

M E M O R A N D U M

To: Howard Tipton, Town Manager
From: Charles Mopps, Interim Public Works Director
Report date: January 9, 2024
Meeting date: January 21, 2024
Subject: Canal Navigation Maintenance Program Update

Background

Prior briefings

At the November 12, 2024, Regular Workshop, the project team provided an update regarding the Canal Navigation Maintenance Program to include the Project Costs and Estimated Fees by funding method.

Directly following the Regular Workshop, a special meeting was held, during which the first reading of the draft ordinance for the Town-wide ad valorem district was approved. The Second reading of the draft ordinance for the Town-wide ad valorem district and Resolution 2024-24, Electing to Use the Uniform Method of Collecting Non-Ad Valorem Special Assessments for Canal Navigation Maintenance Services and Improvements occurred during the December 2, 2024, Regular Meeting, during which both passed.

Town staff and the consultants, First Line Coastal (First Line), will provide an overall program update including:

- The economic impacts of boating
- Progress of varying program elements including:
 - Programmatic Tool
 - Seagrass Update
 - Assessment Dashboard development and the variable parameters
- Beneficial Use Dredge Material (BUDM) updates
 - Targeting ad valorem waterways first
 - Suitable material analysis process
- Public Outreach Development

Next Steps

The following is the staff's assessment of the next step actions for continued program development:

- Continue assessment program development
- Continue project design, including BUDM efforts
- Continue development and begin public outreach (March-April)
- Legal Requirements of Boundary Descriptions due to Counties by March 31

Staff Recommendation

For Information Only

Attachments

PowerPoint Presentation (Available in Town Clerk's Office)

End of Agenda Item