

# **COMMUNITY & ENVIRONMENT DEPARTMENT**

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

# **Marine Advisory Committee**

# APPROVED RESUME OF MEETING MINUTES

April 08, 2013, 5:30 p.m.

### **Members Present:**

Earle Rader District 1/Commissioner Robertson

Cathy Watson

Sidney Clopton

Merrick Van Landingham

Vice Chair

District 1/Commissioner Wilson Robertson

District 2/Commissioner Gene Valentino

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Eilene Beard District 3/Commissioner Lumon May

David Dodson Chair District 4/Commissioner Robinson IV

Dave Mucci
Walt Woodfin
Secretary
District 4/Commissioner Grover Robinson, IV
District 5/Commissioner Steven Barry

Walt Woodfin Secretary District 5/Commissioner Steven Barry
Gabe Jackson District 5/Commissioner Steven Barry

**Staff Present** 

Robert Turpin CED/ Marine Resources Division Manager

**Absent Excused** None

**Absent Unexcused** 

Ed Fish County Interim Administrator George Touart

**Visitors Present** 

Keith Johnson Wetland Sciences, Inc.

Alvin Wingate Resident (10901 Gulf Beach Highway)

- 1. Meeting called to order at 5:33 pm.
- 2. Quorum Present
- 3. March Minutes- Approval

Earl Rader made the motion to approve, with the March 11<sup>th</sup> date correction per Cathy

Watson. Dave Mucci seconded the motion. All voted in favor with no objections.

4. Casino Artificial Reef Site Permit.

MRD awaiting Army Corps permit.

Bay Snorkeling Reef 'Ballast Rock"

MRD monitoring dive planned for April or May 2013.

6. Perdido Gulf Snorkeling Reef Solicitation & Construction

Army Corps permit issued; Escambia County Purchasing soliciting bids. Request from nearby condominium: move the reef to Access Site #2. Corps of Engineers permitting for Site #1 took 2.5 years; unknown timeline if reef must be relocated.

7. Langdon Bay (Proposed) Artificial Reef Site

MRD met with Gulf Islands Superintendent; Park opposes proposal. (MAC preference is to focus efforts on Near Shore Sites)

See also comments on item # 9.

8. Main Street Bay (Proposed) Artificial Reef Site

MRD will conduct sediment sampling to determine potential for reef subsidence. Site is within the Safety Fairway and also in close proximity to navigation channels to Port of Pensacola, seafood processors & marine ways, Maritime Park, etc. (MAC preference is to focus efforts on Near Shore Sites)

See also comments on item # 9.

9. Range Point Bay (Proposed) Artificial Reef Site

Application ready for submittal (MRD concern for putting ahead of other, higher-priority sites likely resulting delays in ACOE permitting). (MAC preference is to focus efforts on Near Shore Sites)

Given the difficulties of preceding with agenda items 7, 8 and 9, and the committee's preference to focus on Near Shore Sites, the decision was made to remove them from the agenda.

Sidney Clopton made a motion to retain items 7 and 8 on the agenda. No second on the motion was made. Agenda items 7, 8 and 9 will be removed from the May agenda.

10. Escambia SE Reef Site:

MRD awaiting Army Corps permit.

11. Mahogany Mill Public Boat Ramp Construction

Construction underway.

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

Firm selected for Design, Engineering & Permitting. FDEP developing Scope of Work &

negotiating contract. MAC meetings will be primary means for public input.

# Hurst Hammock Paddle Craft Access Launch Design & Permitting ACOE permitting underway.

#### 14. Juanita Williams Paddle Craft Access Launch

CRA will be re-bidding.

#### 15. 10836 Lillian Highway Analysis/Due Diligence

MRD and RED conducting final due diligence. Board of Adjustments did not have quorum, therefore item on 17 April BOA agenda. Anticipated BCC Recommendation to approve contract in May2013.

# Natural Resources Damage Assessment - Oil spill Restoration & Recovery No official notification from FDEP.

#### 17. Bayou Chico Navigation Hazard

No response to second MRD inquiry

#### 18. Old Business:

None

#### 19. New Business:

Mr. Alvin Wingate (10901 Gulf Beach Highway) offered his property at 150 Ethel Wingate Drive for consideration to develop into a public boat ramp. The property is approximately 2.71 – 2.97 acres in Harbor Lake Subdivision on Big Lagoon. Asking price for the property is \$3.99 million.

Earl Rader made a motion to pass on the offer, given the committee's preference to acquire property on Perdido Bay. Dave Mucci seconded the motion. All voted in favor with no objections.

Sidney Clopton expressed concern for the number of impellers being damaged on the rocks at the old train trestle in Bayou Chico.

#### 20. Adjourn

Earl Rader made the motion to adjourn. Cathy Watson seconded the motion. All voted in favor with on objections.

Meeting adjourned at 6:35 pm.