

RESUME OF MINUTES

Escambia County Restore Act Advisory Committee Meeting

April 8, 2013 – 3:00 p.m.

Escambia County Central Office Complex

3363 West Park Place

Pensacola, FL 32505

Members Present:

Bentina Terry, Chairperson	City of Pensacola
Alan McMillan, Vice-Chair	District 1/Commissioner Wilson Robertson
Donnie McMahan	District 2/Commissioner Gene Valentino
Al Coby	District 3/Commissioner Lumon May
Tammy Bohannon	District 4/Commissioner Grover Robinson
Gregg Beck	District 5/Commissioner Steven Barry
Christian Wagley	Environmental Advocacy Group
Harlan Butler	At-large Citizen
Michelle Inere	At-large Citizen

County Staff in Attendance:

George Touart, County Administrator
Keith Wilkins, Director, Community & Environment Department
David Musselwhite, Director, Information Technology Department
Ryan Ross, Assistant County Attorney
Kathleen Dough-Castro, Manager, Public Information Office (PIO)
Pat Chunn, Director's Aide, Community & Environment Department

Others:

Bill Williams, Consultant, SCG Governmental Affairs, Tallahassee

1. April 8, 2013 meeting called to order at 3:00 p.m.
2. The meeting was advertised in the Pensacola News Journal on March 30 and April 6, 2013.
3. All members were present.
4. **Motion was made by Alan McMillan to approve the March 22, 2013 minutes. Harlan Butler seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**
5. Committee Processes (Keith Wilkins)
Other county committee processes will be reviewed.
 - a. Television broadcast – Discussion commenced concerning committee meetings being broadcast. The Central Office Complex (COC) is not equipped to broadcast, but the public can post its own work. Committee email links, comment form, agenda and minutes will be posted to the web. Kathleen Dough-Castro, PIO, offered to work with the committee regarding external communications which include press releases. Chairperson Terry said the committee should speak as one body and use PIO when necessary. If a committee member wishes to speak to the media, he/she may do so freely.

- b. Schedule – Discussion commenced concerning holding regular scheduled committee meetings and rotating meeting locations. Keith suggested holding five (5) evening meetings.

Motion was made by Gregg Beck to meet at a consistent time with the ability to have special meetings. Harlan Butler seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

- c. Meeting location(s)
It was agreed that meetings be held on the 1st and 3rd Monday of each month, 4:00 – 6:00 p.m., at the Escambia County Central Office Complex. An activity report will be presented to the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) once a month. Over the next 90 days special meetings will be held at different locations (districts).
- d. Other County process examples (Bill Williams)
Sample bylaws and resolutions from Wakulla County were given to Ryan Ross which will be sent to the committee. Escambia County is on par with Wakulla and Pasco counties in resolution language. Wakulla partnered with the Tourist Development Council. The academic and scientific sector is the largest impacted in the county. He plans to ask representatives from UWF and PSC to discuss academic processes. Counties need to share information.

Bill discussed the process of moving projects from one pot of money to another and tying Pots #1 (local/county) and #3 (state) together. We need a partner who can take us into this and adopt an application process that's flexible. The Department Environmental Protection (DEP) said projects in Pot #2 (federal) need to be turned in by April, but realistically the deadline will be July. Chairperson Terry asked for a flow chart showing how projects relate and which projects to choose. A list of the Water Management Plan projects and county Natural Resource Damage Assessment (NRDA) projects will be given out at the next meeting. Dollars are available but controlled by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission with no rules. Treasury rules are critical. This process could take a year to 18 months.

- e. Bylaws (Keith Wilkins)
Bylaws will be presented at the next meeting.
6. Committee Charter/Commission Resolution (Keith Wilkins)
Keith referenced the Escambia RESTORE Advisory Committee Guidance Document as a guide to committee directives.

Keith was asked if projects could be bundled. He said that environmental, job creation, and infrastructure projects can be bundled in the \$500,000 minimum. It was decided that the committee needed to develop criteria in order to weigh and rank projects.

Motion was made and approved that the RESTORE Act Advisory Committee develop and recommend criteria to the Board of County Commissioners, amending Resolution 2012-150, to set ranking criteria.

7. Old Business – None

8. New Business

It was decided that the next meeting will be April 22, 2013, 4:00 – 6:00 p.m., at the Central Office Complex, and the meeting following will be May 6, 2013.

The question was asked if the meetings can be televised. Meetings cannot be televised on TV98 from the Central Office Complex. Kathleen Dough-Castro was asked to come back to the next meeting with some suggestions. Another question was asked why 3 minutes for public comment. It was determined that 3 minutes is the standard amount of time allowed.

9. Public Comment (limit 3 minutes each)

Jessica Koelsch, 611 Royce, Pensacola
Dr. Gloria Horning, 33 W. Moreno Street, Apartment A, Pensacola
Susan Feathers, 4344 Langley Avenue, Pensacola
Bill Young, 1812 E. Desoto Street, Pensacola

10. Meeting adjourned at 5:08 p.m.