

**INDIAN RIVER COUNTY
M E M O R A N D U M**

TO: Jason E. Brown
County Administrator

THROUGH: Stan Boling, AICP
Community Development Director

FROM: Roland M. DeBlois, AICP
Chief, Environmental Planning

DATE: September 26, 2017

RE: Approval of State Sovereignty Submerged Lands Lease Renewal for the Jones's Pier Dock Facility

It is requested that the Board of County Commissioners formally consider the following information at the Board's regular meeting of October 3, 2017.

DESCRIPTION AND CONDITIONS

In September 2008, the Board of County Commissioners purchased the historic Jones's Pier site on south Jungle Trail under the County's environmental lands program. The property includes a dock facility (portion of main dock and north dock) that extends over sovereign submerged lands of the Indian River Lagoon. Because the submerged lands are state sovereign lands, the County is required to maintain a sovereignty submerged lands lease with the State (Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund).

The Jones's Pier sovereignty submerged lands lease is up for renewal. To that end, attached is a copy of the lease renewal document for the Board's approval consideration.

ANALYSIS

In contrast with private submerged land leases, the Jones's Pier submerged land lease is a "fee waived" lease reflecting public ownership and use, such that there is no annual lease fee. Although there is no annual fee, there is a \$648.00 renewal fee. Since the lease renewal is for a five year period, the next time a renewal fee will be required is in October 2022.

FUNDING

The \$648.00 lease renewal fee is proposed to be paid from the environmental planning / code enforcement budget ("other professional services," *Account No. 00420724-033190*).

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the Board of County Commissioners approve the attached sovereignty submerged lands fee waived lease renewal for the Jones's Pier dock facility, and authorize the Board Chairman to sign the lease on behalf of the County.

ATTACHMENT:

1. Sovereignty Submerged Lands Fee Waived Lease Renewal (including attachments)

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