduced and/or delayed, such as signage, tree trimming, irrigation water, and discretionary capital projects. Mr. Shepherd disagreed with her comments and stated that this was not the forum

to “dig into” the proposed budget. Mr. Streckenbein commented that included within the \$364 assessment is (1) \$242 for IRMA related expenses, and (2) \$66 for lake remediation.

Mr. Cravens motioned, Mr. Shepherd seconded to approve the FY2019 PBSB budget. The motion carried 8-3, with Mr. Damouni, Mr. Fabregas, and Ms. O’Brien dissenting.

Mr. Merlin Lickhalter commented that the proposed budget is fiscally irresponsible and that the PBSB did not sufficiently “scrub through” this budget.

Dr. Doyle commented on (1) the dysfunctional PBSB budget process, (2) insufficient committee meetings, (3) the ability of commercial members to voice their opposition to Commissioner Solis and/or the Board of County Commissioners at the June budget hearings, (4) his disagreement with collecting \$1.8 million for IRMA expenses “upfront” from PB residents, and (5) the ability to obtain a line of credit in the event of a 2018 hurricane.

Ms. Sandy Doyle commented on millage-based street lighting Fund 778 including (1) a consultant reported that PB light poles should not need replacement until 2055, (2) the proposed FY19 budget shows no millage rate reduction for Fund 778, (3) the PBSB transferred \$1 million out of Fund 778 to fund IRMA projects.

Mr. Bob Sanchez suggested that the PBSB Board float a bond to provide funding for all of the unfunded projects, and then spread the expense over 20 years.

Mr. Peter Duggan commented that, “Hurricane Irma has hit us all,” and congratulated the board for their work during this crisis.

Mr. Damouni commented on his hotel’s Hurricane Irma experience including a 100-day shut-down and extensive unfinished repairs. He agreed with Mr. Staros, reiterating that his assessment is already too high.

Mr. Swider expressed his disagreement with an audience member who suggested that the PBSB spent minimal time on developing the proposed FY19 budget.

Mr. Fabregas expressed concern that the proposed budget includes funding for IRMA-related projects for which it is likely that we will receive FEMA reimbursement.

Ms. O’Brien announced that the scheduled Board of County Commissioners budget hearings are on June 21 and 22, where residents are welcome to participate in “public comment.”

ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT

FUTURE CAPITAL PROJECTS SCHEDULE

Mr. Dorrill commented on his hiring ABB to prepare a PBSB capital projects schedule (using software such as Primavera), to share with the board on a regular basis.

WALL OPTIONS

As a follow-up to Monday’s PBSB Special Session meeting, Mr. Dorrill provided photos of a few different wall options for possible installation along the US 41 berm.

UPDATE ON TIMELINE FOR STREETLIGHT AND SIGN REPAIRS

Mr. Dorrill reported that the bid package for hurricane-related streetlight repairs is ready to go out for bid. He reported that the bid package for sign repairs will go out for bid upon completion of wind-rated street sign design plans for FEMA mitigation purposes to be prepared by a structural engineer.

UPDATE ON TIMELINE FOR 41 BERM CLEAN-UP AND RESTORATION

Mr. Dorrill reported that IRMA clean-up of the US 41 berm is near complete. Our landscape architect, Ms. Ellin Goetz (of Goetz & Stropes Landscape) is preparing construction plans for the berm landscape replacement. Mr. Dorrill, Mr. Bolick, Dr. Chicurel and Ms. Goetz will meet before the next Landscape & Safety Committee meeting for review and discussion.

UPDATE ON TIMELINE AND COSTS FOR DREDGING CLAM PASS

Mr. Dorrill reported that the Clam Pass dredging project began last week. The contractor, Cavache, Inc. was awarded the bid for \$264,000 and has 21 days to complete the project. Mr. Dorrill provided recent photos of the project.

UPDATE ON DRAINAGE EASEMENTS AND DEBRIS REMOVAL

Mr. Dorrill commented on the following projects:

- The beach dune swale debris removal project began last week with expected completion in 30 days.
- The Ritz Carlton debris removal/maintenance project will begin on May 14. Mr. Dorrill will meet with Mr. Staros (Ritz Carlton) to discuss this project as well as the responsibilities of the PBSB.
- Envirowaste has been hired for random spot checking/inspection of underground conveyance pipes and catch basins in various basins. A pre-construction conference is scheduled for May 3.

