

# COMMUNITY & ENVIRONMENT DEPARTMENT COMMUNITY & ENVIRONMENT DEPARTMENT

Escambia County Central Office Complex 3363 West Park Place Pensacola, FL 32505

## **Marine Advisory Committee**

# **APPROVED**

## **RESUME OF MEETING MINUTES**

June 10, 2013, 5:30 p.m.

#### **Members Present:**

Cathy Watson
Sidney Clopton
Merrick Van Landingham
Eilene Beard

District 1/Commissioner Wilson Robertson
District 2/Commissioner Gene Valentino
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David Dodson Chair District 4/Commissioner Robinson IV

Dave Mucci District 4/Commissioner Grover Robinson, IV

Gabe Jackson District 5/Commissioner Steven Barry

Ed Fish County Interim Administrator George Touart

**Staff Present** 

Rick O'Connor Sea Grant Agent for Escambia County

**Absent Excused** 

Earle Rader

Walt Woodfin

Robert Turpin

District 1/Commissioner Robertson

District 5/Commissioner Steven Barry

CED/ Marine Resources Division Manager

Absent Unexcused

Lynn Laird District 3/Commissioner Lumon May

**Visitors Present** 

Keith Johnson Wetland Sciences, Inc. Andy Ross Niuhi Dive Charters

Bruce Bell Resident
Nic Bell Resident

- 1. Meeting called to order at 5:30 pm.
- 2. Attendance- Quorum Present
- 3. Minutes- Approval, Correction to Item 16 "Bayou Chico" Motion to approve the May minutes made by Dave Mucci, Second made by Sidney Clopton, Vote all in favor, none opposed.
- 4. Casino Artificial Reef Site Permit: No Change from May MRD awaiting Army Corps permit.
- 5. Bay Snorkeling Reef 'Ballast Rock". No Change from May MRD monitoring dive planned for later in June 2013.
- 6. Perdido Gulf Snorkeling Reef: No Change from May Escambia County Purchasing soliciting bids to construct reef at original site.
- 7. Escambia County Southeast Artificial Reef Site: No Change from May Applications submitted; awaiting Army Corps of Engineers permit.
- 8. Mahogany Mill Public Boat Ramp Construction: No Change from May Construction underway.
- 9. Perdido River Public Boat Ramp Design/Engineering/Permitting: No Change from May Firm selected for Design, Engineering & Permitting. FDEP developing Scope of Work & negotiating contract. MAC meetings will be primary means for public input.
- 10. Hurst Hammock Paddlecraft Access Launch Design & Permitting: No Change from May ACOE permitting underway.
- 11. Juanita Williams Paddlecraft Access Launch: No Change from May Building permit has been issued.
- 12. 10836 Lillian Highway Analysis/Due Diligence: BCC approved contract at 16 May 2013 meeting.
- 13. Natural Resources Damage Assessment Oil spill Restoration & Recovery: No Change from May Florida has issued public notice for Phase 2 Projects for Public Comment.
- 14. Bayou Chico Navigation Hazard: No Change from May No response to second MRD inquiry.
- 15. Proposal from owner of M/V Titanic for artificial reef: David Dodson requested reviewing the information on proposed vessel reefing's, Titanic and/or an un-named submarine, for the July meeting. Merrick Van Landingham will bring in more information for consideration of a motion at the July meeting.
  - The Titanic has new furniture and equipment on board that are still wrapped in plastic. It was noted that the name "Titanic" will be a draw for divers.
- 16. Proposal of ex-military submarine for artificial reef: See Item 15 Comments

- 17. Old Business: Sydney Clopton Picnic tables and debris in Lakewood Park are still in disrepair and has not been cleaned up.
- 18. New Business: None
- 19. Motion to adjourn made by Dave Mucci, Second made by Jeff Clopton, Vote all in favor, none opposed. Meeting adjourned at 6:10 pm.