

RESTORE ACT ADVISORY COMMITTEE, PASCO COUNTY, FLORIDA

ANNOTATED MINUTES

AUGUST 16, 2018

**PREPARED IN THE OFFICE OF
PAULA S. O'NEIL, CLERK & COMPTROLLER**

**THE MINUTES WERE PREPARED IN AGENDA ORDER
AS PUBLISHED AND NOT IN THE ORDER
IN WHICH THE ITEMS WERE HEARD**

6:00 P.M.

**WEST PASCO GOVERNMENT CENTER, BOARD ROOM, 1ST FLOOR
8731 CITIZENS DRIVE, NEW PORT RICHEY, FLORIDA 34654**

Committee Members:

Jack Mariano, Board of County Commissioners
Kathryn Starkey (Alternate), Board of County Commissioners
Cynthia Armstrong, School Board Representative
Dr. Lisa Richardson, College/University Representative
David Sumpter, Science or Fisheries Representative
Vacant, Job Creation Industry Representative
Tari Mitchell, Pasco Economic Development Council Representative
Kristin Tonkin, Tourism Representative – **ABSENT**
Bob Robertson, Citizen Representative
Bruce Mills, West Pasco Chamber of Commerce Representative

Staff: Mr. Curtis Franklin, RESTORE Act Program Coordinator

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Mariano called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

**INVOCATION
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Ms. Amanda Damming, Deputy Clerk, gave the Invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Ms. Damminger called the roll. All members were present with the exception of Ms. Tonkin.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Guy Colson, Mr. Arthur Haedike, Mr. Paul Manuel, Ms. Diane Kobernick, The Honorable Vice-Mayor of Port Richey Terrance Rowe, The Honorable Mayor of Port Richey Dale Massad, and Mr. Mark Schwartz spoke regarding dredging; healing the environment after the BP Oil Spill; the effect that inhibited access to the Gulf had on the economy; the Gulf Harbors community including the shallow canals, fish kills due to lack of oxygen, and fishing; the Bailey's Bluff community; funding concerns regarding the Gulf Harbors maintenance dredging project; the Port Richey dredging project; and the proposed trail under U.S. Highway 19.

Mr. Manuel submitted a document to be received and filed.

The Committee approved to receive and file a document submitted by Mr. Manuel

Discussion was held regarding dredging projects and sidewalk projects.

TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION

1. Minutes from April 16, 2018 RESTORE Meeting for Approval

The Committee approved the April 16, 2018 minutes.

2. Update on State Expenditure Plan and other RESTORE Information

Mr. Franklin reviewed the item using a PowerPoint presentation. He spoke regarding the Pot 3 funding, the current status of funding, the total deposit of the settlement, possible paths moving forward, and the status of projects. He announced to the Committee that Ms. Pam Lynch would be assuming the role of RESTORE Coordinator. He noted that the Gulf Coast Consortium was working on a process for grant applications.

Discussion was held regarding projects that had been funded; other sources of funding to assist in finishing projects; and the Bailey's Bluff project.

The item was for information only. No action was taken.

3. Current Project Summary

Mr. Franklin reviewed the project summary. He noted that the Orange Lake dredge was the first project of this type in the State of Florida to be completed under RESTORE and that they were in the process of building the littoral shelf and other improvements in the area. He reviewed the Waterfront Revitalization in Port Richey, which the City was finalizing engineering administration required for completion, and matching funds the City of Port Richey had spent. He reviewed the SunWest project which included the completed engineering design, recent and upcoming improvements, and that a grant extension had been completed. He reviewed the School Board Restoration project which included submittal of the multi-year plan and the plans to restore oyster beds and sea grass.

The item was for information only. No action was taken.

4. Current Project Location

Mr. Franklin reviewed the map for the Committee.

The item was for information only. No action was taken.

5. Discussion on Dredging Project

Mr. Franklin reviewed the item using a PowerPoint presentation. He spoke regarding the current dredging projects, potential use or disposal of dredging spoils, Public Infrastructure involvement, an estimate, components needed to be completed, funding, the next steps, and the dredge analysis by Dewberry.

Mr. Paul Manuel, Mr. Dan Flaherty, and Mr. Troy Graves spoke regarding the Bailey's Bluff project.

Mr. Wallace Geiger, Ms. Diane Kobernick, and Mr. Arthur Haedike spoke regarding the Gulf Harbors project.

Mr. Nick Mudry and Ms. Constance Cranford spoke regarding Gulf Landings.

Mr. Gary Fitzpatrick asked about the Dewberry dredge report.

Discussion was held regarding the Hudson Channel project; the Gulf Harbors project; previous maintenance dredges performed; cost estimates; the Bailey's Bluff project; stabilization; potential funding options; conditions of the canals; Sea Forest; the Dewberry dredge analysis; property values; Gulf Landings; the use of dredge spoils; the SunWest dredge project; information available on-line; channel definitions; boating fees;

prioritization; engineering studies; resident contribution; erosion causes; establishing consistency; options available if costs involved for projects were more or less than anticipated; previous presentations; the Board of County Commissioners' process; previous projects; and an estimated time-frame.

The Committee approved to recommend moving forward with the Bailey's Bluff Key Vista project that had been ranked number 16 at the cost of \$500,000.00.

The Committee approved to authorize up to \$100,000.00 to do an engineering study for the purpose of costing out the projects for the County to produce a dredging plan project to present to the RESTORE Act Committee for consideration for Hudson and Gulf Harbors including Sea Forest with Mr. Robertson voting nay.

6. Discussion on Other Project Introduction to Listing

Mr. Franklin reviewed the item using a PowerPoint presentation and noted concerns regarding limitations and that there were projects that other departments would like to present for consideration. He asked if the Committee would be open to consider other projects besides dredging.

Discussion was held regarding whether or not to be open to consider other projects; funding balance; potentially raising boating fees to fund dredge projects; whether to table the discussion for a later time; potential funding options; and cost estimates of projects.

The Board approved to ask the County Commission to request the State Legislature to increase the boating fee to include the extra \$20.00 for dredging.

ADJOURN

The Committee adjourned at 8:26 p.m.

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