



COMMUNITY & ENVIRONMENT DEPARTMENT

Marine Advisory Committee
Escambia County Central Office Complex
3363 West Park Place
Pensacola, FL 32505

APPROVED **RESUME OF MEETING MINUTES**

March 11, 2013, 5:30 p.m.

Members Present:

Earle Rader		District 1/Commissioner Robertson
Cathy Watson		District 1/Commissioner Wilson Robertson
Sidney Clopton		District 2/Commissioner Gene Valentino
Merrick Van Landingham	Vice Chair	District 2/Commissioner Gene Valentino
Eilene Beard		District 3/Commissioner Lumon May
David Dodson	Chair	District 4/Commissioner Robinson IV
Dave Mucci		District 4/Commissioner Grover Robinson, IV
Walt Woodfin	Secretary	District 5/Commissioner Steven Barry
Gabe Jackson		District 5/Commissioner Steven Barry

Staff Present

Robert Turpin	CED/ Marine Resources Division Manager
Rick O'Connor	Sea Grant Agent for Escambia County

Absent Excused

Absent Unexcused

Ed Fish	County Interim Administrator George Touart
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Visitors Present

Mathew Johnson	National Park Services
Keith Johnson	Wetland Sciences, Inc.

1. Meeting called to order at 5:33 pm.

2. Attendance

Quorum Present

3. Minutes Approval

Motion to approve was made by Sidney Clopton, with Walt Woodfin seconding the motion. All were in favor with no one opposed.

4. Casino Artificial Reef Site Permit.

R.Turpin update: MRD submitted responses to Army Corps' concerns.

5. Bay Snorkeling Reef 'Ballast Rock'.

R.Turpin update: MRD monitoring dive planned for April 2013.

6. Perdido Gulf Snorkeling Reef Solicitation & Construction.

R.Turpin update: Army Corps permit issued; Escambia County Purchasing soliciting bids.

7. Langdon Bay (Proposed) Artificial Reef Site.

R.Turpin update: MRD met with Gulf Islands Superintendent; Park opposes proposal.

8. Main Street Bay (Proposed) Artificial Reef Site.

R.Turpin update: MRD will conduct sediment sampling to determine potential for reef subsidence.

9. Range Point Bay (Proposed) Artificial Reef Site.

R.Turpin update: Application ready for submittal (MRD concern for putting ahead of other, higher-priority sites likely resulting delays in ACOE permitting).

10. Escambia County South-East (Proposed) Artificial Reef Site.

R. Turpin update: Escambia County holds six Florida permits within the larger/overall site in permitting with US Army Corps of Engineers.

11. Mahogany Mill Public Boat Ramp Construction.

R.Turpin update: FDEP issued Notice to Proceed.

12. Perdido River Public Boat Ramp Design/Engineering/Permitting.

R.Turpin update: Selection committee reviewed proposals; expected firm selection and contract award by April 2013.

13. Hurst Hammock Paddle craft Access Launch Design & Permitting.

R.Turpin update: ACOE permitting underway.

14. Juanita Williams Paddle craft Access Launch.

R.Turpin update: CRA determined project will be re-bid due to contractor deficiencies.

15. 10836 Lillian Highway Analysis/Due Diligence.

R.Turpin update: MRD and RED conducting final due diligence; anticipated BCC Recommendation to approve contract 21 March 2013.

16. Natural Resources Damage Assessment - Oil spill Restoration & Recovery.

R.Turpin update: No official notification from FDEP.

17. Bayou Chico Navigation Hazard.

R.Turpin update: No response to second MRD inquiry.

18. Old Business:

None

19. New Business:

Escambia County Committees Policy; Gulf Islands National Seashore (Matt Johnson spoke to MAC re 1. Seagrass Awareness Zones project is moving forward (obtaining agencies authorization for 8 Seagrass Awareness Zones (9" buoys) to increase awareness & decrease scarring); 2. Planning for spearfishing allowance within the park for lionfish (Special Use Permit for c.100 trained individuals) ; FWC Special Acts; Oriskany fish collection

20. Adjourn.

Earl Rader made a motion to adjourn the Marine Advisory Committee meeting and Eilene Beard seconded the motion with all in favor and no one opposed.

Meeting adjourned at 6:30 pm.