

**RESTORE ACT
Public Meeting
May 28, 2013**

Attendees: Ryan Bell, Board of County Commissioners
Shenley Neely, Board Employee Representing County's Interest
Chris Cowart, School Board Representative
David Pieklik, Economic Development Representative
Vacancy, Development/Job Creation Representative
Bill Williams, SCG Governmental Affairs
Amber Davis, Statecraft
Fred Moody, County Coordinator
Anne Bast Brown, County Attorney

Comm. Ryan Bell opened the meeting at 3:04 p.m. The invocation was given by Chris Cowart followed by the Pledge to the Flag.

Ms. Amber Davis with Statecraft explained she had worked on oil spill issues and is working with Bill Williams to provide additional structure, vision and direction for the Committee on the Pots 1, 2, and 3 funds. Ms. Davis said the resolution adopted by the Board of County Commissioners deals more specifically with Pot 1 funding and she has prepared some documents for review by the Committee to address the projects presented for Pot 1 funds. Ms. Davis said she wanted the Committee to be aware of how the funding for Pot 2 and Pot 3 will work in order to be the liaisons with the community in directing projects to the proper source of funds. Ms. Davis added that it would be a benefit for any committee member who may be working towards funding from Pot 2 or Pot 3 funds to make a presentation to the Committee to see if the project can fit with other projects and make the one project in a stronger position for funding. Ms. Davis said she sees the Committee members educating the community and creating more public awareness.

Pot 1 - Application

Ms. Davis presented the application submittal form explaining that the ten (10) criteria were included including a section where the project applicant can rank their own project from the criteria. Ms. Davis said the planning and administration has not been included at this time since the Treasury rules have not yet been approved and released. Ms. Davis said the Project Score Sheet is a combination of the RESTORE Act language and also used several other counties' information and including a section for the timing of the project which would not necessarily be a part of the scoring but provide a time line of the project which could affect scoring.

Chairman Ryan Bell inquired if the scoring would be done individually or as a group.

Mr. Bill Williams said the Committee would need to establish the process to handle the project applications which would allow the public to be aware of how the Committee quantified the project applications.

There was discussion on various ways to approach accepting applications such as setting a deadline for projects to be submitted, having project applications submitted at least one (1) week before a Committee meeting, have the project applicant present their proposed project at a meeting, possibly scheduling two (2) applicants per meeting. Mr. Davis added some counties are having staff pre-screen applications then hearing projects.

Ms. Davis said the Committee needs to decide what the process is for accepting project applications, setting a deadline possibly and the educating the public as you do not want to have all of the projects being submitted at one time.

Chairman Bell asked how to handle if there was a tie between projects and how would the decision be made on which project to accept.

Mr. Williams said that one of the counties used economic development as a deciding issue between projects submitted and the impact it would have on the county.

Project Form

Ms. Davis presented the website overview and there was discussion on the cost of creating a website or using links to documents from the County website. Mr. Fred Moody said that he would investigate the costs and provide the information. Ms. Davis said she just needed to know what format to use to produce the information for the County website.

Scoring Criterion Guide/Score Sheet

Ms. Davis explained one of the key issues to the town hall meetings is the message that you want to get to the public. Ms. Davis said they will provide an overview to educate the public on the pots of funding available and has found that having a question and answer period allows for productive dialogue. Ms. Davis said it is up to the Committee and the Board of County Commissioners to inform the public and to assure the community that the money will be put to the best use for the benefit of the County with the opportunities available.

Miscellaneous Discussion

Mr. Williams said that they had a courtesy visit with the Mayor of Inglis today and were scheduled to meet with the Mayor of Yankeetown on Thursday.

Chairman Bell asked the members in attendance to review what was presented and it would be discussed and a decision made at the next meeting. Chairman Bell requested that the minutes clerk, Susan Haines, ask the members to verify prior to the meeting their attendance since there was not a quorum to allow action on any items presented today.

Chairman Bell in response to Mr. Moody's inquiry on the presentation to the Board of County Commissioners recommended providing the Board members with copies of the power point and if a presentation was going to take more the 10 or 15 minutes a workshop with the Board would be scheduled.

Anne Brown, County Attorney said as the Committee has been progressing, concern has arisen with Shenley Neely's role as a member of the Committee and being a member of County staff. Ms. Brown recommended creating an at-large position and remove a position for any staff member on the Committee. Ms. Brown said Ms. Neely and other staff personnel would be directly involved with County projects and being a member of the Committee would prevent Chairman Bell from discussing projects with his staff members.

Chairman Bell said with the town hall meetings scheduled it may be possible that various members of the public will want to participate on the Committee for the newly created at-large seat and the Development/Job Creation position that has not been filled.

Ms. Brown said notice had been received that the Federal Council has their final draft plan and that the July 6 deadline may be extended. Mr. Williams said there is a meeting in Pensacola to discuss the rules. Mr. Williams said there has been concern raised in the North Florida counties on the focus being in South Florida that had no direct impact from the oil spill.

Chairman Bell recapped that on June 11, Mr. Moody, Ms. Brown and Chairman Bell would meet with Mr. Williams and Ms. Davis at 2:00 p.m., then the RESTORE Act Committee meeting would commence at 3:00 p.m. with the town hall meeting in Court Room A at 6:00 p.m. with the next town hall meeting on June 13 in Cedar Key.

Mr. Williams advised Mr. Chris Cowart that the Pasco County School Board was giving a presentation on Thursday, May 30 at 5:00 p.m. of their environmental program.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:46 p.m.

RESTORE ACT COMMITTEE



Ryan Bell, Chairman