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

Marine Advisory Committee

APPROVED
RESUME OF MEETING MINUTES
August 12, 2013, 5:30 p.m.

Members Present:

Earle Rader		District 1/Commissioner Robertson
Cathy Watson		District 1/Commissioner Wilson Robertson
Sidney Clopton		District 2/Commissioner Gene Valentino
Merrick Van Landingham	Vice Chair	District 2/Commissioner Gene Valentino
Eilene Beard		District 3/Commissioner Lumon May
Lynn Laird		District 3/Commissioner Lumon May
Dave Mucci		District 4/Commissioner Grover Robinson, IV
Walt Woodfin	Secretary	District 5/Commissioner Steven Barry
Gabe Jackson		District 5/Commissioner Steven Barry
Ed Fish		County Interim Administrator George Touart

Staff Present

Robert Turpin		CED/ Marine Resources Division Manager
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Absent Excused

David Dodson	Chair	District 4/Commissioner Robinson IV
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Absent Unexcused

Visitors Present

Keith Johnson		Wetland Sciences, Inc.
William Myrick		Resident and Former EMAC Member

1. **Call to Order:** Meeting called to order at 5:31pm
2. **Attendance:** Quorum Present
3. **Minutes- Approval:** Dave Mucci made the motion to approve the July minutes, Lynn Laird seconded the motion. All were in favor, no one opposed.
4. **Casino Artificial Reef Site Permit:** MRD awaiting Army Corps permit.
5. **Bay Snorkeling Reef 'Ballast Rock':** MRD monitoring dive conducted July 2013. Searching for anchor.
6. **Perdido Gulf Snorkeling Reef Solicitation & Construction:** Escambia County Purchasing issued Purchase Order to Walter Marine for construction; contractor building modules.
7. **Escambia County Southeast Artificial Reef Site:** Applications submitted; awaiting Army Corps of Engineers permit.
8. **Mahogany Mill Public Boat Ramp Construction:** Construction underway; pouring concrete ramp.
9. **Perdido River Public Boat Ramp Design/Engineering/Permitting:** Firm selected for Design, Engineering & Permitting. FDEP developing Scope of Work & negotiating contract. Expected contract to be issued in near future.
10. **Hurst Hammock Paddlecraft Access Launch Design & Permitting:** ACOE permit received; searching for funding.
11. **Juanita Williams Paddlecraft Access Launch:** Construction completed. Item to be removed from the agenda.
12. **10836 Lillian Highway Analysis/Due Diligence:** BCC Recommendation re-approved contract at 8 Aug 2013 meeting. Closing date in Aug 2013.
13. **Natural Resources Damage Assessment - Oil spill Restoration & Recovery:**
Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement to be developed for remaining projects. MRD & Escambia County requested expediting of projects that had existing Findings of No Significant Impacts (e.g., Escambia County Artificial Reefs).
14. **Bayou Chico Navigation Hazard:** No response to second MRD inquiry. MRD will make another effort to contact USCG concerning issue.
15. **Proposal from owner of M/V Titanic for artificial reef:** (Presented to MAC at May 2013 meeting) Emailed additional information to MAC for consideration & input. It was been communicated to the MRD and MAC, that the seller is motivated to sell. Dave Mucci made a motion for the MRD to proceed with due diligence to acquire the Titanic for reefing. Earl Rader seconded the motion. All were in favor, with the exception of Lynn Laird who was opposed.

- 16. Proposal of ex-military submarine for artificial reef:** (Presented to MAC at May 2013 meeting) Emailed additional information to MAC for consideration & input. The offer has no set timeline to be accepted.
- 17. Request for Vessel Restriction Area in Big Lagoon:** Forwarded FWC email to MAC regarding request for vessel restriction in Big Lagoon. No additional MRD action. The request is outside the scope of the MAC. Item to be removed from agenda.
- 18. Escambia River derelict vessels & associated debris:** Notice to proceed issued for work to begin as of 8 July 2013, to be completed within 180 days of work. Work has not begun, as weather and water levels have caused unsafe conditions.
- 19. Patti Memorial Reef:** 175' x 40' x16' reef to be deployed in Nearshore East Reef Site approx. 200 feet south of Mayor Lane Gilchrist reef. The reef has been deployed, receiving both local and national media coverage.
- 20. Old Business:** None
- 21. New Business:** Gabe Jackson presented photos of overstock culverts and other suitable reef material in storage at Ellison Field. These materials are available to the county free of charge, if opportunity for use presents itself. The transportation of the materials must be provided by the county if acquired for reefing purposes. The information was presented as a notification of availability and no act was required.
- 22. Adjourn:** Earl Rader made the motion to adjourn. Gabe Jackson seconded the motion. All were in favor. None opposed. The meeting was adjourned at 6:40pm.