

Local RESTORE Council  
September 8, 2014  
Milton, Florida

Present: Chairman Lane Lynchard and members Brian Watkins, Shon Owens, Buzz Eddy, Greg Fountain, Carole Tebay, Donna Tucker, and Tony Alexander. Also present were the County Administrator (Hunter Walker), County Engineer (Roger Blaylock), and County Attorney (Roy Andrews). Lynchard called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. in the Santa Rosa County Administrative Complex, Board Room.

Lynchard moved approval without objection of the August 11, 2014 meeting minutes.

Update on NRDA, RESTORE, Gulf Consortium, Other

Jeff Helms (Atkins, North America, Inc.) gave a power point presentation to the Council (Attachment in file). He said since the Council's last meeting, the interim Treasury guidelines were published. Helms discussed the Clean Water Act civil penalties. He gave an overview of Judge Barbier's interim final rule. He said the rule will not be final until October 14, 2014. Helms summarized the direct component process and gave the Council a binder containing this information. He said he recommends the County apply for planning assistance funds to support development of the multi-year plan. Helms said multi-year implementation plans can be amended and prepared incrementally.

Workforce Development Presentations

Charlin Knight (Santa Rosa School District) discussed information regarding career and technical education. She said Santa Rosa County School District has 48 different career academies in each of the County's six high schools. Knight discussed the programs offered at the local high schools. She said the school district's mission is to make sure high school students are career and college ready. Knight said last year Santa Rosa County students earned 787 individual industry certifications. She said the school district is proud of this number and the money that it brings to grow and sustain these career programs. Knight said meeting the needs of targeted industry in Santa Rosa County and being the source of talent for these businesses, is very important to the school district.

Eddy asked how this Council can assist this program. Knight said the biggest challenges are finances and engaging with business and industry.

Susan Nelms (CareerSource Escarosa, Inc.) gave a power point presentation to the Council (Attachment in file). She said CareerSource Escarosa is a job matching system that assists people who are looking for work. Nelms discussed customer statistics and demographics in regards to workforce seeker services in the two-county area.

Michelle Horton (Pensacola State College) said she is the Director of the Pensacola State College South Santa Rosa Center. She discussed some of the opportunities that the Pensacola State College southend location offers. Horton said in 2012, the South Santa Rosa Center's first year of enrollment, they grew 80%. She said her greatest need is determining the workforce training and development needs, specifically in the southend of the County. Horton said Pensacola State College has a very strong dual enrollment program supporting Gulf Breeze and Navarre High School students. She said she hopes the Council will consider Pensacola State College, in regards to the need for land and for training opportunities.

Dan Busse (Pensacola State College, Dean of Workforce Education) gave a powerpoint presentation to the Council, regarding aerospace training in Santa Rosa County. He said he has a possible outstanding opportunity for this community. Busse said Pensacola State College works very close with Career Source and the school district. He said Santa Rosa County is part of the I-10 Gulf Coast Aerospace Corridor. Busse said from Navarre to the Panama City area, is the largest concentration of aerospace engineers in the State, other than right outside of the NASA facility in Titusville, Florida. He referenced an article published by the Florida tax watch group, making the case for aerospace and manufacturing in Florida. Busse said he would like to start an airframe and power plant (A&P) program. He discussed the potential of expanding and growing

this program. Busse said this program would be a catalyst to bring other business to Santa Rosa County.

#### Other Business

There was discussion of rescheduling the next Local Restore Council meeting. Lynchard said the next Council meeting will be tentatively scheduled for October 21, 2014 at 3:00 p.m.

#### Public Forum

Sonya Negley asked if this Council will request contracts for the multi-year plan. Lynchard said this is what Atkins is contracted to do. Negley asked if there is advocacy, from Santa Rosa County, for projects that are being submitted for grants funds either at the State level or with NFWF (National Fish and Wildlife Foundation). Lynchard said if a project is not submitted by the County, the County is not taking an active role in the advocacy for it.

#### Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, the meeting adjourned.

---

By: Lane Lynchard, Chairman