

MONROE COUNTY RESTORE ACT LOCAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

May 16, 2013, 1PM

Marathon Government Center

(Approved June 28, 2012)

Committee Members Present: Todd German, Mark Finegan, Ed Swift, Bill Kelly, John Halas, William Murchie, Ted Blackburn, David Makepeace, Mike Cinque, John DeNeale, Patrick Rice.

Absences: None

Staff: Lisa Tennyson, County Attorney Bob Shillinger, County Administrator Roman Gastesi,

Commissioners Present: Commissioner David Rice, Commissioner Sylvia Murphy

Meeting was called to order at 1PM. The meeting began with introductions of members of the Local Committee and their respective appointments, staff, consultants, and audience members.

Commissioner David Rice opened with a welcome message.

County Attorney B. Shillinger gave the Local Committee an overview of Sunshine and financial disclosure requirements. Some of the members questioned the need for the Financial Disclosure requirement. Shillinger explained that the BOCC discussed and required this. Shillinger agreed to consider their request that the forms not be required or be filed confidentially, and to bring that to the BOCC.

Monroe County staff person, L. Tennyson gave an overview of the meeting's agenda, which was to give the Local Committee some of the history and background on the RESTORE Act, and an understanding of what is happening at the Federal level and the State level, and then to discuss it's role at the Local level.

Monroe County RESTORE Act consultant, John Wayne Smith gave an overview of RESTORE Act including the legislation, the formation and uniqueness of the Florida state model (consortium of counties, ie, Gulf Consortium), and the state or "Consortium Pot."

Monroe County RESTORE Act consultant, Peggy Mathews gave the committee an overview of RESTORE Act including an explanation of the various "pots" of funding, the sources for each of the "pots," the Federal Council plan, the "Federal Pot," the US treasury rules, etc.

Monroe County staff person, L. Tennyson gave an overview of the “Local Pot” of funding, the projected amounts of the local funding pot, the allowable uses of RESTORE Act funding, RESTORE Act funding conditions, and the role and responsibilities of the Local Committee in devising a process for soliciting, reviewing, and ranking projects for consideration of funding from the Local Pot. (Additional information on Ms. Tennyson’s presentation can be found in the meeting background materials.)

The Committee addressed the election of officers. Nominations were made. Votes were cast by ballot. Shillinger and Tennyson tallied the ballots. Marathon Mayor Mike Cinque was elected for Chair. David Makepeace was elected for Vice-Chair.

A tentative meeting schedule was discussed with the Committee. The next two meetings were scheduled: June 12th and June 28th. The Committee requested that meetings begin at 9AM. Also, it was agreed that meetings will take place in Marathon BOCC. This facility is centrally located; and the room is equipped with video recording capacity. It was mentioned that meetings will be recorded and available to be viewed on the County’s website.

A tentative project application and review process schedule was discussed with the Committee. It was proposed that the Committee develop an application and criteria in time to be given to the BOCC for the July agenda. Upon approval by the BOCC, an application can be released to the public. Approximately 5 weeks will be given for applicants to submit. The Committee will then review submittals, and set a meeting to publicly discuss and rank/recommend submissions. That list of ranked/recommended projects will then be provided to the BOCC for its consideration and final approval of project funding.

The meeting adjourned at 3PM.