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A NEWSLETTER FOR BALD HEAD ISLAND PROPERTY OWNERS



SPECIAL REMINDER TO ALL PROPERTY OWNERS WHO ARE REGISTERED VOTERS OF THE VILLAGE OF BHI!!!!

MAY 8TH PRIMARY ELECTION – BOND REFERENDUM ON THE VILLAGE's COASTAL STORM DAMAGE REDUCTION PROJECT (a.k.a. Jay Bird Shoals Dredging Project):

As requested by Village Council at their April Council meeting held last Friday afternoon, the Village Council would like to remind **ALL** registered voters of the Village to get out and vote on the proposed bond referendum set for the May 8th primary election.

One-stop early voting is now available with a satellite location in Southport at the Brunswick Center at Southport located at 1513 North Howe Street Suite 1 for those who may wish to vote prior to the May 8th election date.

Please [click here](#) to see the one-stop early voting schedule posted by the Brunswick County Board of Elections that includes specific dates & times that are available for folks to vote early and at a more convenient location to the island.

EXCERPT ON DETAILS OF THE PROPOSED PROJECT SHARED IN THE MARCH 22ND VILLAGE VOICE:

An excerpt including specific details of the project which were presented at the Council's March meeting and shared in the March 22nd Village Voice are provided again for your review:

WINTER 2018 DREDGING PROJECT/APPROVAL OF BOND ORDER & SETTING OF SPECIAL BOND ELECTION:

At the Council meeting last Friday afternoon, Village Council held a public hearing on the final adoption of the bond order and call for a special election on the Village's proposed "Coastal Storm Damage Reduction Project" (a.k.a. Jay Bird Shoals dredging project). The project, slated to get underway in late winter of 2018, will look to place approximately 1Mcy of sand beginning at the Terminal Groin and extending east along south beach. The project also includes the replacement of five (5) geotextile soft-filled tube groins that are damaged beyond repair.

In terms of project costs, it is estimated at \$15.5M which would require approval of the

\$6M bond referendum to add to the existing \$9.5M bond capacity carried over from approval of the 2014 bond referendum for shoreline management activities..., funding of which included the completion of several island shoreline protection related projects. This included the Terminal Groin, Marina jetty wall extension with spurs, and the Row Boat Row breakwaters projects.

After a presentation at Friday's afternoon regular Council meeting that included numerous historical visuals of shoreline conditions along south beach and the "Point" over the years (1989 – 2018), several slides from the Village's long time coastal engineer Erik Olsen were presented with information in support of recommendations for near-term sand requirements. This included a Sand Source Utilization Plan relative to the existing Wilmington Harbor Sand Management Plan (SMP). This graphic visual represents the schedule including timing and who (Caswell Beach & Oak Island or BHI) receives sand dredged from the navigation channel per the SMP. Given delays with the Army Corps of Engineers channel maintenance project for 2017 and now 2018 for dredged material to be placed on Caswell Beach & Oak Island, timing of the Village receiving the next channel maintenance sand relative to the SMP is likely not to occur until 2021 at minimum..., and given uncertainties with congressional funding it is not a given that channel maintenance will occur in 2021. For those who were not able to attend the Council meeting, [click here](#) to view the slide presentation and [click here](#) to view the project poster for additional details.

Following comments of Council on the importance of the project Council voted unanimously in approving several resolutions required as part of the bond referendum process in setting the date for the May 8th, 2018 election where BHI registered voters will vote to approve the proposed \$6M bond referendum.

If you have any questions related to the proposed project call or e-mail Assistant Village Manager & Shoreline Protection Manager Jeff Griffin at 910-457-9700 or jgriffin@villagebhi.org

Thanks,



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