

## RESUME OF MINUTES

Escambia County Restore Advisory Committee Workshop  
October 6, 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
Donnie McMahan	District 2/Commissioner Gene M. Valentino
Tammy Bohannon	District 4/Commissioner Grover C. Robinson, IV
Gregg Beck	District 5/Commissioner Steven L. Barry
Christian Wagley	Environmental Advocacy Group
Michelle Inere	At-large Citizen
Harlan Butler	At-large Citizen

### Members Absent:

Al Coby	District 3/Commissioner Lumon J. May
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### County Staff in Attendance:

Keith Wilkins, Director, Community & Environment Department  
Felicia Knight-Marlow, Director's Aide, Community & Environment Department  
Victoria D'Angelo, Redeveloper, Community & Environment Department  
Shelly Marshall, Student Assistant, Community & Environment Department  
Taylor "Chips" Kirschenfeld, Division Manager, Water Quality & Land Management  
Robert Turpin, Division Manager, Marine Resources

### Dewberry Consulting Team Staff in Attendance:

Bryon Griffith, RESTORE Act & Federal Programs Expert, Dewberry  
Mike Hanson, Co-Project Manager (Local), Dewberry

1. October 6, 2014 meeting called to order at 4:03 pm.
2. The meeting was advertised in the Pensacola News Journal on September 27, 2014 and October 4, 2014.
3. Attendance – See above.
4. Approval of Minutes

**Motion was made by Christian Wagley to approve the September 8, 2014 minutes. Alan McMillan seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

5. Presentation
  - a. Douglas Brown, Executive Director Community Action Program Committee, Inc., gave a presentation to the RESTORE Advisory Committee on the Community Action Program (CAP), a nonprofit social service agency. Mr. Brown explained how CAP produces economic development by increasing wealth, growing the economy, ensuring jobs for citizens, improving quality of life, and strengthening Escambia County's economic future. Mr. Brown also presented a list of projects to the Committee and demonstrated how CAP could be a valuable platform for economic development projects.

b. Jennifer Allen McFarren, Director of Workforce Development for the Greater Pensacola Chamber; Scott Luth, President and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the Community Economic Development Association (CEDA) of Pensacola and Escambia County, Inc.; and Dr. Rick Harper, PhD Executive Director of the University of West Florida's (UWF) Office of Economic Development and Engagement collectively gave a presentation to the RESTORE Advisory Committee on the Economic Development Vision for the Greater Pensacola Area.

- Mr. Luth showed target industries in the Greater Pensacola Area;
- Dr. Harper then continued the presentation by explaining the data behind why these target industries have the best return on investment; and
- Ms. McFarren summarized the results of the Greater Pensacola Chamber's GAP analysis for aggregate industries, Information Technology and Advanced Manufacturing. She expressed that a disparity exists between demand and supply of high skill employees within Escambia County to support these industry sectors.

The presenting group recommended that the RESTORE Advisory Committee select data-driven projects and advised the Committee that no single program would address the challenges of the community. When asked how the Committee could contribute to their efforts, the group requested funding for additional data analysis to perform a workforce readiness assessment which would define true gaps within the Escambia County's workforce.

6. Discussion on Needs Assessment

Mike Hanson, Project Manager of the Dewberry Consulting Team, presented Escambia County's Draft Needs Assessment. The draft assessment contains a compilation of challenges identified by community stakeholders through presentations and comments before the RESTORE Advisory Committee. Mr. Hanson categorized the information into three RESTORE Act eligible activity groups: environment, economy, and infrastructure. He also added a fourth group, social issues. While social issues are not, in itself, an eligible activity, they may be components of the other three major categories. Mr. Hanson stated the Needs Assessment is a living document that will change as other presentations and comments are brought forward. Mr. Hanson informed the Committee that they would provide a final review of the Draft Needs Assessment on November 3, 2014.

7. Multi Year Implementation Plan Update

Mr. Hanson distributed an updated Master Schedule to the Committee and stated that it will continue to change as things move forward and Dewberry gains an overall understanding of how the community wants to address the issues, and as the individual five key factors are implemented relating to Dewberry's scope of work. County Staff took the schedule and created a calendar format of dates and deadlines. The schedule and calendar will be color coded for ease. Other items that Mr. Hanson mentioned in the general update:

- Project Planning
- Grant Application Phase
- Communications Plan

Mr. Hanson informed the Committee that he has a draft outline for the Multi-Year Implementation Plan. Due to time constraints, the Committee decided to wait until the next meeting to allow time for public comments.

8. Public Comment (limit 3 minutes)

Beverly Perry, 622 W. Belmont Street, Pensacola  
Gary Sansing, 1517 E. Jackson Street, Pensacola  
Tony McCray Jr., 1402 E. Leonard Street, Pensacola  
Angela Bailey, 3005 Junction Drive, Cantonment  
Mary Gutierrez, Pensacola  
Barbara Albrecht, 1528 E. Brainerd Street, Pensacola  
Jessica Koelsch, National Wildlife Federation

9. Old Business – None

10. New Business – Chairman Terry announced the Committee will continue to meet at 4 PM in the Board Chambers because of the inability to broadcast the meeting live. However, if that ability changes, she would be agreeable to having it at the other location (Central Office Complex). Mr. Wilkins stated the meeting could not be broadcast live, however, videotaping might be arranged for posting on the website afterwards.

11. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 6:20 pm.

*Agendas, minutes and pre-recordings of RESTORE Act Advisory Committee meetings may be viewed at <http://www.MyEscambia.com/RESTORE/meetings>. To view supporting documents from the RESTORE Act Advisory Committee meeting on October 6, 2014 and previous meetings, visit: <http://MyEscambia.com/RESTORE/docs>.*