

Local RESTORE Council
May 12, 2014
Milton, Florida

Present: Chairman Lane Lynchard and members Donna Tucker, Brian Watkins, Rob Williamson, Greg Fountain, Cal Bodenstein, Tony Alexander and Buzz Eddy. Also present were the County Administrator (Hunter Walker), the County Engineer (Roger Blaylock), and the County Attorney (Angela Jones). 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 April 14, 2014 meeting minutes.

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

Jeff Helms (Atkins North America, Inc.) said he was recently informed that the treasury guidelines may come to light as soon as June or July, but definitely sometime this year. He said he was also informed that there will be an advanced funding opportunity, through the treasury guidelines, to assist the Gulf Consortium. Helms said this Friday he will be speaking at the "Restoring the Gulf" conference which will be held from 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. at the Pensacola Downtown Library, 239 North Spring Street, Pensacola.

Economic Overview

Shannon Ogletree (Santa Rosa County Economic Development Director) gave a power point presentation to the Council (Attachment in file). He gave an overview of Santa Rosa County's demographics and labor force. Ogletree further discussed business decision factors and location decision factors.

Navarre Chamber of Commerce

Ralph Agnew (Navarre Chamber of Commerce) gave a power point presentation to the Council (Attachment in file). He said on April 20, 2010, the largest marine oil spill in the history of the petroleum industry occurred and by June of that year the oil had reached Navarre Beach. Agnew said the beach is the centerpiece of the Santa Rosa County's economy and it must be maintained. He further discussed the concern of the water quality in the Navarre sound. Agnew said there is a need for more of the population to be off septic systems and for watershed management programs. He further discussed traffic concerns of Highway 98.

Lynchard said some of these immediate need projects will be addressed in the watershed approach.

Gulf Breeze Chamber of Commerce

Kristen Loera (Gulf Breeze Chamber of Commerce) read a prepared statement to the Council (Attachment in file). She said the entirety of Gulf Breeze is surrounded by the waters of Pensacola Bay, Escambia Bay and Santa Rosa Sound. Loera said with these characteristics, Gulf Breeze is presented with some unique concerns and issues that may not affect the other areas of Santa Rosa County. She said the Gulf Breeze Chamber would like the RESTORE Council to consider infrastructure projects benefitting the economy and ecological resources, workforce development and job creation, and coastal flood protection and related infrastructure for the Gulf Breeze area.

Santa Rosa Chamber of Commerce

Donna Tucker said the Santa Rosa Chamber of Commerce would like to reschedule this presentation. She said the president was unable to be here today. Lynchard said this presentation will be re-scheduled for later date.

Review Draft Project Score Sheets - Environmental Projects

Helms gave an overview of the draft environmental project scoring sheet and value worksheet (Attachment in file). He said at the Council's June meeting, he will have sample projects for the Council to grade.

Review Draft Project Score Sheets - Infrastructure Projects

Helms gave an overview of the draft infrastructure project scoring sheet and value worksheet (Attachment in file). He said at the Council's June meeting he will have sample projects, for all four categories, for the Council to grade.

Helms said he feels the Council should wait to approve the four scoring sheets after testing sample projects.

Adjournment

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

By: Lane Lynchard, Chairman