

RESUME OF MINUTES

District 2 Public Workshop on the RESTORE Act

May 8, 2014 – 6:00 pm

Perdido Key Community Center

15500 Perdido Key Drive

Pensacola, FL 32507

Presenters:

Alan McMillan

Vice-Chair, RESTORE Advisory Committee

RESTORE Advisory Committee Members Present:

Donnie McMahan

Commissioner Appointed Member, District 2

Al Coby

Commissioner Appointed Member, District 3

Michelle Inere

At-Large Member

County Staff in Attendance:

Chips Kirschenfeld, Division Manager, Water Quality & Land Management

Dean Kirschner, Commissioner's Aide, Commissioners Gene M. Valentino, District 2

Felicia Knight-Marlow, Directors Aide, Community & Environment Department

Victoria D'Angelo, Student Assistant, Community & Environment Department

1. May 8, 2014 meeting called to order at 6:00 pm.
2. The meeting was advertised in the Pensacola News Journal on May 3, 2014.
3. Attendance – See above.
4. Introductions

Vice-Chair Alan McMillan invited the RESTORE Advisory Committee (Committee) members, Escambia County staff and workshop attendees to introduce themselves. Introductions were provided by Taylor "Chips" Kirschenfeld, Division Manager for the Escambia County Water Quality and Land Management Division, Donnie McMahan, Committee Member and local businessman, Michelle Inere, Committee Member and At-Large representative, and Al Coby, Committee Member and former City of Pensacola Manager, Joe Wars, , Norman Richard, Retired U.S. EPA biophysical toxicologist who specialized in oil spill remediation and Tim Haag, and Mr. McMillan.

Mr. McMillan announced that Keith Wilkins, Director of the Escambia County Community and Environment Department and RESTORE Advisory Committee Chairperson, Bentina Terry were not in attendance at the District 2 Public Workshop due to a presentation on the RESTORE Act that they were giving to the Pensacola City Council.

Vice-Chair McMillan explained that the Committee had met twice a month for six to seven months to meet with a variety of local stakeholders. He announced that the Committee has a unique opportunity to develop a multiyear implementation plan (MYIP) which utilizes the funds in the best interest of Escambia County.

5. The RESTORE Act: Structure and Process

Vice-Chair McMillan explained that the RESTORE Act funds would be divided into five (5) components or "pots of money." He explained that the Committee advises the Board of County Commissioners on funds within the local pot which will receive thirty-five (35) percent of the Gulf Coast Restoration Trust Fund under the RESTORE Act. He explained that these funds will be made available to the five impacted states which include Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana and Texas.

Vice-Chair McMillan explained that the Florida allocation will be further divided into seventy-five (75) percent for disproportionately impacted counties and twenty-five (25) percent for non-disproportionately impacted counties. He stated that the disproportionately impacted counties will receive a percentage of funds based on their degree of impact from the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill. Based on this distribution, Escambia County will receive 25.334% of the disproportionately impacted counties allocation.

6. Status of Current Litigation

Vice-Chair McMillan announced current and past litigation related to the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill. He covered criminal and civil litigation between the federal government, and individual and securities claims against BP, Transocean, and MOEX, as well as, individual and securities claims, and litigation in the state of Florida.

7. Next Steps

Vice-Chair McMillan announced that Escambia County is in the process of hiring a consultant to develop project selection criteria and the MYIP. The Committee will rank proposed projects and recommend a final ranked project list and MYIP to the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) for review and approval. Once approved, the MYIP will be submitted to the United States Department of Treasury (Treasury) for approval. Treasury will be responsible for administering funds to Escambia County as a grant program.

8. Public Comment (limit 3 minutes)

Public Comment was taken. The speakers were:

Joe Wars, 5480 N. Shore Rd.
Norman Richards, N/A
Tim Haag, N/A

10. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:04 pm.

Presentation(s) and documents presented at the RESTORE Act Advisory Committee meeting on April 28, 2014 can be found at the following web address: <http://myescambia.com/restore/docs>.

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