

**FRIPP ISLAND PUBLIC SERVICE DISTRICT**

- Minutes:** Commission Meeting on September 11, 2007
- Present:** Richard S. Combes, Edward F. Hroncich, William N. Woodward, Gary C. Bond, and Patrick A. Reilly
- Absent:** James L. Parks
- Staff:** Marion E. Wilson, Manager  
Angie Hughes, Recorder
- Consultants:**
- Guests:** Rita Riley, Kate Hines (FIPOA)
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1. Chairman Combes called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.
2. The Commission approved the minutes of the July 10, 2007 Commission meeting, upon motion of Mr. Woodward.
3. The Commission approved the minutes of the July 24, 2007 special Commission meeting, upon motion of Mr. Woodward.
4. Committee Reports
  - (a) The Commission reviewed the Manager’s Reports for July and August (*Att A*).
  - (b) The Commission reviewed the Fire Department monthly reports for July and August (*Att B*). Mr. Woodward requested that Mr. Wilson relay some questions regarding training to Chief Horton.
  - (c) In the absence of Mr. Parks, the Bridge & Erosion Committee Chair, Chairman Combes stated that, following the special meeting on July 24, 2007, the Coast Guard notified the District that it would require the installation of four dolphins instead of eight, and a fender system is not necessary. Chairman Combes and the District Manager met with Horry Parker of Cape Romain Contractors and David Taylor of Wilbur Smith Associates to discuss modifications to the Fripp Inlet Bridge Maintenance Contract. Cape Romain agreed to deduct the unit cost of four of the dolphins. Mr. Parker requested that Cape Romain be allowed to reduce the piling length from 80 ft. to 70 ft. Mr. Taylor is currently researching whether this is feasible. The Coast Guard suggested that the District install lighting on the dolphins, and this topic was discussed as a possible modification to the contract. The Commission agreed to send an official letter of concern to the principals of Wilbur Smith Associates, expressing the District’s displeasure with their research regarding the Coast Guard requirements, by motion of Mr. Bond.
  - (d) The Budget & Planning Committee did not meet.
  - (e) Mr. Hroncich, the Regulations & Policies Committee Chair, stated that there are weight restrictions and a speed limit on the Fripp Inlet Bridge that are not being followed. The District’s legal counsel advised that the District could contract with FIPOA for enforcement of the limits (*Att C*). Mr. Wilson noted that the District should have a written policy and schedule of fines in addition to a contract with FIPOA.

(f) Mr. Reilly, the Water Committee Chairman, reported that he, Chairman Combes, and Mr. Wilson visited Hilton Head No.1 PSD to collect information regarding the reverse osmosis water treatment facility they are building (*Att D*). He stated that the cost of HHPSD's system is approximately \$0.75/1,000 gallons, while Fripp Island PSD's projected cost was approximately \$3.00/1,000 gallons. Mr. Reilly also noted that HH PSD No 1 has water conservation and irrigation restrictions in place continuously and recommended that the District consider some additional water conservation measures.

(g) The Wastewater Treatment & Collection Committee did not meet.

5. There was no Old Business.

6. New Business

(a) Mr. Wilson requested that the Commission approve cost sharing with FIPOA for repairs to the Blue Heron Lake foot bridge, because the District's sewer force main crosses the bridge. The Commission agreed to fund \$3,300.00 of the quote received by FIPOA from Atlantic Marine Construction Co (*Att E*), by motion of Mr. Woodward.

(b) Mr. Wilson introduced a memo outlining the proposal for upgrading the Chapel and Fiddlers Ridge lift stations (*Att F*). The Commission approved upgrading the lift stations as outlined in the memo, by motion of Mr. Hroncich.

(c) Mr. Wilson requested that Ms. Hughes brief the Commission on a request for a refund of \$1,000.00 for a sewer tap fee submitted by Mr. Sean P. Duffy (*Att G*). Ms. Hughes explained that the letter notifying Mr. Duffy of the reduced tap fee period was mailed to Mr. Duffy's address of record with the Beaufort County Tax Assessor's office, and that Mr. Duffy states he did not receive the letter. Mr. Woodward moved to issue Mr. Duffy a refund of \$1,000.00. Following discussion, the motion was defeated by a vote of 3 to 2.

7. Questions and Comments from Visitors

(a) Ms. Hines (FIPOA) informed the Commission that the FIPOA Board approved the Blue Heron Lake foot bridge repair expense at its last meeting. She stated that the Board will probably approve payment of the Fripp Inlet Bridge insurance, which was requested by the District. The widening of Tarpon Boulevard from Skipjack to the Beach Club will begin on October 25<sup>th</sup>, and is scheduled to last for 160 days.

8. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:41 a.m., by motion of Mr. Woodward.

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Marion E. Wilson  
Secretary