

## RESUME OF MINUTES

Escambia County Restore Act Advisory Committee Meeting  
November 4, 2013 – 4:00 p.m.  
Ernie Lee Magaha Government Building  
BCC Meeting Room, First Floor  
221 Palafox Place  
Pensacola, FL 32502

### Members Present:

Bentina Terry, Chairperson	City of Pensacola
Alan McMillan, Vice-Chair	District 1/Commissioner Wilson B. Robertson
Donnie McMahan	District 2/Commissioner Gene M. Valentino
Al Coby	District 3/Commissioner Lumon J. May
Tammy Bohannon	District 4/Commissioner Grover C. Robinson, IV
Gregg Beck	District 5/Commissioner Steven L. Barry
Christian Wagley	Environmental Advocacy Group
Harlan Butler	At-large Citizen

### Members Absent:

Michelle Inere	At-large Citizen
----------------	------------------

### County Staff in Attendance:

Keith Wilkins, Director, Community & Environment Department  
Taylor "Chips" Kirschenfeld, Senior Scientist, Water Quality & Land Management Division  
Ryan Ross, Assistant County Attorney  
Pat Chunn, Directors Aide, Community & Environment Department  
Victoria D'Angelo, Student Assistant, Community & Environment Department  
Bill Pearson, Public Information Officer, Public Information Office (PIO)

1. November 4, 2013 meeting called to order at 4:03 p.m.
2. The meeting was advertised in the Pensacola News Journal on October 26, 2013 and November 2, 2013.
3. Attendance – See above.
4. Approval of Minutes

**Motion was made by Harlan Butler to approve the October 21, 2013 minutes. Donnie McMahan seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

5. Update on Special Meeting on U.S. Treasury Rules- October 25, 2013

Keith Wilkins presented a summary of the Gulf Consortium meeting which was held to discuss the proposed U.S. Treasury Rule on October 25, 2013 in Tallahassee, Florida. Mr. Wilkins said the Gulf Consortium is sending a 17-page letter to Treasury. In summary, the Gulf Consortium believes (1) It is critical for funds to be distributed as quickly as possible, and (2) It is equally critical to ensure the rule strikes a balance between adhering to the Act, which streamlining the process to access funds. He said Escambia County will submit its comments to Treasury in a document separate from the Gulf Consortium's comments.

Alan McMillan stated that he felt comfortable that the comments submitted to Treasury from the Gulf Consortium and Escambia County would be sufficient to cover the committee's concerns regarding the proposed rule. He expressed his desire to formally endorse Escambia County's comments to Treasury but stated that he believed that this would not be possible since the comments were due to the Treasury on November 5.

6. Scope of Service for Escambia County Multiyear Implementation Plan (MYIP)

Keith Wilkins briefed the committee on the status of the other affected Florida counties included in the RESTORE process. He said the Gulf Consortium "Scope of Service" was the only one found on the website. He explained, however, that several counties have begun their project selection processes, and at least two (2) have selected projects to be funded under the RESTORE Act. Mr. Wilkins provided the committee with a timeline regarding the Request for Proposal (RFP) process to select a consultant to draft the MYIP. He informed the committee that he anticipated the Scope of Service will be drafted during December 2013 and January 2014. He explained that negotiations of contracts are estimated to take four (4) to six (6) months which would allow a contractor to be on sometime between April and June 2014.

Chairwoman Bentina Terry informed the committee that they must give a recommendation to the Escambia County Board of County Commissioners (BCC) regarding a formal RFP process to select a consultant to draft the MYIP. She asked Dr. Christopher "Rod" Lewis, Director of the Haas Center at the University of West Florida to comment regarding the Haas Center's desire to participate in the drafting process. Dr. Lewis stated that Haas Center would certainly look forward to working with the committee if selected. Tammy Bohannon said the committee must be transparent and should go through the RFP process. The committee agreed.

A brief public comment period was taken to address the Committee's recommendation. One speaker commented..

Gloria Horning, Ph.D., 33 W. Moreno St., Pensacola, FL supported the Committee's decision to proceed with the RFP process.

**Motion was made by Christian Wagley to approve the Committee's recommendation to the Escambia County BCC to proceed with the RFP process to select a consultant to draft the Multiyear Implementation Plan. Tammy Bohannon seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

7. Discussion on Local Criteria Initiative

Keith Wilkins reminded the Committee that their resolution states that, "...the RESTORE Act Advisory Committee will develop the criteria by which projects will be evaluated and ranked" to submit to the BCC for approval. He suggested that in order to begin this process that Escambia County staff would compile and summarize the information which has been presented before the committee since meetings began. The Committee agreed. Mr. Wilkins stated that this information would be presented at an upcoming meeting.

8. Presentation - *Workforce Development - RESTORE*

The Greater Pensacola Chamber speakers were Jennifer Allen McFarren, Director, Workforce Development and Scott Luth, Senior Vice President, Economic Development. Other speakers included Susan Nelms, Executive Director, Workforce Escarosa and Christopher "Rod" Lewis, Ph.D., Director, Haas Center at the University of West Florida. The team presented the committee with data and analyses of economic development issues related to workforce development. They also offered the committee suggestions on criteria for project selection.

9. Old Business – Tentative Schedule

Keith Wilkins said that Sherri Myers, Advocate and Outreach Coordinator for the Center for Independent Living Disability Resource Center (CIL) and Frank Cherry, Executive Director for the CIL will give a presentation to the committee at the November 18 meeting. They will discuss handicap accessibility and disability rights laws.

Mr. Wilkins reminded the committee that no meetings would be scheduled for December and that meetings would resume on Monday, January 6, 2013. He announced that beginning January 6, 2013 RESTORE meetings will be held on the first Monday of each month instead of twice a month.

Mr. Wilkins explained that future presentations would be presented by Restore Escambia on January 6, 2014, a group of volunteers who have worked to compile criteria for project selection under RESTORE. On February 3, 2013, Terry Joseph, Executive Director of the West Florida Regional Planning Council will be invited to give a presentation discussing matching grant opportunities under the federal economic development programs and the Brownfields Redevelopment Program.

10. New Business – None

11. Public Comment (limit 3 minutes)

Sherri Myers, 526 Parker Dr., Pensacola, FL  
Douglas Brown, 1380 Palafox St., Pensacola, FL  
Jessica Koelsch, National Wildlife Federation  
Tony McCray, 1402 E. Leonard St., Pensacola, FL  
Beverly Perry, 622 W. Belmont St., Pensacola, FL

12. Meeting adjourned at 5:34 p.m.