The Jekyll Island State Park Authority (JIA) met in a special called meeting in public session on Tuesday, June 30, 2020 in a digital meeting via conference call broadcast to the public via YouTube.

Members Present: Joseph B. Wilkinson, Jr., Chairman
Bob Krueger, Vice Chairman
Bill Gross, Secretary/Treasurer
Commissioner Mark Williams
Trip Tollison
Dr. Buster Evans
Glen Willard
Dale Atkinson

Members Absent: Joy Burch-Meeks

Key Staff Present: Jones Hooks, Executive Director
Marjorie Johnson, Chief Accounting Officer
Jenna Johnson, Human Resources Director
Michelle Webb, Executive Assistant

Various members of the public, JIA staff, and press listened live via broadcast on YouTube.

The meeting began at 9:35 a.m. Michelle Webb, Executive Assistant acted as moderator for the digital meeting and read the introduction for Board Members and public. The roll was called, and a quorum was established. Chairman Wilkinson called the meeting to order.

Chairman Wilkinson spoke briefly in memory of Johnny Paulk at the beginning of the meeting.

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1. Mr. Hooks began the discussion of the Fiscal Year 2021/2022 Proposed Budget. He stated the details of the budget had been discussed in length at the June 16, 2020 Board Meeting. Additionally, there had been no further public comments since the previous meeting. Therefore, Mr. Hooks stated if there was no objection, he would simply summarize the previously presented information and the documents in the packet for this meeting. There was no objection from the Board.

First, the proposed budget would meet the Governor’s requested 10-11% cut, although the JIA did not receive operational funding from the state. Next, Mr. Hooks related 43% of the staff had been furloughed due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, but stated the administration planned to have all furloughed staff back by the end of July. Also, the JIA was grateful to have a $300,000 financial cushion from a better than budget first half of the calendar year to offset the significant losses since March. Additionally, June had performed better than projected, so there was a hope that JIA could continue to utilize this cushion and not dip into the Authority’s financial reserves. Fee increases were not anticipated, except for a small 1.1% CPI increase for water management. There are no salary increases in the proposed budget. The annual Shrimp and Grits festival has been cancelled for the fall. Also, the Historic Resource and the Marketing Department have both reorganized.
Mr. Hooks also updated the Board the Georgia Association of Education Leaders, the first convention group set to come back to the Jekyll Island Convention Center since the beginning of the outbreak has decided not to attend after all due to COVID-19.

In summary, Mr. Hooks stated the proposed budget was for a total of $27,545,741 which would decrease the budget to approximately FY 2017 levels.

Mr. Gross moved to adopt the Fiscal Year 2021/2022 Budget as recommended by the Finance Committee. Mr. Krueger seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved by those present on the call.

   a. Ms. Jenna Johnson presented the Incentive Plans. She stated to the Board the JIA Incentive Plans are required by the State of Georgia Department of Administrative Services to be presented yearly with the Budget for approval, whether the incentive plans are utilized or not.

Mr. Kruger moved to approve the Incentive Plans as recommended by the Finance Committee. Dr. Evans seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved by those present on the call.

The motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Krueger and was seconded by Mr. Willard. There was no objection. The meeting adjourned at 9:51 a.m.