

**Choctawhatchee Basin Alliance**  
**Advisory Board Meeting Minutes**  
**February 7, 2007**

***In Attendance:*** Al Wenstrand, Ross Hamilton, Jerry Najarian, Mark Shaeffer, Dan Robeen, Holly Booyse, Thomas Estes, Mary Rosenheim, Darlene Taylor, Larry Franzen, Julie Terrell, Sarah Kalinoski, Alison McDowell, Lauren Nowling, and Phillip Ellis.

**1. *Opening Remarks:***

- a) Chairman Wenstrand called the advisory board meeting of the Choctawhatchee Basin Alliance to order at 4:05 p.m., Wednesday, February 7, 2007.
- b) Mr. Wenstrand introduced Alison McDowell, CBA's new Program Specialist, to the rest of the advisory board.

**2. *Review of October Meeting Minutes:***

- a) Minutes were distributed to the advisory board members prior to the meeting.
- b) Approval of October meeting minutes was tabled until the next advisory board meeting due to not having a quorum at this time.

**3. *Budget Report Update:***

- a) Ross Hamilton was introduced to give an update of the CBA budget.
- b) Approval of the budget was tabled until the next advisory board meeting due to not having a quorum at this time.
- c) Mr. Hamilton explained that the renewal of both NPDES contracts with Walton County and Fort Walton Beach is underway. Both contracts are expected to be approved and signed by the next advisory board meeting.
- d) Julie Terrell stated that CBA and Fort Walton Beach both received a Florida Forever Grant for a project at Liza Jackson Park. The overall goal of this project would be to treat stormwater and reduce the number of days of beach closings at Liza Jackson Park.

**4. *Election of Advisory Board Officers:***

- a) A copy of the nominating committee report was distributed to the advisory board members prior to the meeting.
- b) Election of the nominated board officers was tabled until the next advisory board meeting due to not having a quorum at this time.

**5. *Presentation by Mary Rosenheim & Thomas Estes:***

- a) Thomas Estes and Mary Rosenheim with ST JOE were introduced to give a brief presentation of their project entitled General Permit (GP) 86: A Watershed Approach.
- b) This project was a conservation framework for 48,150 acres that connects the Choctawhatchee Bay Watershed and the St. Andrew's Bay Watershed.

**6. *Update on CBA Community Budget Requests:***

- a) Julie Terrell was introduced to give a brief overview of the CBA Community Budget Requests that were submitted to the offices of Representative Coley and Senator Gaetz.
- b) A total of three community budget requests were submitted:
  - 1) \$600,000.00 for a Gap Creek project.
  - 2) \$500,000.00 for a Liza Jackson Park project.
  - 3) \$100,000.00 to enhance CBA water quality monitoring and community education and outreach.

**7. New Business:**

- a) Julie Terrell gave a brief overview of the status of the Cessna Park Stormwater Remediation Project. She stated that the Walton County TDC has agreed to use grassy pavers in certain areas of the construction, reducing the amount of asphalt used by 1/3.
- b) Cal Calahan will be the vendor used to provide the grassy pavers and has 20 years of successful experience with this product.

**8. Meeting Adjourned:**

- a) Chairman Wenstrand adjourned the advisory board meeting at 5:28 p.m.