

JEKYLL ISLAND-STATE PARK AUTHORITY

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The Jekyll Island State Park Authority committees met in Public Session on Monday, June 16, 2008 in Beachside Hall at the Jekyll Island Convention Center on Jekyll Island, GA.

Members Present: Ben Porter, Chairman
Mike Hodges, Vice-Chairman
Ed Boshears, Secretary
Steve Croy,
Sam Kellett
Becky Kelley,
Robert Krueger,
Sybil Lynn,
George Zier, Sr. Asst. Attorney General

Staff Present: Jones Hooks, Executive Director,
Eric Garvey, Director of Marketing,
Marjorie Johnson, Director of Accounting,
Cornell Harvey, Director of Human Resources,
Jim Broadwell, Projects Manager,
Shanna Brain, Executive Assistant,

Various members of the public and press were present.

Chairman Porter called the meeting to order at 9:32 a.m.

Chairman Porter welcomed Mr. Hooks to his first official meeting as the new Executive Director of Jekyll Island Authority and asked him to say a few words. Mr. Hooks greeted everyone and stated that it was great to be here and is looking forward to getting started. Chairman Porter next welcomed Mr. Norman Haft, new Co-President of the Jekyll Island Citizens Association (JICA) and also thanked Mr. Frank Mirasola for his service as the previous JICA President.

Conservation/Preservation Committee: Mr. Hunter stated that we had received a \$50K Coastal Incentive Grant from the DNR, and also \$5K for a wildlife viewing platform at the Welcome Center from the DNR's Watchable Wildlife Program. Mr. Hunter also stated they had completed the archeological assessment and HPD is very pleased as all archeological information on Jekyll Island has been brought together in one place. A report has also been submitted to HPD on the expansion of the Jekyll Island Club Hotel Ballroom. Mr. Hunter also informed the Board that as of June 2nd repairs had started at Indian Mound Cottage. Mr. Boshears asked if the repairs had been budgeted for. Mr. Hunter stated about \$150K had been budgeted which should cover most of the repairs, with only the roof possibly needing to be addressed separately.

Attendance

Call to order

Welcome of Mr. Hooks
as Executive Director

Conservation/
Preservation Committee

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<p>Chairman Porter opened the floor for public comment. A question was posed to the Committee concerning the status of the Conservation Plan. Mr. Hodges deferred to Mr. Zier who stated the plan should be completed by the end of July. Mr. Mirasola informed the Board that as of this morning, there are 64 Loggerhead nests on Jekyll Island.</p>	<p>Public Comment</p>
<p><u>Finance Committee:</u> Committee Chair Krueger began by saying thank you to Ms. Johnson, Mr. Broadwell, Mr. Garvey, and Mr. Smith for working on the budget with himself and also Mr. Hodges. Committee Chair Krueger reviewed the consolidated budget stating revenues were up about a million dollars over last year, but likewise, so were expenses. Committee Chair Krueger called for a motion to approve the FY09 budget, Mr. Hodges made the motion, seconded by Mr. Croy, with no objections the motion passed unanimously. Committee Chair Krueger then moved on to the financial update stating that everything was staying balanced and looked good. Chairman Porter wanted to commend the staff for their good work in controlling costs and keeping all expenditures under control. Mr. Boshears asked several questions about the location of funds and which accounts certain items would come out of. All questions were answered. Mr. Boshears then asked a question about the Beach Renourishment project cost and if it was included in the budget. Committee Chair Krueger stated this project was being looked at as a Capital Project and includes a \$12 million price tag. Chairman Porter interjected that if there were ever any state or county funds available we would look at these.</p>	<p>Finance Committee</p> <p>Committee Motion</p>
<p><u>Personnel Committee:</u> The Water/Wastewater Plant was presented with 2 awards, the Platinum Award, for 5 years of perfect service, and also the Plant of the Year Award. The members of the Water/Wastewater plant that received the award are: John Day, Alan Thurston, Greg Wheeler, and Lydia Bennett. There had also been an unfortunate incident at Summer Waves where a 12-year old girl began having seizures and needed to be revived by the EMT. The Summer Waves staff involved in rescuing the girl were Chad Strickland, Tyler Croft, Kennesaw Ratteree, Paramedic Ben Taylor and Operations Manager Chris Brown.</p>	<p>Personnel Committee</p>
<p><u>Legislative Committee:</u> Committee Chair Croy said a quick thank you to Representative Keen for his help with several items, especially the Turtle Tag. Representative Keen took this opportunity to inform the Board that the Governor had signed the budget and Jekyll Island Authority would be receiving the \$25 million bond.</p>	<p>Legislative Committee</p>
<p><u>Marketing Committee:</u> Mr. Garvey updated the Board on several different items starting with hotel revenues, which are currently up but may see a little weakness by the end of the summer. He also stated there are 498 reserved Turtle Tags with a goal of 1000, and as soon as the Department of Revenue clears the tag we will push forward with</p>	<p>Marketing Committee</p>

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marketing. Mr. Garvey brought to the Boards attention Dylan’s release, which will take place on June 30th and is scheduled to be covered by Good Morning America. Mr. Garvey also wanted to say thank you to Mr. Walter Woods and his team at GCI for all of his hard work for the Authority.

Public Private Partnership: Chairman Porter informed the Board that there have been some meetings with Linger Longer Communities, and the hope is by the August Board meeting we will be able to present a revised plan from Linger Longer.

Chairman Porter opened the floor for public comment. Mr. David Kyler of the Center for a Sustainable Coast asked for a distinction between the partner and the plan. Chairman Porter stated we have picked a partner not a plan. Mr. Kyler then made several observations regarding public/private partnerships stating privatization should not be seen as a magic bullet, but the key to privatization working is having a tight agreement between the public agency and the privatization work being done. That being said, he asked several questions concerning the details of the agreement with Linger Longer. Chairman Porter asked Mr. Zier to address these questions. Mr. Boshears then asked a question about some of the areas Linger Longer Communities may be using for their plan. Chairman Porter stated there is nothing definite right now and it is still being looked at but as soon as something becomes available it will be presented.

Committee of the Whole: Chairman Porter asked the Executive Director’s office to look at the format of the meetings and agenda to avoid so much down time during the meeting.

Chairman Porter called for a break at 10:19 a.m.

Chairman Porter called to order the meeting of the Jekyll Island State Park Authority Board at 1:30 p.m.

Minutes: The Board approved the minutes of the May 12, 2008 Jekyll Island State Park Authority Board meeting minutes.

Finance Committee: The Board approved the Finance Committee’s motion to approve the FY09 budget as presented.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:31 p.m.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

C. Jones Hooks
Executive Director

Ben Porter
Chairman of the Board

Public Private Partnership

Public Comment

Committee the Whole

Break

Call to order

Motion Approved

Motion Approved

Meeting adjourned