

Choctawhatchee Basin Alliance
Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
April 1, 2009
At Florida's Great Northwest

In Attendance: Dennis Peters, Mark Shaeffer, Taylor Kirschenfeld, Bill Schultz, Al Wenstrand, Tom Patton, James Ward, Julie Terrell, Alison McDowell, Sarah Kalinoski, Joni Barreda, and Matt Keely

1. Opening Remarks

- a) Vice Chairman Dennis Peters called the advisory committee meeting of the Choctawhatchee Basin Alliance to order at 4:05 p.m., Wednesday, April 1, 2009.
- b) Mr. Peters welcomed Taylor Kirschenfeld of Escambia County.

2. Presentation of Escambia County Water Quality Projects by Taylor Kirschenfeld and Matt Keely

- a) Mr. Kirschenfeld thanked the board for inviting him to present his Escambia county project summaries. He also introduced Matt Keely, a University of Notre Dame graduate student intern that works with him on several Escambia county projects.
- b) Mr. Kirschenfeld presented several aspects of his ongoing and completed water quality research and projects in Escambia County. He focused on development impacts to surface water quality, stormwater without treatment in years past, and current stormwater projects, including the Jones Swamp Wetland Preserve and Greenway projects in Escambia County.
- c) Board members and staff asked questions and participated in discussions during and after the presentation concerning grants and funding, 303d designated water bodies, expected results of Jones Swamp project, and the new green roof building being built by Escambia County.

3. Approval of Meeting Minutes for December 2008 and February 2009

- a) Vice Chairman Peters called for approval of meeting minutes for December 2008 and February 2009.
- b) Mr. Wenstrand moved to accept the minutes.
- c) Mr. Ward seconded the motion.
- d) The minutes were unanimously approved.

4. Budget Report Update

- a) Ms. Julie Terrell discussed the budget. The Fort Walton Beach current contract ending date was amended from February 14, 2009 to September 30, 2009.
- b) A discussion on stimulus money took place. All projects that can be elevated based on available stimulus money have been.

5. Executive Committee Update

- a) Ms. Terrell had verified that current executive committee members have agreed to maintain their seats. She also reviewed how the executive committee function, who the current members are, as well as when and where they meet.
- b) Mr. Wenstrand moved to accept the current officers for another term.
- c) Mr. Schultz seconded the motion.
- d) The motion was unanimously approved.

6. Membership Levels/Sponsorship Levels

- a) Ms. Terrell discussed the membership drive she and Ms. Booyse are developing. She presented a new flier showcasing the four arms of CBA (Monitoring, Restoration, Education, and Research) and new membership levels to the committee for comment and input.
- b) The committee asked for some time to think about the new membership levels. Comments will be submitted to Ms. Terrell within the next couple of weeks via email. Ms. Terrell will send a reminder to the committee for suggestions.

7. New Business

- a) Mr. Ward and Ms. Terrell have been working on making contact with the Water Management District's Governing Board Member, Mr. Tim Norris in Santa Rosa Beach. They also have been discussing approaching the legislature with the creation of an educational institute, initiative. Ms. Terrell gave an overview of the two initiatives thus far.
- b) Committee members offered suggestions for the initiative. The committee is comfortable with Julie reaching out to the Norris group.
- c) Mr. Peters asked Ms. Terrell to come up with a mission and functionality statement for the educational institute initiative. Ms. Terrell agreed to put together a draft of a mission statement, as well as what projects will be incorporated.
- d) The committee also conveyed concern over what the schools will think of it. They suggested that CBA approach the principals and school boards also.
- e) Ms. Terrell discussed upcoming projects, including oyster reef construction at the Schultz property and exotic/invasive plant removal on the coastal dune lakes.

8. Meeting Adjourned

- a) Mr. Peters adjourned the meeting at 5:58 PM.