

Local Restore Council
March 9, 2015
Milton, Florida

Present: Chairman Lane Lynchard, and members Tony Alexander, Brian Watkins, Buzz Eddy, Dave Robau, Cal Bodenstein, Rob Williamson, Donna Tucker, and Carole Tebay. Also present were Roy Andrews (County Attorney), Hunter Walker (County Administrator), and Roger Blaylock (County Engineer). The meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m.

Lynchard moved approval without objection of the February 9, 2015 meeting minutes.

Update on NRDA (Natural Resource Damage Assessment), RESTORE, Gulf Consortium, Other

Jeff Helms (Atkins North America, Inc.) gave a power point presentation to the Council (Attachment in file). He said BP ended their effort to oust Patrick Juneau as Claims Administrator, this past week. Helms said BP is appealing the oil spill quantity ruling because BP feels only 2.45 million barrels were spilled. He said US government feels like over 4 million barrels of oil were spilled. He said the judge ruled at 3.19 million barrels. He said the next Gulf Coast Consortium meeting, at the end of this month, should be productive now that there is a consultant on board. Helms discussed items that will be added to the County's Restore website.

Chris Verlinde said there will be a meeting on May 31, 2015 at 4:00 p.m. at the University of Florida's IFAS Santa Rosa County Extension Office in order to give oyster harvesters an opportunity to provide input regarding a project in the county's bays. She said \$1.7 million from phase 3 NRDA funds will be spent in Santa Rosa County. Verlinde said the money should be available this summer.

Helms discussed the county Restore proposal review and scoring process. He said during the month of April, the technical review team members will conduct an individual review of each proposal. Helms said public scoring meetings will be held in May. He said it is expected that scores for each proposal will be made available to the public at or before the June meeting of the Local Restore Council.

Lynchard said the Local Restore Council had discussions and input on the make-up of the technical grading teams at its February meeting. Walker discussed the technical grading teams for each of the Restore project categories (Attachment in file). He said according to Andrews, these will all be Sunshine Law meetings.

Lynchard moved approval without objection of the technical teams as listed (Attachment in file).

Lynchard discussed a list of projects that the County will be submitting through the same technical review process as any other application that is submitted (Attachment in file). He said a lot of these projects have been submitted through the portal for funding. Lynchard said the county will continue to seek funding outside of the direct allocation for these projects as well.

Helms reviewed a list of frequently asked questions that the county has received regarding the Restore process. He said a list of these questions will be placed on the county's Restore website.

Public Forum

James Russell said he is representing the Holley Navarre Senior Association. He asked if there is a minimum cost on a project. Lynchard said at this point, there is no minimum grant level. Russell asked if additional land cost can be funded for a project. Lynchard said as long as it is not federal land being acquired. Russell asked if there is a time limit for completion of a project, if it is granted. Lynchard said the Council does not have a strict time requirement for project completion. He said some of the scoring criteria, for certain types of projects, relate to the length of time the project will take.

Lynchard said the next Local Restore meeting will be held on April 13, 2015.

Walker said Pearce Barrett (NRDA Projects Manager, Florida Department of Environmental Protection) will be briefing the Board of Commissioners at Thursday's (March 12, 2015) meeting, regarding the Natural Resource Damage Assessment efforts in Florida and the impacts on Santa Rosa County.

Adjournment

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

By: Lane Lynchard, Chairman