

RESUME OF MINUTES

Escambia County Restore Advisory Committee Meeting
February 3, 2014 – 4:00 pm
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
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:

Donnie McMahon	District 2/Commissioner Gene M. Valentino
Al Coby	District 3/Commissioner Lumon J. May

County Staff in Attendance:

Taylor “Chips” Kirschenfeld, Senior Scientist, Water Quality & Land Management Division
Felicia Knight-Marlow, Directors Aide, Community & Environment Department
Victoria D’Angelo, Student Assistant, Community & Environment Department
Ryan Ross, Assistant County Attorney
Bill Pearson, Public Information Officer, Public Information Office (PIO)

1. February 3, 2014 meeting called to order at 4:01 pm.
2. The meeting was advertised in the Pensacola News Journal on January 25, 2014 and February 1, 2014.
3. Attendance – See above.

Vice-Chair Alan McMillian announced to the audience that the meeting would adjourn by 5:45 pm.

McMillian invited Chips Kirschenfeld to brief the Committee on the discussion topic of the Natural Resource Damage Assessment (NRDA) Trustees Meeting which was scheduled to be held at the Pensacola Bay Civic Center that evening, February 3, 2014 at 6:00 pm. Kirschenfeld explained that the NRDA Trustees would hold a public comment meeting on the Phase III proposed projects. Projects discussed would include a living shoreline project along the shores of Pensacola Bay, and a fish hatchery proposed to be located in the Bruce Beach area of Downtown Pensacola.

4. Approval of Minutes

Motion was made by Christian Wagley to approve the January 6, 2014 minutes. Harlan Butler seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Presentation- *West Florida Regional Planning Council by Terry Joseph, Executive Director and Mike Reistad, Regional Planner*

Guest speakers, Terry Joseph and Mike Reistad discussed the services provided by the West Florida Regional Planning Council. During the presentation, Joseph introduced matching grant opportunities which may be available to leverage RESTORE Act funds and

explained how a regional approach may be an advantageous and viable planning option related to both environmental and economic projects.

6. Update on Request for Proposals (RFP)

Chips Kirschenfeld notified the RESTORE Advisory Committee that the RFP to hire a RESTORE Consultant, Solicitation Identification Number PD 13-14.-11, which was released on January 6, 2014 had been cancelled.

Assistant County Attorney, Ryan Ross, explained to the Committee that the RFP had been cancelled based on recommendations by the Escambia County Attorneys Office and the Purchasing Department due to the need for substantial changes to the original document.

Kirschenfeld explained that the solicitation would be revised and re-solicited at a later date. As per the RESTORE Advisory Committee's request, Escambia County Staff agreed to release a draft copy of the solicitation to the Committee members for their review and provide a 48-hour comment period prior to the release of the document.

7. Old Business

Introduction to Mission Statement Development facilitated by Rod Powell, SPHR, Quality Performance Consultant (QPC)

Rod Powell introduced himself to the RESTORE Advisory Committee as the facilitator for mission statement development. Powell gave the Committee a presentation which explained the purpose and elements of a mission statement. Powell requested that the Committee provide comments on the mission statement by February 17, 2014 for discussion at the following meeting scheduled for March 3, 2014.

8. New Business

a. Future Meetings

Chairwoman Terry announced that informational Public Workshops were tentatively scheduled to be held (at minimum) within each of the five (5) Commissioner's Districts between April and May 2014.

Terry also informed the Committee that she would present an update on the RESTORE Advisory Committee's activities at the Escambia County Committee of the Whole Meeting on February 13, 2014 at 9:00 am CST.

The Committee agreed that Escambia County Staff would present to the Committee a presentation compiling the suggested criteria presented to the Committee by local and regional organizations at a future meeting.

b. Update by Bill Williams, Consultant, SCG Governmental Affairs

Bill Williams emphasized the importance of awareness of all the RESTORE Act components. Williams notified the Committee that the NRDA Trustees' Phase III Proposed Projects include the Perdido Key Dune Restoration, Perdido Key State and Boardwalk Improvements, Florida Gulf Coast Marine Fish Hatchery, Bob Sikes Parking and Trail Restoration, and Big Lagoon State Park Boat Ramp Improvement. He explained that awareness of these projects is important to the Committee's process because they impact the environmental landscape and the economic linkage. Williams stated, "The

main thing that the RESTORE Act allows us to do is that we can match those (Direct Component) dollars. We do want to look at these dollars that come from NRDA and we want to leverage those, our NFWF dollars with our RESTORE dollars, so that we can make one dollar become three.”

9. Public Comment (limit 3 minutes)

Sherri Myers, 526 Parker Dr., Pensacola, FL

Tony R. McCray, Jr., 1402 E. Leonard St., Pensacola, FL

. Meeting adjourned at 5:32 pm.

Presentation(s) and documents presented at the RESTORE Act Advisory Committee meeting on February 3, 2014 can be found at the following web address: <http://myescambia.com/restore/docs>.