

RESUME OF MINUTES

Escambia County Restore Advisory Committee Meeting
August 4, 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
Al Coby	District 3/Commissioner Lumon J. May
Christian Wagley	Environmental Advocacy Group
Gregg Beck	District 5/Commissioner Steven L. Barry

Members Absent:

Donnie McMahon	District 2/Commissioner Gene M. Valentino
Tammy Bohannon	District 4/Commissioner Grover C. Robinson, IV
Michelle Inere	At-large Citizen
Harlan Butler	At-large Citizen

County Staff in Attendance:

Keith Wilkins, Director, Community & Environment Department
Taylor “Chips” Kirschenfeld, Division Manager, Water Quality & Land Management
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. August 4, 2014 meeting called to order at 4:08 pm.
2. The meeting was advertised in the Pensacola News Journal on July 26, 2014 and August 2, 2014.
3. Attendance – See above.
4. Approval of Minutes

Motion was made by Christian Wagley to approve the May 5, 2014 minutes. Alan McMillan seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Presentations- *Consulting Services for RESTORE Act of 2012, Multi Year Plan* presented by Bryon Griffith, Vice President, and RESTORE Act and Federal Programs Expert, Dewberry Consulting Firm

Bryon Griffith presented to the Committee a presentation on the expertise of the Dewberry, University of West Florida (UWF), Haas Center and A-C-T consulting partnership, and proposals for the RESTORE Act Multi Year Implementation Plan (MYIP) process. Mr. Griffith explained the unique capacity of the consulting partnership, with the Dewberry staff providing a combination of environmental, economic and planning expertise, the UWF Haas Center providing expertise in local economics, and A-C-T expertise in engineering, infrastructure and public outreach.

The presentation contained an example domain-based planning framework and strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats (SWOT) analysis. The SWOT analysis identified watershed management, loss of habitat, sea level rise, air quality, Superfund sites, Interstate agency collaboration, and public awareness and support as key environmental resources, and economic development, workforce development and workforce readiness as key economic resources. Mr. Griffith ascertained that Dewberry's measure of success includes the community's ownership of the RESTORE Act MYIP process, and SWOT metrics, and anticipates that this will be accomplished through "unity, compromise and a forward-looking approach."

Mr. Griffith proposed a project prioritization tool based on his twenty-five years of experience leading the Federal Environmental Natural Resource and Infrastructure Agency Program Integration in the Gulf's Coastal Zone. He announced that federal match of RESTORE funds will likely be permitted based on the RESTORE Act's definition of these funds as "non-federally appropriated" or "colorless money".

As a result, Mr. Griffith proposed the following template for project selection and implementation: he proposed that RESTORE Act Advisory Committee would act as a sensitivity and calibration control for consideration of challenges in Escambia County and that projects would be selected based on their ability to solve those challenges. Selected projects would then be implemented through financial leveraging of federal, state, non-profit and business programs, including but not limited to, RESTORE funds. Mr. Griffith concluded the presentation with a timeline and project step proposals.

Mr. Wilkins welcomed the Dewberry staff including Bryon Griffith, Vice President and RESTORE Expert, Caroline Whitehead, Co-Project Manager, and Mike Hanson, Local Co-Project Manager. He also noted Mr. Griffith's experience working as the Director for the presidentially-appointed, Gulf Coast Restoration Task Force, and with the Environmental Protection Agency and the Gulf of Mexico Program, and Caroline Whitehead's experience in the same capacity.

6. Old Business

a. Update on Amendments to Resolution R2013-5¹

Chairwoman Terry stated that based on a request from a County Commissioner, she would attend the August 14, 2014 Committee of the Whole meeting to discuss the Committee's proposed amendments to Resolution R2012-150.

7. New Business

a. Tentative Meeting Schedule

Keith Wilkins announced to the Committee that regular meetings are scheduled to be held on September 8, October 6 and November 3.

Chairperson Terry suggested that the Committee's next meeting be held in a workshop setting. The Committee agreed to hold the meeting in an alternate location. Suggestions included the location of the Committee's initial meetings which were held in the Escambia County Central Office Complex (COC) located at 3363 West Park Place in Pensacola. Chairperson Terry announced that she would discuss the location of the workshop further

¹ Correction: Agenda item 6(a) should read, "Update on Amendments to Resolution R2012-150".

with Mr. Wilkins. She stated that the meeting schedule for October and November would remain the same unless determined otherwise at the September 8 Committee Workshop.

Mr. Wilkins requested that the Committee determine their preference for scheduling presentations for Doug Brown, Community Action Program (CAP) and Jennifer McFarren, Greater Pensacola Chamber. Alternatively, Mr. Wilkins stated, Dewberry staff would meet with these individuals to collect their input.

Vice-Chair McMillan requested that Commissioner Grover C. Robinson, IV and Bill Williams present updates to the Committee at future meetings. Chairwoman Terry announced that Mr. Williams would be providing an update at a later time during the meeting.

b. Update by Bill Williams

- a. Mr. Williams announced that the Gulf Consortium would hold a local meeting on Thursday, August 7, 2014 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon CST at the Hilton on Pensacola Beach. He also stated that the Fish and Wildlife Service would be conducting a follow-up on the Pensacola Bay and Mobile Bay watershed plans.

Mr. Wilkins requested that the Committee designate a representative to attend a meeting and lunch with Senator Nelson. He stated that the meeting would be held on Wednesday, August 6, 2014 from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. at Pensacola State College in Building 7, and lunch at 11:45 a.m. at the Fish House. Vice-Chair McMillan volunteered to represent the Committee.

Mr. McMillan requested that upcoming meetings pertaining to RESTORE Advisory Committee activities be sent prior to the meetings, if possible. Mr. Wilkins agreed.

Chairwoman Terry invited City Councilwoman, Sherri Myers to speak to the Committee. Ms. Meyers stated her support for the Committee's efforts and the selection of the Dewberry Consulting Firm.

8. Public Comment (limit 3 minutes)

Public comment was accepted. The speakers were:

Frank Cherry, 412 Mayberry Street, Pensacola
Tony R. McCray, Jr., 1402 E. Loenard Street, Pensacola
Michael Allen, 2911 E. Jackson Street, Pensacola

9. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 5:45 pm.

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