

## **Lock Widening Project update from the City Manager 05/18/2024**

*Question: I have been trying to get an update on the lock widening project between Alligator Creek and BSI. I have contacted Public Works a few times with no response. The project is way behind. Can you update us?*

Answer: The City Manager provided the response to this question: FEMA and the Ian seawall replacement has just consumed staff resources for the last year and a half that this one hasn't been completed with all the necessary activity in the canal system. The number one priority has been to get the seawalls repaired and supply FEMA with the requested info to acquire funding, which still has not been obligated. For the lock widening project, adjustments to bid language were started by Cathy Miller and BSI Canal Advisory Board Chairman Rick Daugherty is engineer qualified and volunteered his time to provide us with comments on this also. The BSI advisory board is helping to get the contract proposal back on the streets for bidding. The hope is to have a package back to procurement within the next 30 days so that they can work on getting this again. I think a reasonable estimate of start date would be by October because the BSI seawall repairs should be near completion by then.

Source: Mayor Lynne Matthews 05/18/2024 weekly email