

**The Resources and Ecosystems Sustainability, Tourist Opportunities, and Revived  
Economies of the Gulf Coast Act of 2012  
(RESTORE Act) Working Group Meeting Minutes**

RESTORE Act Working Group (WG) team members met on **April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2014** at 2:00 p.m. at 22211 US Hwy 19, N in Bldg. #1 in the third of a series of meetings facilitated by **Lindsay Cross** of the Tampa Bay Estuary Program designed to bring together community members to provide input and recommendations for the use of Direct Component RESTORE Act dollars by Pinellas County.

**RESTORE Act Working Group Members:**

present:	Frank Chivas	Baystar Restaurants
present:	Peter Clark	Tampa Bay Watch
present:	Mike Colby	Clearwater Marine Association & Gulf Charter Fisherman's Assoc.
present:	Libby Fetherston	Ocean Conservancy
present:	Carlos Frey	City of St. Petersburg, Engineering & Capital Improvements
present:	Cathy Harrelson	Gulf Restoration Network & Saint Petersburg Sustainability Council
present:	Mark Hafen	USF School of Geosciences
absent:	Mark Luther	USF College of Marine Science
present:	Bob McConnell	Tampa Bay Water
absent:	Bob Minning	Mayor of Treasure Island & Barrier Islands BIG C representative
absent:	Dennis O'Hern	Fishing Rights Alliance & FL Skin Divers Association
present:	Ernst Peebles	USF College of Marine Science
present:	Mark Rachal	Audubon Society and FL Coastal Island Sanctuaries
present:	Randy Runnels	FDEP, Tampa Bay Aquatic Preserves under FL Coastal Office
present:	Elliot Shoberg	Stormwater Utility Manager, City of Clearwater
present:	David White	National Wildlife Federation

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**Facilitator:**

present:	Lindsay Cross	Tampa Bay Estuary Program
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**Staff Members Present:**

Andy Squires	Coastal & Freshwater Resources Manager: Lead RESTORE Planning Mgr.
Mary Russell	Pinellas County Natural Resources, Stormwater Management Administration
Liz Freeman	Pinellas County Sustainable Planning and Development
Libby Carnahan	UF/IFAS Extension Marine Agent

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**Public Present:**

Doug Robison
Mike Walters

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## Discussion of Agenda Items

1. Andy Squires welcomed **Mike Walters** from DEI's Engineering and Technical Services Department.
2. It was moved by **Ernst Peebles** and seconded by **Bob McConnell** to approve the March 5<sup>th</sup> Meeting Minutes as written. The motion passed unanimously.
3. No public comments were heard.
4. After discussion, it was moved by **Peter Clark** and seconded by **David White** to approve the COUNTY RESTORE GOALS & PRIORITIES as amended and present them to the County Commission for their approval. The goals and priorities are for projects to be funded through the "Direct Component" RESTORE Act allocation. The motion passed unanimously.
5. After discussion, it was moved by **Peter Clark** and seconded by **Ernst Peebles** to approve the PROJECT SELECTION AND RANKING PROCESS as amended for presentation to the BCC for their approval. The motion passed unanimously.

## 6. NEXT STEPS

Andy Squires will present the County RESTORE Goals and Priorities as well as the Project Selection and Ranking proposed process to the County Commission for their approval on May 20, 2014.

Upon approval of the Goals & Priorities and the Project Selection & Ranking by the BCC, Andy Squires will compile a draft of the web submittal portal for presentation to the RESTORE Act Working Group for input and approval.

The target date for the next RESTORE Act Working Group meeting is May 28<sup>th</sup>.

The meeting adjourned at 3:45 p.m.