

RESOLUTION NO. 24-_____

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF PINELLAS COUNTY, FLORIDA, APPROVING A FUNDING REQUEST TO THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION FOR \$1,614,517.75 FOR COUNTY BEACH NOURISHMENT OF PASS-A-GRILLE IN SUMMER 2024.

WHEREAS, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (the “Corps”), Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP), and Pinellas County (the “County”) have historically cost-shared in the Federal Pinellas County Shore Protection Project, which consists of three segments intermittently nourished by the Corps: Sand Key, Treasure Island, and Long Key;

WHEREAS, the Long Key Segment consists of two parts: Upham and Pass-a-Grille;

WHEREAS, Pass-a-Grille is nourished approximately every ten years; it was first nourished in 1985, last nourished in 2014, and was scheduled for nourishment (by the Corps) in 2024;

WHEREAS, in addition to performing nourishments of Pass-a-Grille, the Corps has traditionally cost-shared ~65% of each Pass-a-Grille nourishment, with the State and County splitting the ~35% remainder;

WHEREAS, due to the ongoing dispute between the Corps and the County regarding perpetual storm damage reduction easements, the Corps is currently refusing to perform or cost-share any segment of the Federal Pinellas County Shore Protection Project, including Pass-a-Grille;

WHEREAS, the County has accordingly decided to nourish Pass-a-Grille on its own, with construction scheduled for Summer 2024 (the “2024 Pass-a-Grille Project”);

WHEREAS, notwithstanding the Corps’ lack of participation, FDEP graciously remains willing to split the County’s costs for the 2024 Pass-a-Grille Project;

WHEREAS, the County’s costs for the 2024 Pass-a-Grille Project are projected to be ~\$5M; consequently, FDEP has tentatively agreed to reimburse the County ~\$2.5M;

WHEREAS, FDEP has already awarded the County \$940,500.00 of this ~\$2.5M amount via FDEP Grant 21PI1, leaving the remaining FDEP share at \$1,614,517.75 (and the total County share at \$2,509,475);

WHEREAS, to access this \$1,614,517.75, the County must submit the attached Local Government Funding Request for the FDEP FY 2025-2026 Beach Management Funding Assistance Program;

WHEREAS, together with this attachment, FDEP requires that the County provide a resolution adopted by the Board of County Commissioners that: a) declares the Board’s support for the 2024 Pass-a-

Grille Project; b) declares the Board’s willingness to serve as the local sponsor for the 2024 Pass-a-Grille Project; c) declares the Board’s ability to provide the full local cost share for the 2024 Pass-a-Grille Project; and d) identifies the Board’s source of funding for the 2024 Pass-a-Grille Project;

WHEREAS, the Board supports the 2024 Pass-a-Grille Project;

WHEREAS, the Board is willing to serve as the local sponsor for the 2024 Pass-a-Grille Project (indeed, the County isn’t just funding the 2024 Pass-a-Grille Project, but performing it as well); and

WHEREAS, the Board annually collects and allocates approximately \$9M in Tourist Development Tax funds for beach nourishment projects, at least \$2,509,475 of which is available to fund the 2024 Pass-a-Grille Project.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF PINELLAS COUNTY, FLORIDA THAT:

Section 1. The recitals above are incorporated herein.

Section 2. The attached FDEP FY 2025-2026 Local Government Funding Request for \$1,614,517.75 for the 2024 Pass-a-Grille Nourishment Project is approved.

Section 3. The County Administrator or his designee is authorized to electronically submit said attachment and any other documentation required by FDEP to secure FDEP funding for the 2024 Pass-a-Grille Nourishment Project.

Section 4. This Resolution is effective upon its adoption.

In a regular meeting duly assembled on the _____ day of _____, 2024, Commissioner _____ offered the foregoing Resolution and moved its adoption, which was seconded by Commissioner _____, and upon roll call the vote was:

AYES:

NAYS:

ABSENT AND NOT VOTING:

APPROVED AS TO FORM
By: Brendan Mackesey
Office of the County Attorney