

Escambia County
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RESOLUTION NUMBER R2012 - 150

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ESCAMBIA COUNTY, FLORIDA, ESTABLISHING THE RESTORE ADVISORY COMMITTEE; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, in response to the Deepwater Horizon oil spill during the summer of 2010, the United States Congress has enacted the Resources and Ecosystems Sustainability, Tourist Opportunities, and Revived Economies of the Gulf Coast States Act of 2012, also known as the "RESTORE Act;" and

WHEREAS, one purpose of the RESTORE Act is to ensure that the federal government distributes a substantial portion of fines or settlement amounts collected as a result of the oil spill to communities affected by the oil spill; and

WHEREAS, the RESTORE Act empowers the Escambia County Board of County Commissioners with the authority to distribute certain amounts for various purposes and projects as designated by the Act; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners finds that an advisory committee would assist the Board in determining which projects qualify for funding under the Act, and therefore would serve the public interest.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ESCAMBIA COUNTY, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. RECITALS.

The aforementioned recital clauses are hereby incorporated into this Resolution.

SECTION 2. ESTABLISHMENT.

The Escambia County Board of County Commissioners hereby establishes the RESTORE Act Advisory Committee.

Date: 10/19/2012 Verified By: B. Schuyler

SECTION 3. DUTIES OF THE RESTORE ACT ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

The RESTORE Act Advisory Committee shall have the following duties and responsibilities:

A. That within the first six months of formation, the committee shall develop a plan, taking public input into consideration, that sets forth the final goals for the community's use of the subject RESTORE funds.

B. The Committee shall review projects submitted to the Board of County Commissioners for consideration of funding pursuant to the RESTORE Act. The Committee shall assign each project proposal into one of three categories: economic development and job creation, environmental, and infrastructure. A project may only be submitted for funding in one category. At the Committee's discretion, similar projects may be combined into a unified project proposal. Projects with a total estimated cost lower than \$500,000.00 will not be considered for funding using RESTORE Act funds.

C. The Board of County Commissioners shall establish ranking criteria for the Committee to use. The Committee shall rely solely on the ranking criteria established by the Board of County Commissioners.

D. The Committee shall rank each project and compile aggregate ranked lists of the projects submitted in each category. The Committee shall then submit the lists to the Board of County Commissioners for review and approval. The Board of County Commissioners may adopt a timeline for the ranking and approval process and any other deadlines it deems necessary. This timeline and other deadlines shall be binding on the Committee.

SECTION 4. COMPOSITION OF THE COMMITTEE.

The Committee shall consist of seven (7) members who are residents of Escambia County and appointed by the Board of County Commissioners as follows:

1. A representative of the financial industry (economist, banker, accountant, or financial planner with five (5) or more years experience in the financial industry).
2. A business leader with five (5) or more years of economic development experience.
3. An individual with five (5) or more years of experience in the area of transportation.
4. An individual with five (5) or more years of complex governmental experience.
5. An at-large citizen representative.
6. An individual appointed by the City of Pensacola. This Committee member cannot be an elected official or a regular or contract employee of the City of Pensacola unless the City of Pensacola is not going to request funding for a project under consideration by the Committee.
7. An individual representing local environmental advocacy groups.

A committee member may not be employed by or be a member of any organization that requests funding from, or that will be making recommendations to, the committee.

SECTION 5. TERMS OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS.

Committee members shall serve on the Committee until it has made all recommendations and completed its assignments as designated by the Board of County Commissioners. Should any Committee member cease to be an elector of the County, he or she shall cease to be a Committee member and shall be replaced by the Board of

County Commissioners. Except for the Committee member representing the City of Pensacola, Committee members may also be removed by the Board of County Commissioners. Additionally, the Committee shall recommend to the Board of County Commissioners the removal of a Committee member who accrues three unexcused absences from regularly-scheduled meetings of the Committee during the calendar year. Absences may be excused by a vote of the members present at any meeting.

SECTION 6. **OFFICERS.**

A. Chairperson. The Committee shall elect a Chairperson to preside at all meetings. The Chairperson shall be elected at the first meeting in January of each year and shall serve until the first meeting in January of the following year. There shall be no term limits for a member to serve as Chairperson.

B. Vice-Chairperson. The Committee shall elect a Vice-Chairperson to preside and act on behalf of the Chairperson during his or her absence. The term of office and method of election for the Vice-Chairperson shall be the same as the Chairperson.

SECTION 7. **REGULAR MEETINGS.**

The Committee shall establish a schedule of regular meetings, which shall be held at least every other month. A schedule of each year's regular meetings shall be distributed to all Committee members in December of the preceding calendar year.

SECTION 8. **QUORUM AND VOTING.**

Four (4) Committee members shall constitute a quorum for the purpose of conducting business. Each member shall exercise one vote on all matters subject to a vote of the Committee. All matters shall be decided by a majority vote of the members

present. No member shall abstain from voting unless the member has a conflict of interest.

SECTION 9. SPECIAL MEETINGS.

The Chairperson may call a special meeting of the Committee on his or her initiative and shall call a special meeting at the request of any four members.

SECTION 10. LOCATION OF MEETING.

Committee meetings shall be held in a public facility of sufficient size to accommodate those present and at such locations as the Committee may determine from time to time.

SECTION 11. RULES OF PROCEDURE.

The Committee shall conduct its meeting in accordance with the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order, except to the extent that the provision thereof is inconsistent with this Resolution.

SECTION 12. SUNSHINE LAW.

The Committee shall be subject to and each member shall be responsible for compliance with the Florida Sunshine Law and the Florida Public Records Act.

SECTION 13. AGENDA.

The Chairperson shall prepare an agenda for all meetings. Any Committee member may request that a matter be placed on the agenda. The agenda and related materials shall be distributed at least one day prior to the meeting date.

SECTION 14. MINUTES.

Minutes shall be kept at each Committee meeting. The written summary of each meeting shall be submitted for approval of the members at the next regular meeting. Each written summary shall reflect the persons in attendance, items discussed, each action taken at the meeting, and the vote of the members on each item presented at the meeting.

SECTION 15. NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING.

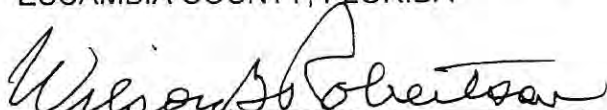
Notice of regular or special meetings of the Committee and the time and location of each meeting shall be published to the public.

SECTION 16. EFFECTIVE DATE.

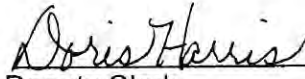
That this Resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption by the Board of County Commissioners.

ADOPTED this 18th day of October 2012

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
ESCAMBIA COUNTY, FLORIDA


Wilson B. Robertson, Chairman

ATTEST: Ernie Lee Magaha
Clerk of the Circuit Court


Doris Harris
Deputy Clerk

This document approved as to form
and legal sufficiency

By 

Title County Attorney

Date 10/18/12

Date Executed

October 18, 2012

