

RESUME OF MINUTES

District 3 Public Workshop on the RESTORE Act
May 27, 2014 – 6:00 pm
Charity Chapel
5820 Montgomery Avenue
Pensacola, FL 32526

Presenters:

Wilson B. Robertson
Bentina Terry

Commissioner, Escambia County, FL, District 1
Chairperson, RESTORE Advisory Committee

RESTORE Advisory Committee Members Present:

Alan McMillan
Michelle Inere

Vice-Chair & Commissioner Appointed Member, District 1
At-Large Member

County Staff in Attendance:

Keith Wilkins, Director, Community and Environment Department
Felicia Knight-Marlow, Directors Aide, Community & Environment Department
Victoria D'Angelo, RESTORE Act Coordinator, Community & Environment Department

1. May 27, 2014 meeting called to order at 6:00 pm.
2. The meeting was advertised in the Pensacola News Journal on May 17, 2014 and May 24, 2014.
3. Attendance – See above.
4. Introductions

Commissioner Wilson B. Robertson introduced himself as Escambia County Commissioner for District 1 and invited the RESTORE Advisory Committee (Committee) members to introduce themselves. Introductions were provided by Bentina Terry, Alan McMillan and, Michelle Inere.

5. The RESTORE Act: Structure and Process

Chairwoman Terry reviewed which funds benefit from civil and criminal court cases and civil lawsuits which have been filed as a result of the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill.

Chairwoman Terry explained that funds under the RESTORE Act would be divided into five (5) components or “pots of money.” She stated that the Committee advises the Board of County Commissioners on funds within the local pot which will receive thirty-five (35) percent of the Gulf Coast Restoration Trust Fund under the RESTORE Act. She explained that these funds will be made available to the five impacted states which include Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana and Texas.

Chairwoman Terry stated that the Florida allocation will be further divided into seventy-five (75) percent for disproportionately impacted counties and twenty-five (25) percent for non-disproportionately impacted counties. She explained that the disproportionately impacted counties will receive a percentage of funds based on their degree of impact from the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill. Based on this distribution, Escambia County will receive 25.334% of the disproportionately impacted counties allocation.

6. Status of Current Litigation

Chairwoman Terry announced current and past litigation related to the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill. She covered criminal and civil litigation between the federal government, and individual and securities claims against BP, Transocean, and MOEX, as well as, individual and securities claims, and litigation in the state of Florida.

7. Next Steps

Chairwoman Terry announced that Escambia County is in the process of hiring a consultant to develop project selection criteria and the MYIP. The Committee will rank proposed projects and recommend a final ranked project list and MYIP to the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) for review and approval. Once approved, the MYIP will be submitted to the United States Department of Treasury (Treasury) for approval. Treasury will be responsible for administering funds to Escambia County as a grant program.

8. Public Comment (limit 3 minutes)

Public Comment was taken. The speakers were:

Mary Gutierrez, 3393 Two Sisters Way

Jessica Koelsch, N/A

Cheryl Galavitz, 4660A Peacock Dr.

Michael Allen, 2911 E. Jackson St.

10. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 6:55 pm.

*Presentation(s) and documents presented at the District 31 Public Workshop on the RESTORE Act meeting on May 1927, 2014 can be found at the following web address:
<http://myescambia.com/restore/docs>.*