

# Board of County Commissioners

## Agenda Request

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To: Honorable Chairman and Members of the Board

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Subject: Request Board Approval to Transfer Funds for Cost Associated to Permitting Modifications on Dock Elevations and Geo-Tech Sampling for each Piling Depth Associated to the Dock Elevation

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### **Statement of Issue:**

This agenda item requests Board approval to transfer funds for cost associated to permitting modifications on dock elevations and Geo-Tech sampling for each piling depth associated to the dock elevation.

### **Background:**

On January 20, 2009, the Board, at its regular meeting, approved the bid advertisement for the construction of Rock Landing Dock and Boat Ramp per engineered specifications.

On February 5, 2009, the Advertisement to Bid Number 2009-07 was placed in the local newspaper and ran for two consecutive weeks. Technical questions submitted by prospective bidders were received through close of business on February 17<sup>th</sup> and were answered by February 18<sup>th</sup>, as published in the Calendar of Events.

On February 19, 2009, a mandatory Pre-Bid Conference was held at the Rock Landing site which was attended by a large number of prospective vendors. The project engineer, Joe Hope, along with County staff were on site to answer prospective vendor questions. The bid and construction process was explained and a site walk-through was conducted.

Additionally, on February 27, 2009, sealed bids were opened and ranked and on March 2, 2009, the Florida Wildlife Commission (FWC) received and approved the winning bid and the Intend to Award (ITA) was posted on the County's website, after approval from the Board to award the bid was secured at the March 3, 2009 Board meeting. At the March 3, 2009 Board meeting, staff indicated that a more complete analysis of the total remaining project grant budget would be performed to determine the availability of sufficient funding to complete this project based on the bid prices received.

On April 7, 2009 at its regular meeting, the Board approved \$42,780 in gap funding to complete the Rock Landing Boating Facility and to transfer the amount of \$19,500 from County General Revenue and \$23,780 from the Parks and Recreation Reserve, One Cent Sales Tax to Fund and approve staff to request a 6-month time extension to the Rock Landing grant agreement to December 31, 2009.

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County staff and local citizenry's discussed many modifications to the dock height. The final determination was roughly 3 feet below the initially FDEP approved and permitted height. Deviations from the permitted height constitutes a potential violation and we could be subject to a fine by FDEP. Therefore, FDEP approved the permit application to modify the dock height for \$1,250.00

The additional cost of \$12,530.00 is for the Geo Tech sampling performed by Preble-Rish on each of the piling locations once the height elevation was finalized.

**Analysis:**

The additional gap funding is due to permitting on height elevation modifications for FDEP and for the geo tech work by Preble-Rish on the piling depth. The funding will be 50% from County General Reserve Fund and 50% from Parks and Recreation One Cent Sales Tax Reserve.

A Project status was determined by reaching certain bench marks, the first of which was to be functionally operational for the Rock the Dock Fishing Tournament on May 30<sup>th</sup>. According to the event organizer, Mr. Mark Mitchell, an area resident and member of the Panacea Waterfronts Committee, The Rock the Dock Fishing Tournament Committee was a major success with participation of 192 registered boaters. As a result, a percentage of the profits from this event will be committed to restoration of the Bay.

The Rock Landing Dock project is estimated to be substantially complete by August 3, 2009. Currently, the lower ramp portion has been completed and the first few pilings have been placed. All of the submerged land dredging has been completed, drained, soil tested and relocated. In addition, as of June 3, 2009 the pilings for the dock are being placed and preparations are being made for the initial parking lot design. The next steps to be completed are the pilings, building of the dock itself, completing upper portion of the boat ramp landing, constructing the boat slips, and installing the approved drainage culverts and catchwall. Subsequently, the final steps of the project are the parking lot and clean up.

**Options:**

1. Request Board Approval of payment in the amount of \$12,530 to Preble-Rish and the \$1,250 permitting modification filed by FDEP.
2. Do not approve the payment of \$12,530 to Preble-Rish and the \$1,250 permitting modification filed by FDEP.
3. Board direction.

**Recommendation:**

Option #1