

Local Restore Council
September 14, 2015
Milton, Florida

Present: Chairman Lane Lynchard and members Don Salter, Rob Williamson, Shon Owens, Buzz Eddy, Brian Watkins, Dave Robau, Cal Bodenstein, Mike Sandler, Donna Tucker, Carole Tebay, Hunter Walker (County Administrator), Roy Andrews (County Attorney), Michael Schmidt (Assistant County Engineer), and Sheila Fitzgerald (Special Projects/Grants Director). Lynchard called the meeting to order at approximately 3:00 p.m. in the Board Room of the Santa Rosa County Administrative Complex.

Lynchard moved approval without objection of the July 13, 2015 meeting minutes.

Update on RESTORE, Gulf Consortium, Triumph Gulf Coast

Lynchard gave an update regarding the recent Gulf Consortium meeting he attended in Tampa.

Update on the Department of Treasury's role in the RESTORE Act implementation

Fitzgerald gave a power point presentation outlining the Department of Treasury's role in RESTORE Act implementation, guidance available for Restore Act Direct Component funding implementation and the county's coordination with the Department of Treasury regarding program requirements (Attachment in file).

Update on Draft (MYIP) Multiyear Implementation Plan

Fitzgerald gave a power point presentation on an overview of the draft MYIP (Attachment in file). She further discussed an updated timeline. Fitzgerald said the plan must be available for 45 days for public review. She said at the end of the 45 days, staff will summarize the input received and incorporate this into the plan. Fitzgerald said the Board of County Commission is the final approval before the plan goes to the Department of Treasury. She said once the Department of Treasury accepts the plan, the county can submit individual grant applications for each of the 15 projects.

Project Changes since Local Restore Council Approval

Fitzgerald said 2 of 15 projects have some material changes that she feels needs the council's concurrence on in order to adjust the plan. She discussed changes made to the Pensacola Bay Oyster project's scope of work. Fitzgerald said she provided the council with a summary of the changes. She said the Rattlesnake Bluff Road project had a significant increase in budget funds. Fitzgerald said staff looked at how the scoring would potentially change, if the decrease in matching ratio and leveraging was considered. She said she does not believe the decrease in the score would put this project lower than another potential project. Fitzgerald said the project still stayed in the fundable range. She said there are also a few minor changes needed to some of the wording on other projects.

Darryl Boudreau (The Nature Conservancy) said the changes of the Pensacola Bay Oyster project revolve around what the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) is looking at in funding for the design and permitting. He further discussed the three phases of this project.

Lynchard said the Rattlesnake Bluff project cost increased from approximately \$124,000.00 to \$350,000.00. Steve Duncan (Three Rivers Resource Conservation & Development Council) said he was uncomfortable with the initial construction estimate completed by a biologist with U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. He said he hired Southern Site & Utility Design to do a detailed construction estimate and he feels better with the construction cost increase.

R. Williamson said he feels the council will need to build in some type of increase and then identify what is an acceptable increase.

Owens said he feels the council funded the project because it is the “best bang for our buck” and the project met the qualifications at the highest level. He said now the project is double the cost. Owens said asked how the council is going to address this.

There was further discussion of addressing increased project costs.

Lynchard asked Duncan if there is any opportunity for getting a higher level of participation from Eglin Air Force Base. Duncan said he can look into this. Salter said he would like to see Duncan possibly put together additional partners and then come back to the council. Lynchard said he would like to see the project move forward but if the additional sources cannot be identified, then this council can allocate more funds to complete the project, in the next round. He said he feels it makes sense to him, to leave the project at the amount that it was submitted for and graded upon.

Williamson moved approval of the draft Multiyear Implementation Plan as presented. Eddy seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Other Business

Lynchard said a workshop will be scheduled and held in the northend of the county and in the southend of the county, in order for staff to disseminate the MYIP.

Next Meeting Date

Lynchard said due to the 45 day public comment/review period of the MYIP, the next Local Restore Meeting will be tentatively scheduled for December.

Adjournment

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

By: Lane Lynchard, Chairman