

RESTORE ACT ADVISORY COMMITTEE, PASCO COUNTY, FLORIDA

ANNOTATED MINUTES

DECEMBER 3, 2020

**PREPARED IN THE OFFICE OF
NIKKI ALVAREZ-SOWLES, Esq., CLERK & COMPTROLLER**

**THE MINUTES WERE PREPARED IN AGENDA ORDER
AS PUBLISHED AND NOT IN THE ORDER
IN WHICH THE ITEMS WERE HEARD**

6:00 P.M.

**WEST PASCO GOVERNMENT CENTER, BOARD ROOM, 1ST FLOOR
8731 CITIZENS DRIVE, NEW PORT RICHEY, FLORIDA 34654**

Committee Members:

Jack Mariano, Board of County Commissioners
Kathryn Starkey (Alternate), Board of County Commissioners - **Absent**
Cynthia Armstrong, School Board Representative
Dr. Lisa Richardson, College/University Representative
Vacant, Science or Fisheries Representative
Lauren Micelli, Pasco Economic Development Council Representative
Kristin Tonkin, Tourism Representative
Vacant, Citizen Representative
Bruce Mills, West Pasco Chamber of Commerce Representative

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Mariano called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

INVOCATION

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Ms. Jessica Floyd, Deputy Clerk, gave the Invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

ROLL CALL

Ms. Floyd called the roll. All members were present with Chairman Mariano, Ms. Armstrong, Ms. Micelli, and Ms. Tonkin attending virtually. Dr. Richardson arrived to the meeting after roll call and Commissioner Starkey was absent.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was none.

TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION:

Minutes from February 6, 2020 RESTORE Meeting for Approval

A quorum was not present. No action was taken.

Minutes from July 9, 2020 RESTORE Meeting for Approval

A quorum was not present. No action was taken.

INFORMATION ITEM:

Findings from Gahagan and Bryant Associates' study of Gulf Harbors and Hudson Channels Dredge

Mr. George Thomas, Public Works, reviewed the item using a PowerPoint presentation.

Discussion was held regarding specific channels; the Aquatic Preserve; dredging; research; requesting funding from the Pew Foundation; blockage complaints; the number of studies that were still needed; whether the projects could be wrapped together to make it more substantial; comments from the Department of Environmental Protection; the different pots of funding; the past Hudson Beach Dredge; a school that was to do sea grass sampling; saving money; a pontoon boat that was supposed to be received by a school that was waiting on the formal grant; Crews Lake; a recent Gulf Consortium meeting;

The item was for information only. No action was required.

Other

- Ms. Pamela Lynch, Program Coordinator, spoke regarding the amendment to the state expenditure plan that had been submitted to the RESTORE Council and explained the Consortium had reviewed it and approved it to go out for a 45 day public comment period which had started December 3, 2020. She further explained that during the public comment period the RESTORE Council would look more in depth at all the projects and would come back with questions which she expected to hear back from them by the end of February and spoke regarding the preliminary questions pertaining to the use of funds. She stated that they anticipated full approval by April and would go forward with the formal application.

Discussion was held regarding funding; different projects; the Aquatic Preserve; and direction to Staff for the next meeting.

- Ms. Lynch led discussion regarding the two vacancies on the Committee.
- Ms. Armstrong led discussion regarding the need for a quorum to be physically present at the meetings.

The item information was for information only. No action was required.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was none.

ADJOURN

The next meeting would be held on February 4, 2021.

The Committee adjourned at 6:41 p.m.

RESTORE ACT ADVISORY COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
DECEMBER 3, 2020



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