Mr. Dorrill commented on a May 1 meeting with Mr. Tim Durham, Executive Director, County Manager's Office, and Mr. Nick Casalanguida, Deputy County Manager to discuss PB sidewalk replacement and the PB roadway drainage system. Mr. Casalanguida suggested exploring a debt mechanism to fund both sidewalk replacement and stormwater (roadway) drainage projects whereby the County may contribute up to \$300,000 for debt service per year. Mr. Dorrill and Mr. Durham will continue this discussion with the County Budget Director to discuss financing options.

APRIL FINANCIAL REPORT

Mr. Cravens motioned, Mr. Dawson seconded to accept the April financial report. The motion carried unanimously.

Ms. O'Brien commented that the financial report shows that \$163,000 has been spent in capital funds on IRMA related issues and \$1.3 million dollars is included in the proposed FY19 budget for IRMA issues. Ms. McCaughtry commented that funds are currently encumbered for a number of pending projects. Ms. O'Brien asked if staff could inform the board of the amount of the FEMA claim submitted.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

CLAM BAY REPORT

Ms. O'Brien provided her April 2018 Clam Bay update in the agenda packet. She commented that Clam Bay water quality continues to be an issue for both copper and total phosphorus. At tomorrow's Clam Bay Committee meeting items for discussion will include (1) Tim Hall's proposal for selective sediment testing to determine the copper source, and (2) videos

and photos of the rookery in Upper Clam Bay which may be the primary source of high phosphorus readings. Ms. O'Brien also commented that the County is considering up to 4 idle or slow speed signs at selected locations in Clam Bay.

LANDSCAPE & SAFETY REPORT

Dr. Chicurel reported that the Landscape & Safety Committee met on April 16, and the following items were discussed.

1. Ms. Ellin Goetz, our PBSO landscape architect, presented a preliminary overview of how to re-landscape the 41 berm after Hurricane Irma's destructive impact. She characterized Pelican Bay's 41 berm landscape as a "working landscape," which includes the following elements: (a) psychological, (b) visual, (c) noise barriers, and (d) low maintenance/drought tolerance. Within the framework she will present to the committee a specific planting scheme for the different areas that were impacted by Hurricane Irma. Staff presented a video of the 41 berm as seen from the road to better understand the various areas impacted. Residents expressed their specific concerns, some of which included loss of a visual barrier of US 41 and noise.
2. Resident Hank Rossi, representing the Crayton Road associations of Bay Villas, The Heron, St. Nicole, and St. Tropez made a presentation concerning safety and cyclists on Crayton Rd. in Pelican Bay, and their opposition to a proposed pedestrian/cyclist entrance and connection between Crayton Rd. and Seagate Dr.
3. Mr. Dorrill and Mr. Tim Durham, County Manager's Office, needed to reschedule their meeting with the County concerning Pelican Bay's failing sidewalks and a sidewalk re-construction project.

WATER MANAGEMENT REPORT

Mr. Cravens provided a summary of discussion at the 4/16/18 Water Management Committee meeting. He provided photos of overgrown mangroves, on the west side of the berm from Station #6 to Station #8, encroaching on the waterway and rip rap. Mr. Bolick commented that he has obtained three quotes for vegetation/debris removal in this area, and work will begin May 7. Mr. Cravens also provided photos of coastal plain willows and giant rush overgrowth on the east side of the berm. A chemical spray will be applied to this vegetation to reduce the overgrowth and improve drainage.

Mr. Cravens reported that the Water Management Committee referred the issue of whether to restart the CH2MHill quarterly reports on nutrients in upland ponds back to the Clam Bay Committee for additional analysis on ways to reduce the costs.

Mr. Shepherd motioned, Mr. Damouni seconded that we "as identified" solicit easements that will allow us to properly maintain all surface water management within the development. The motion carried 10-1, with Ms. O'Brien dissenting.

Ms. O'Brien commented on her reasons for not favoring this motion as (1) staff is already overburdened with water management projects, and (2) soliciting additional easements would result in additional PBSO water management responsibilities.

BUDGET REPORT

None

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

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Mr. Streckenbein requested that board members prioritize a list of possible PBF/PBSD joint meeting topics (included in the agenda packet), as provided by Mr. John Chandler, PBF Board, and return the list to the PBSO Office.

Mr. Streckenbein reported that he has finalized new committee assignments, which would be distributed at the end of the meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

EMPLOYEE ISSUES


Ms. O'Brien commented on field workers not working all the hours that they are paid for, and that she received no response to two emails sent to Mr. Dorrill regarding this issue. Mr. Streckenbein commented that PBSO Board members are policy makers, and have no supervisory role.

NEW BUSINESS

None

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:09 p.m.


Scott Streckenbein, Chairman

Minutes approved [] as presented OR [] as amended ON [6-6-18] date