



**INDIAN RIVER COUNTY, FLORIDA**  
**AGENDA ITEM**  
**Parks, Recreation & Conservation Department**  
**Parks Division**

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**Date:** April 22, 2014  
**To:** The Honorable Board of County Commissioners  
**Through:** John A. Titkanich, Jr., County Administrator  
Michael C. Zito, Deputy County Administrator  
Beth Powell, Parks, Recreation & Conservation Director  
**From:** Wendy Swindell, Conservation Lands Manager  
**Subject:** Approval of State Sovereignty Submerged Lands Lease Renewal for the Jones’ Pier Conservation Area Dock Facility (BOT No. 310025634)

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**BACKGROUND:**

In September 2008, the Board of County Commissioners purchased the historic Jones’ Pier Conservation Area on Jungle Trail under the County’s environmental lands acquisition program. After completion of public access improvements, the site was opened in May 2023. The historic site includes two docks (a main dock and northern observation pier) collectively referred to as “dock facility” on State documents. The dock facility extends over sovereign submerged lands of the Indian River Lagoon.

**DESCRIPTION AND CONDITIONS**

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’ Pier sovereignty submerged lands lease was due to be renewed in October 2022, however, the State delayed providing renewal notification due to in house issues regarding processing. A copy of the current lease renewal document for the Board consideration has been attached.

In contrast with private submerged land leases, the Jones’ 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 renewal fee. Since the lease renewal is for a five-year period, the next lease renewal will be in 2029. The 2017 renewal fee was \$648.00. The State has not provided an invoice for the current fee, but it is anticipated that the fee will remain within this amount.

**FUNDING**

The lease renewal, in the amount of \$648, is funded by the General Fund/Parks/License and Permits account, number 00121072-034970.

Account Name	Account Number	Amount
General Fund/Parks/Licenses and Permits	00121072-034970	\$648.00

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff respectfully requests that the Board of County Commissioners approve the State Sovereignty Submerged Land Lease Renewal for the Jones' Pier Conservation Area Dock Facility (BOT No. 310025634) and authorize the Chairman to execute the lease renewal after review and approval by the County Attorney.

**ATTACHMENT**

- State Sovereignty Submerged Lands Lease Renewal for the Jones' Pier Conservation Area Dock Facility (BOT No. 310025634).

**APPROVED AGENDA ITEM FOR May 7, 2024**