

RESOLUTION NO. 2001- 43

WHEREAS, the Nassau County Board of County Commissioners is vitally concerned about the entirety of the Amelia Island shoreline, developed and undeveloped, as it is a vital asset for the citizens of Nassau County and northeast Florida; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners has grave concerns over the continuing large-scale loss of publicly-owned conservation lands located within the Amelia Island State Recreation Area (AISRA) as managed by the Florida Park Service, as well as the associated damage to unique and irreplaceable environmental resources at the location caused by the chronic erosion of the southern tip of Amelia Island; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners likewise expresses concern over the pending threat of erosion to privately held lands abutting the AISRA, the threat to the existing SAISS-MSBU beach restoration project and ultimately the threat to the tax base of Nassau County as represented by the southernmost one-third of Amelia Island; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners acknowledges, and concurs with, the findings and recommendations made within the December, 2000 *South Amelia Island Shore Stabilization Study* prepared for the Nassau County Board of County Commissioners by the coastal engineering firm of Olsen Associates, Inc., and

WHEREAS, the County Commissioners are also the governmental body of the SAISS/MSBU and in that capacity concurs with all aspects of this resolution.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED this 26th day of February, 2001, by the Board of County Commissioners of Nassau County, Florida; as follows:

1. That the Board of County Commissioners is prepared to be the local project sponsor for purposes of facilitating a comprehensive South Amelia Island Shore Stabilization Project intended to represent the best interest of the AISRA, the SAISS-MSBU and Nassau County.
2. In order to facilitate the continuation of the requisite professional design services necessary to pursue the locally-sponsored project through amendments to existing FDEP Contract No. 99NA2, the Board of County Commissioners will consider, at a public hearing, entering into a Memorandum of Understanding (M.O.U.) with FDEP.
3. The Board of County Commissioners, in its capacity as the SAISS MSBU Governing Board will also consider, at a public hearing, a Memorandum of Understanding with FDEP and any other actions that are necessary.
4. The Board of County Commissioners supports the Northeast Florida Legislative Delegation acquisition of appropriations necessary to fund the expeditious construction of the proposed South Amelia Island Stabilization Project.

5. The Board of County Commissioners, in its capacity as the SAISS MSBU Governing Board, will also consider after proper notification, at a public hearing, amending the existing bond documents or enacting a new MSBU for funding for any projects pursuant to any Memorandum of Understanding.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners and as the SAISS MSBU Governing Board will consider a Memorandum of Understanding with the FDEP in order to address the future maintenance of a South Amelia Island Shore Stabilization Project by seeking to have it incorporated into the State of Florida Long Range Beach Management Plan.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA



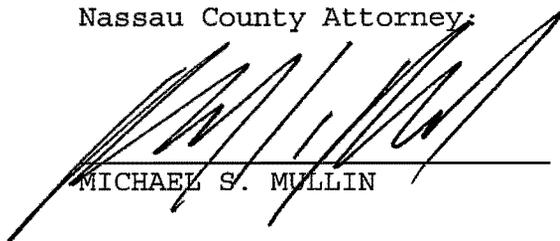
MARIANNE MARSHALL
Its: Chairman

ATTEST:



J. M. "CHIP" OXLEY, JR.
Its: Ex-Officio Clerk

Approved as to form by the
Nassau County Attorney:



MICHAEL S. MULLIN