

RESUME OF MINUTES

Escambia County Restore Act Advisory Committee Meeting
November 18, 2013 – 4:00 p.m.
Ernie Lee Magaha Government Building
BCC Meeting Room, First Floor
221 Palafox Place
Pensacola, FL 32502

Members Present:

Alan McMillan, Vice-Chair	District 1/Commissioner Wilson B. Robertson
Donnie McMahon	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
Michelle Inere	At-large Citizen

Members Absent:

Bentina Terry, Chairperson	City of Pensacola
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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 18, 2013 meeting called to order at 4:05 p.m.
2. The meeting was advertised in the Pensacola News Journal on November 9, 2013 and November 16, 2013.
3. Attendance – See above.
4. Approval of Minutes

Motion was made by Donnie McMahon to approve the November 4, 2013 minutes. Christian Wagley seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Staff Report on Escambia County Criteria and Florida Counties RESTORE Process Update

Keith Wilkins informed the Committee that he expected to engage in a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the City of Pensacola regarding RESTORE activities, as per their meeting on November 18, 2013. Mr. Wilkins also provided the Committee with an update on the National Fish and Wildlife Federation (NFWF) first disbursement for restoration projects in the State of Florida. He explained that \$15.7M of \$356M was released, funding six (6) projects which address preservation, conservation and remediation issues in Florida.

Mr. Wilkins asked the Committee to review the public input they have received since meetings began and to assess them in terms of criteria and solutions to identified problems.

Mr. Wilkins reminded the Committee that they had received a document written by the National Wildlife Foundation (NWF) which contained status information on Florida Counties in their RESTORE processes. He noted that the document is not up-to-date and should be considered a draft.

Vice-Chair Alan McMillan suggested to Mr. Wilkins that County staff communicate with the Santa Rosa RESTORE Committee regarding their RESTORE processes taking into consideration that the Santa Rosa County and Escambia County share the same watershed. Mr. Wilkins expressed his support for Mr. McMillan's suggestion.

Mr. Wilkins reminded the committee that following the holiday break, meetings would resume following the one (1) meeting per month and one (1) speaker per meeting rules. He told the committee that he anticipates them to begin drafting criteria and soliciting a contractor in February of 2014.

6. Presentation- *Access RESTORE: People with Disabilities*

The Center for Independent Living (CIL) Disability Resource Center speakers were Sherri Myers, Advocacy Outreach Coordinator and Frank Cherry, Executive Director. The presentation given by the CIL represented the collective input of Warren Jernigan, Chair of the Disability Summit Council, the Agency for Persons with Disabilities, Northwest Region, ARC Gateway, the Community Action Program, Inc., the Council on Aging of West Florida, Independence of the Blind, and United Cerebral Palsy of Northwest Florida. The representatives presented the committee with examples of project designs which allow access for disabled persons to local attractions. Additionally, Ms. Myers explained how state and federal laws will apply to RESTORE funds, including the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), the Florida Americans with Disabilities Accessibility Implementation Act and the Florida Building Code, Chapter 11. Mr. Cherry and Ms. Myers offered the committee recommendations on criteria for project selection.

7. Old Business- *Postponed until the next meeting on January 6, 2014 due to time constraints.*

a. Consultant Selection Process Update

b. Mission/Vision/Goals/Objectives

8. New Business- None.

9. Public Comment (limit 3 minutes)

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John Jerrals, 101 Escalona, Ave., Pensacola, FL
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10. Meeting adjourned at 6:03 p.m.

