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April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2020

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**Dear Howard Tipton,**

**Lou Stoddard**

*Secretary*

We appreciate all of your efforts as you address so many competing priorities, along with that of the highest importance, dealing with the virus concerns. At the same time, we want to ensure that we are doing everything we can to support continued progress on the So Hutchinson Island Beach project.

**Don W. Stacks**

*Treasurer*

Following up on the results of the March 10<sup>th</sup> BOCC Informal Meeting, we ask for clarification on the Board's agreement that they "did not favor purchasing property for beach access points". On Feb. 25<sup>th</sup>, presented to and positively received by Jeff Bremer, was a much less expensive option of purchasing easements rather than entire parcels, from either an HOA or individual parcel owner adjacent to any strategically located access point identified by the county. Please clarify if the Board's agreement only eliminated the option of the parcel purchases, and that easement purchases are still under consideration and the exploration with parties still welcomed, as Jeff Bremer indicated. With this clarification, we can better focus our efforts in support of the County to move the project forward.

**Laura Jones**

*Director*

**Harvey Alligood**

*Director*

**Len Amato**

*Director*

On a related topic, with Jeff Bremer's resignation, has any decision been made on the senior Administrator position in support of this Beach project? In prior interactions, Mark Satterlee has always demonstrated a helpful and thoughtful approach when working with us, which may facilitate the transition in this case. As indicated earlier, we'd like to ensure that we continue to work in concert with the County on this project so critical to all of us.

Thank you again for all of your support and we look forward to receiving your guidance.

**Presidents Council Board of Directors**

Cc SLC Commissioners

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**Presidents Council Request for Guidance - So SLC Beach Project**

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Tue, Apr 7, 2020 at 3:53 PM

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Dear Commissioners, In reviewing and approving the minutes of the Mar. 10th Informal we hope you will clarify par. 2 within the attached letter sent this morning. Namely, "we ask for clarification on the Board's agreement that they "did not favor purchasing property for beach access points". On Feb. 25<sup>th</sup>, presented to and positively received by Jeff Bremer, was a much less expensive option of purchasing easements rather than entire parcels, from either an HOA or individual parcel owner adjacent to any strategically located access point identified by the county. Please clarify if the Board's agreement only eliminated the option of the parcel purchases, and that easement purchases are still under consideration and the exploration with parties still welcomed, as Jeff Bremer indicated. With this clarification, we can better focus our efforts in support of the County to move the project forward. "

Thank you. Harvey Alligood

**Additional Public Access and Federal Share****Least Costly & "Carrot"**  
(Listed Most to Least Desirable)**1. "Free" & NO Tax via the So HI MSTU**  
(Special Taxing District)**2. !!!Purchase of Easements!!!**  
At a small fraction of the cost, (1/10 or less)  
compared to anything below  
Funded by tax via So HI MSTU**Appeal to ALL strategically located Owners, both HOA's, and as or more importantly, in light of efforts, results to date, ALSO ADJACENT parcels or easements owned and/ or controlled by individuals.****More Costly****3. Purchase of Whole Parcels**  
More tax via So HI MSTU**Most Costly & "Stick"**  
(Least Desirable)**4. Yet more tax via So HI MSTU**To the extent any federal share is "lost" due to lack of public access over years  
for each nourishment (see below)

## OR Worst

### 5. NO 50-year Federal Beach Preservation Project

Initially dictated, please excuse any inadvertent poor form or typos. Thank you, Harvey 414/202-4278

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April 7, 2020

Presidents Council Board of Directors  
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Dear Board of Directors:

Thank you for your letter of April 7, 2020 relative to the proposed South County Beach Federalization and the initial nourishment phase therein set to begin in 2022. And thank you for recognizing this current state of emergency that has garnered the world's attention. St. Lucie County is in better shape than many places and adherence to social distancing has been a big part of it.

As to your question, you are correct that the County Board of County Commissioners has confirmed that they will not entertain the purchase right-of-way to increase the public beach access points as recommended by the Army Core of Engineers. This consensus was made with the realization that public beach access points can be provided by several previously identified condominiums within the project area in order to reduce the local share of the project cost for free.

I cannot comment on the issue of easement purchases but it appears to be in conflict with BOCC consensus. I can comment that staff is reviewing a potentially creative way to reward those condominiums who provide additional public beach access, along with required parking, that will not require upfront payment by the County. Staff continues to pursue this idea and I am sure that when completed and reviewed with the BOCC will be shared with the identified condominiums.

Mr. Bremer will be departing on May 20<sup>th</sup> and I have not yet identified who will take over this project. I appreciate your suggestion and when that decision is made my appointee will contact you to help make the transition.

The County continues to try and move this project forward and would thank you for your continued interest in making this happen. In my opinion, it is critical that public beach access points be created in order to make the project cost manageable and affordable to the County and residents within the project area.

Thank you for your continued interest in making this project a reality.

Sincerely,

  
Howard N. Tipton

cc: Josh Revord  
Dan McIntyre  
Jeff Bremer

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**Presidents Council - So HI Federal Beach Project**

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Wed, Apr 15, 2020 at 10:45 AM

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~~<jhalligood@gmail.com>~~**Mr Howard Tipton,**

We appreciate your reply to our 4/7/2020 correspondence regarding funding for the additional beach access points needed to increase Federal cost share. Thank you for all of your efforts to ensure that options are considered that will achieve the most cost-effective overall outcomes for the project.

We look forward to hearing more about the "creative ways to reward" condominiums, and also ask that individual incentives are explored for the adjacent individual property owners. We will be encouraging both the identified condominiums and adjacent property owners to engage with the County, as options are moved forward.

Thank you again for working with us during these difficult times, and please advise additional action we can take to support the County efforts.

**Presidents Council Board of Directors**