

**RESTORE ACT
Public Meeting of August 18, 2016**

Attendees: Chris Cowart, School Board Representative, Chairman
John Meeks, Board of County Commissioners, Vice-Chairman
Leslie Sturmer, Aquaculture
David Pieklik, Economic Development Representative
Gail Gold, Tourism Industry Representative
Jack Schofield, Citizen Representative
Richard Streeter, Citizen Representative

Absent: Rayanne Giddis, Higher Education
Jolie Davis, Citizen Representative

Chairman Cowart opened the Committee meeting of the Levy County RESTORE Act Advisory Committee at 3:00 p.m. at the Levy County Court House. Chairman Cowart said the prayer followed by the Pledge to the Flag. The roll of members was called.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

The public had no comments.

RESTORE ACT PROJECTS UPDATE

Ms. Tisha Whitehurst explained the revised spread sheet displaying the smaller projects at the beginning to allow for the funding of more projects. Ms. Whitehurst explained that once funds have been requested the money must be expended within that year or there is an increase in paperwork to explain why the project and the funds were not expended. Ms. Whitehurst said if the funds allocated for the year are not expended and are not drawn then they will roll over and will be retained. Ms. Whitehurst said this would be beneficial in the case of a project which exceeds the funds received, with planning the funds can accrue and then the project may be financed. The Committee discussed scenarios on how projects could be funded and completed within a year.

Ms. Whitehurst explained that the Ordinance to meet the purchasing requirements of CFR 200, Federal purchasing regulations, is being prepared by the County Attorney for presentation to the Board. Ms. Whitehurst said this affects every County department which receives federal funding. Ms. Whitehurst said when the Ordinance is adopted then the next step will be to have the multi-year plan prepared by Tetrattech.

The Committee discussed the funding the County will be receiving from Pot 3 funds. Comm. John Meeks said the money will be for Levy County but there is encouragement to have regional plans in expending those funds. Ms. Whitehurst said ESA will be preparing the multi-year plan for the Pot 3 funds. Comm. Meeks discussed the possibility of the RESTORE Act Committee also be involved with the request for application and recommendation to the Board of County Commissioners projects for the Pot 3 funding.

Comm. Meeks said there will be a meeting in Dixie County on September 7 to discuss some regional projects and he can report further after that meeting.

Chairman Chris Cowart suggested that further discussion on the Town of Cedar Key

project for the inner marina basin be delayed until after the Florida Department of Transportation ("FDOT") meeting on August 30.

GULF CONSORTIUM UPDATE

Comm. John Meeks said the next meeting will be on September 13 at the FAC meeting. Comm. Meeks said the Pot 3 money will have to have a state expenditure plan and will be handled similar to the Pot 1 funds. Comm. Meeks said working with surrounding counties will allow the County to capitalize on their projects and funding.

There was discussion on how communities can also apply for Pot 2 funding for projects.

MEETING SCHEDULE

The next meetings of the RESTORE Act Advisory Committee will be Tuesday, September 27, 2016, commencing at 3:00 p.m. in the Board of County Commissioner's meeting room at the Levy County Court House.

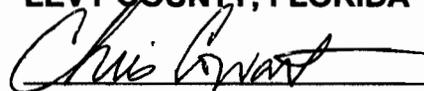
PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

MINUTES

Comm. Meeks moved to approve the minutes of July 19, 2016, seconded by Mr. Streeter, and the motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

**RESTORE ACT ADVISORY COMMITTEE
LEVY COUNTY, FLORIDA**



Chris Cowart, Chairman