

Choctawhatchee Basin Alliance
Executive Advisory Board Meeting Minutes
September 5, 2007

Florida's Great Northwest, Inc. – 4:00 p.m.

In Attendance: Al Wenstrand, Ross Hamilton, Holly Booyse, Mark Shaeffer and Julie Terrell.

I. Call to Order:

- a) Chairman Wenstrand called the Executive Advisory Board Meeting of the Choctawhatchee Basin Alliance to order at 4:15 p.m., Wednesday, September 5, 2007.

II. Advisory Board Elections for 2007:

- a) Julie Terrell explained that there are 5 board members up for reelection in December 2007. These members are: Holly Booyse, Al Wenstrand, Tom Patton, James Ward, and Jerry Najarian. CBA will contact them to see if they wish to run for another 2-yr term.
- b) Al Wenstrand stated that CBA should also solicit nominations from the membership by e-mail and the next newsletter that goes out in October. The deadline for nominations will be November 6th. Elections will take place at the next annual meeting which will be held on December 5, 2007 at OWC. Nominations can also be made during the December meeting by utilizing the write-in space for candidates on the election ballot.

III. 2007 Annual Membership Meeting:

- a) Ross Hamilton proposed a theme for the annual meeting: “CBA: Building a Better Bay”.
- b) The board discussed individuals to ask to be the key note speaker of the annual meeting and one of the suggestions was Dr. Allison Beauregard, the new Mattie M. Kelly Cultural and Environmental Institute Teaching Chair.

IV. Future Funding for CBA:

- a) Future funding opportunities for CBA were discussed by the executive board.
- b) Julie Terrell mentioned that the community budget requests are due in January 2008. CBA board members need to start getting current legislators to support CBA's budget requests.
- c) Ms. Terrell also stated that Florida Forever Funding deadlines are October 26, 2007. CBA is hoping to work with our NPDES partner Fort Walton Beach and Walton County to write a grant for funding a Stormwater Project. Fort Walton Beach has expressed an interest in obtaining funding for improvements to Jet Stadium's stormwater treatment. Funding opportunities are still being discussed for Walton County.

V. Cessna Park Celebration:

a) Holly Booyse agreed to help assist CBA staff plan the Cessna Park Grand Opening Celebration event. The date will hopefully be set for October 2007 once construction is completed. Construction is scheduled to be completed September 26, 2007.

VI. Future Needs of CBA:

a) The executive board discussed the future needs of CBA. Julie Terrell reported that CBA currently needs about \$200,000 annually to sustain its current monitoring program, also known as—CBA’s “early warning detection system”—for the water resources of the area.

b) The board suggested that an informative presentation be prepared outlining CBA’s needs for this funding source. This presentation needs to be made available for board members when they are out in the community and able to solicit financial support.

VII. CBA 17’ Cape Horn Boat Trailer:

a) Holly Booyse discussed the information she gathered regarding CBA’s need for a 17’ boat trailer for the Cape Horn stored at the Bluewater Bay High & Dry. She was trying to negotiate the best price for the trailer and CBA staff will follow-up with the information she provided.

VIII. Adjourn:

a) Mr. Wenstrand adjourned the Executive Advisory Board Meeting at 5:30 p.m.