

## RESUME OF MINUTES

Escambia County Restore Act Advisory Committee Meeting  
September 9, – 4:00 p.m.  
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
Al Coby	District 3/Commissioner Lumon J. May
Tammy Bohannon	District 4/Commissioner Grover C. Robinson, IV
Gregg Beck	District 5/Commissioner Steven L. Barry
Christian Wagley	Environmental Advocacy Group
Harlan Butler	At-large Citizen
Michelle Inere	At-large Citizen

### County Staff in Attendance:

Keith Wilkins, Director, Community & Environment Department  
Chips Kirschenfeld, Manger, Water Quality & Land Management  
Ryan Ross, Assistant County Attorney  
Kathleen Dough-Castro, Manager, Public Information Office (PIO)  
Pat Chunn, Director's Aide, Community & Environment Department  
Victoria D'Angelo, Student Assistant, Community & Environment Department

1. September 9, 2013 meeting called to order at 4:11 p.m.
2. The meeting was advertised in the Pensacola News Journal on August 31, 2013 and September 7, 2013.
3. Attendance – See above.
4. **Motion was made by Christian Wagley to approve the August 19, 2013 minutes. Tammy Bohannon seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**
5. Discussion on Future Committee Processes

Mr. Keith Wilkins discussed with the Committee the need to determine future speakers and presentation topics, the possibility of subcommittees, and the timelines associated with establishing project selection criteria and the multi year plan.

Mr. Wilkins stated that the U.S. Department of the Treasury Proposed Rule has been released and the Gulf Coast Ecosystem Restoration Council Initial Comprehensive Plan was approved at the Gulf Consortium Council meeting on August 28, 2013 in New Orleans.

Mr. Alan McMillan inquired as to when the comment period would be held for the Treasury Proposed Rule. Mr. Wilkins responded that the comment period for the Treasury Proposed Rule is sixty (60) days from the date the rule was released which was September 5, 2013. Mr. McMillan stated that his desire for the Committee is to provide comments to the Treasury on the proposed rule.

Mr. Wilkins explained that according to both the RESTORE Act and the Treasury Proposed Rule, in order to receive funding under the RESTORE Act, the multi year plan must contain selected projects. Mr. Wilkins suggested that the Committee conclude the bi-monthly public input sessions and hold a final, more lengthy public input meeting in order to focus on the development of project selection criteria and draft the multi year plan.

Mr. Wilkins cleared up a misstatement provided at a previous meeting which suggested that the Committee should not draft their multi year plan until the Gulf Consortium provides framework in their expenditure plan. Instead, Mr. Wilkins maintained, the Committee must select projects to be included in the multi year plan *before* the Gulf Consortium can finalize the expenditure plan.

Mr. Chips Kirschenfeld provided the Committee with a brief summary of the Treasury Proposed Rule. He explained that the multi year plan is the final “submittal of what Escambia County wants to do with the pot of money.” He explained that once the multi year plan is approved by Treasury, the funds will be released to Escambia County in the form of a grant.

Chairperson Terry suggested to the Committee members that the multi year plan process be divided into two (2) phases. Phase 1: To include the establishment of project selection criteria and preliminary project selection and Phase II: To include final project selection and tracking project success.

Chairperson Terry also requested that the presentations scheduled for the meeting on September 23, 2013 be postponed so that the Committee may further discuss future processes at the September 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting. The Committee requested that Mr. Wilkins provide a flow chart and timeline of future Committee processes and a brief on the Treasury Proposed Rule at the following meeting. Chairperson Terry requested that the Committee discuss the formation of subcommittees at the next meeting. The Committee members agreed.

6. Presentations

Brendan Kelly, Ph.D., Interim Vice President, Division of University Advancement, University of West Florida

Dr. Brendan discussed the implications of cultural historic tourism and the local economy, and society.

Steve Hayes, Vice President of Tourism, Visit Pensacola

Mr. Hayes revealed new statistics on the spending habits of day and overnight tourists and discussed their relationship with the local economy.

7. Old Business – Item skipped due to lack of time.

8. New Business – Item skipped due to lack of time.

9. Public Comment (limit 3 minutes)

Speakers who had relinquished their turn to speak at previous meeting due to time constraints were invited to speak.

Speakers were:

Dr. Gloria Horning, 33 W. Moreno Street, Pensacola, FL 32501  
Beverly Perry, 622 W. Belmont Street, Pensacola, FL 32501  
Susan Feathers, 4344 Langley Avenue, Pensacola, FL 32504

10. Meeting adjourned at 5:56 p.m.

*Presentation(s) and documents presented at the RESTORE Act Advisory Committee meeting on September 9, 2013 can be found at the following link: <http://myescambia.com/restore/docs>.*