

RESTORE Act Committee Meeting Minutes Summary  
July 18, 2013 – 6 P.M.  
Water and Sewer Building, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor conference room

Meeting called to order at 6 PM with Okaloosa County RESTORE Advisory Committee (ORAC) and Consultant introductions:

- Dr. Jack Azzaretto FWB Chamber
- Jim Breitenfeld Citizen at Large
- Cindy Frakes Okaloosa County School Board
- Martin Owen Tourism Representative
- Kay Rasmussen EDC Representative
- Sam Seevers Mayor of Destin (Okaloosa League of Cities)
- Steve Shippee Environmental Representative
- Jonathan Tallman Citizen at Large
- Thomas Gordon Councilman (Okaloosa League of Cities) – absent
- Capt Gary Jarvis Fishing and Seafood Representative - absent
- Sal Nodjomian Matrix (Okaloosa County Consultant)
- Lee Lewis AVCON (Okaloosa County Consultant)
- Dr. Rod Lewis Hass Center (Okaloosa County Consultant)

Committee binders review: H.R. 4348-184 through 203; Okaloosa County Resolution 13-47; Flow of Oil Spill Funds in Florida (chart); Sunshine Law, Public Records and Ethics; Acknowledgement Form/Form 8B.

County Attorney John Dowd provided Sunshine Laws, Public Records and Ethic Laws guidelines for the committee.

Commissioner Parisot briefed ORAC regarding the following:

- Flow of Oil Spill Funds in Florida
- Allocation of Funds
- Pot 1 Allowed Activities
- Projects/Programs
- Okaloosa County Actions
- Short Term Tasks (ORAC and BCC)
- Multiyear Implementation Plan (RESTORE Act)
- ORAC
- RESTORE Timeline (RESTORE 2012, etc.)

Sal Nodjomian - Matrix Group Program Manager advised ORAC on the following:

- Team Organization
- Key Concepts – Matrix Team
- Potential Partners
- Oil Spill Funds: Florida

- Fund Criteria Summary
- Oil Spill Funds: Okaloosa County (Pot 1)
- Key Elements
- Maximize Input
- Evaluation Process
- Transparency
- Timeline
- Tasks
- Discussion and Questions

ORAC Chairman and Vice Chair elections: Ms. Frakes motioned to nominate Mr. Breitenfield as Chairman. Motion withdrawn upon Mr. Breitenfield's request.

Mr. Shippee motioned to nominate Ms. Seevers as Chairman. Motion seconded by Mr. Breitenfeld. Motion passed with eight ayes.

Mr. Owen motioned to nominate Dr. Azzaretto as Vice Chair. Motion seconded by Ms. Rasmussen. Motion passed with eight ayes.

Mr. Breitenfeld asked if other funding pots would be advised upon by the consultants. Mr. Parisot said the consultants focus was mainly Pot 1.

Dr. Azzaretto asked what the adjacent counties were doing in this area. Mr. Nodjomian said some counties were getting external help and others were still planning their way ahead. Okaloosa County is aggressively planning and scheduling our processes.

Ms. Seevers: Congressman Miller and Senator Nelson support the fishing industry.

Mr. Parisot: Pots 4 and 5 mainly for science/education dollars i.e. university level.

Discussion of future meetings: Meetings initially occurring monthly...3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday suggested...subject to change as process changes.

**Public Comments:**

Rebecca Sherry, Okaloosa County residence requested agenda packets posted in advance of the meetings on the Okaloosa County website.

Jessica Koelsch, National Wildlife Federation suggested the following: meaningful environment/ecological restoring community; process and plan; proposals and project evaluation; other funding opportunities availability; competition partnering leveraging; neighboring communities; fisheries; treasury rules draft should be available within 2/3 week timeframe.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 7:49 PM. Minutes transcribed by Sandi Mack via video. Minutes are not verbatim.