

Choctawhatchee Basin Alliance
Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
December 3, 2008

In Attendance: Mike Flynt, Mitch Shank, Holly Booyse, Mark Shaeffer, Jerry Najarian, Dennis Peters, Ross Hamilton, Julie Terrell, Alison McDowell, Sarah Kalinoski, Joni Barreda, Donna Howsden and 46 members and guests.

1. *Reception:* CBA's annual membership meeting was held at the Mattie Kelly Art Galleries. Refreshments were served. Ballots for the advisory committee were passed out.

2. *Opening Remarks:*

- a) Chairman Holly Booyse called the advisory committee meeting of the Choctawhatchee Basin Alliance to order at 6:40 p.m., Wednesday, December 3, 2008.
- b) Chairman Booyse welcomed everyone and thanked them for their support, and expressed her concerns that we have almost 500 people on CBA's mailing list, but only 192 are paid members. She encouraged those present to contact their fellow citizens and encourage them to make the next step and secure a CBA membership.
- c) Chairman Booyse announced the results of the advisory committee elections. Ross Hamilton, Mitch Shank, Dennis Peters and Mark Shaeffer were reelected to serve 2-year terms. There were write-in candidates for the one vacant seat still available. CBA will talk to each write-in candidate and see if they are interested in serving on the Advisory Committee and get back to everyone.
- d) Chairman Booyse introduced Dr. Richburg, President of Northwest Florida State College.

3. *Dr Richburg's Address:*

- a) Dr. Richburg discussed the role of the new State College and his support for CBA.

4. *Ms. Julie Terrell's Presentation:*

Julie Terrell gave a brief summary of CBA's 4 arms: Monitoring, Education, Public Involvement, and Restoration.

1. Ms. Terrell summarized the long-term temporal trends of some of the Bay and Bayou's volunteer water quality data.
2. Ms. Terrell talked about the programs that CBA is supporting within the public school system within 17 different schools.
3. Ms. Terrell also provided examples of CBA's public outreach and involvement within the community.
4. Ms. Terrell showed the Restoration projects that CBA completed last year or / are working on for next year.
5. Ms. Terrell then reviewed the NPDES Partnerships that CBA has established and discussed how NPDES requirements complement CBA's current work and mission.

5. *Public Input:*

- a) Julie Terrell opened the floor and addressed comments from the attendees. Questions about current projects were addressed as well as goals for future projects and partnerships.

6. *Meeting Adjourned:*

- a) Chairman Booyse adjourned the advisory committee meeting at 7:41 p.m.