

RESOLUTION NO. 2003-70

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING OLSEN ASSOCIATES, INC.'S CONCLUSIONS ON THE TAYLOR ENGINEERING, INC. STUDY ON THE PROBABLE EFFECT OF THE PROPOSED STRUCTURES FOR PHASE II OF THE SOUTH AMELIA ISLAND SHORE STABILIZATION PROJECT AND REQUESTING THE FLORIDA FISH AND WILDLIFE COMMISSION TO RESCIND ITS STAFF RECOMMENDATION AGAINST THE ISSUANCE OF THE PERMIT FOR THE PROPOSED STRUCTURES.

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Nassau County, Florida, (hereinafter the Board), enacted Ordinance No. 93-14, as amended, providing for beach renourishment projects in the southerly portion of Amelia Island within Nassau County; and

WHEREAS, the Board has often shown its continued support of these beach renourishment projects in Resolution Nos. 2002-035 and 2002-058, which created the South Amelia Island Shore Stabilization Municipal Services Benefit Unit as a means of financing such projects and by entering into an agreement on March 13, 2002, subsequently amended on July 22, 2002, with the South Amelia Island Shore Stabilization Association, Inc., to provide administrative, management, and oversight services of these projects; and

WHEREAS, Phase I - the South Amelia Island Shore Stabilization - has been successfully completed; and

WHEREAS, Olsen Associates, Inc., was hired by the Florida Park Services, Division of Recreation and Parks, Florida Department of Environmental Protection (hereinafter "the Florida Parks Service") to be the design engineers for Phase II of the project - to design physical structures to both increase the

performance of the beach fill and to protect the Amelia Island State Park; and

WHEREAS, Olsen Associates, Inc., recommended three (3) structures which include: a near shore breakwater on the north end of the park; an approximately 1600 foot long terminal structure at the southern tip of the island; and a groin at the western end of the park; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Park Services then hired Taylor Engineering, Inc., to do a South Amelia Island Structure Report Evaluation (hereinafter "The Taylor Report") as a means for "a second opinion"; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission had its staff evaluate the Taylor Report; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission did not have staff with the proper expertise to evaluate this report and should have instead deferred to the technical staff of the Bureau of Beaches and Wetland Resources, Florida Department of Environmental Protection; and

WHEREAS, Olsen Associates, Inc., has said that the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission's analysis of the Taylor Study shows a lack of proper interpretation of the modeling investigation and therefore leads to concluding findings that do not accurately describe the overall results and gives a misleading impression of the proposed structures potential. Therefore, as a result, several regulatory agencies have gained

an inaccurate understanding and inappropriate position regarding the potential physical impacts of the project; and

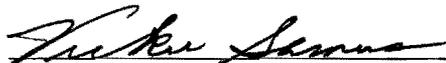
WHEREAS, Olsen Associates, Inc., instead finds that the modeling investigation generally affirms their previous conclusions as to the probable effect of the proposed structures.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, this 14th day of May, 2003, by the Board of County Commissioners of Nassau County, Florida as follows:

1. The Board unanimously supports Olsen Associates, Inc., analysis of the Taylor Study and its conclusion that the results of the fundamental modeling investigation of the Taylor Study generally affirms Olsen's previous conclusions on the probable effect of the proposed structures for Phase II of the South Amelia Island Shore Stabilization project.

2. The Board unanimously requests that the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission rescind their staff's recommendation against the issuance of the permit for the proposed structures.

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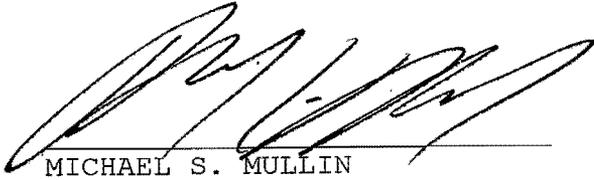
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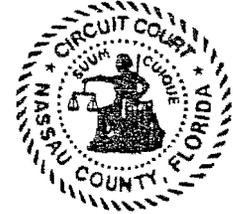


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