

**Gulf Consortium Board Meeting
September 9, 2020, Time 3:00p.m. (Eastern)
Teleconference**

Members in Attendance: Chairman Chris Constance (Charlotte), Commissioner Scott Carnahan (Citrus), Gary McAlphin (Collier), Commissioner Robert Bender (Escambia), Keith Kolasa (Hernando) Jim Taylor (Hillsborough), Carol Whitmore (Manatee) Monroe County, John Meeks (Levy) , Charlie Hunsicker (Manatee County), Kelly Windes (Okaloosa), Commissioner Jack Mariano (Pasco), Charlie Justice (Pinellas), Lane Lynchard (Santa Rosa), Joseph Kraus (Sarasota) LaWanda Pemberton (Taylor), Larry Jones (Walton)

Also in Attendance: Valerie Seidel (The Balmoral Group), Dan Dourte (The Balmoral Group), Richard Bernier (The Balmoral Group), Lynn Hoshihara (Nabors, Giblin & Nickerson) Evan Rosenthal (NGN)

Agenda Item #1 – Call to Order

Chairman Chris Constance called the meeting to order at 3:00pm (ET).

Agenda Item #2 – Roll Call

Due to this being the first board meeting not held in person, it was asked to state first name during roll coll. Attendees as above.

Agenda Item #3 – Addition or Deletions

Chairman Constance asked if there were any changes or additions to the agenda. There were no questions or comments on the agenda. Commissioner Carnahan made the motion to approve the agenda as presented, second by Carol Whitmore. No opposition.

ACTION: APPROVED

Agenda Item #4 – Public Comment

None.

Agenda Item #5 – Consent Agenda

Chairman Constance presented the minutes for June 10 Board Meeting, June 10th Finance Meeting and the Report on Delegated Authority through July 31 2020. Commissioner McAlpin made the motion to approve, Commissioner Meeks seconded. All in favor. No opposition.

ACTION: APPROVED

Agenda Item #6 – Grants Status

Dan Dourte (The Balmoral Group) gave an update on the grant status. There are three new grant applications. Next deadline is October 30th before the December consortium meeting. Any project milestone with 2019-2022 is good to go. The projects looking for approval are 5-2 in Bay County, 22-1 in Collier County 13-1 in Citrus County. Commissioner Carnahan made the motion, second my Commissioner Constance. No opposing. All approve. Commissioner Constance thanked Dan Dourte for adding the schedule.

ACTION: APPROVED

Agenda Item #7 – SEP Amendment Request

Chairman Constance recognized Dan Dourte who requested approval from the board for an SEP Amendment. There are a handful of counties that expressed interest on making a change in the SEP. An SEP amendment is required for adding new projects or substantial changes in scope. This would be the third amendment. We are asking counties to deliver materials by October 23rd to allow time before the December board meeting. If approved it would be released for public comment after the

December board meeting. The board approved an elective approach to SEP amendments earlier this year. It was in a policy change reviewed by the policy committee and by the board in January. There is an excerpt in the packet. Board expressed that we do not wish to do the amendments more than once a year. Commissioner McAlpin made a motion to approve, second by Meeks. All in favor. No opposition.

ACTION: APPROVED

Agenda Item #8- 2021 Calendar

Dan Dourte presented the calendar for 2021. There were tentative dates, and FAC had not released their calendar of meetings as of yet. Chair Constance noted that he would forward any schedule information from FAC to the Balmoral Group once he received it. The Board discussed the proposed calendar options four meetings versus five and agreed on the calendar for five meetings. Commissioner Barfield made the motion to approve the calendar for 2021, seconded by Commissioner Justice. All in favor.

ACTION: APPROVED

Agenda Item #9 –Manager Contract Options

Chairman Constance recognized Lynn Hoshihara (NGN) who informed the board that Balmoral's current contract is set to expire April 2021 with no further extensions under the current contract. She was asked if the consortium can negotiate a contract extension rather than going out to RFP. RESTORE agreed that there is a provision that allows a noncompetitive proposal as long as the request was made in writing. Executive Committee had approved to seek authorization from RESTORE council to renegotiate and extend Balmoral's Agreement for Management Services. Chairman Constance asked how quickly they would get a response from RESTORE seeing as there is a deadline. Lynn commented it was hard to know but she would hope no more than two weeks but she could not promise that. Chairman Constance asked what if they receive a negative or no answer, would there be time to RFP. Lynn commented that they had built it some time in the schedule in the event that happened and could call a special meeting if necessary. Commissioner Carnahan made the motion to approve a contract extension request for The Balmoral Group, second by Commissioner Mariano. All in favor. None oppose. Commissioner McAlpin commended Dan on his work for the Consortium, Collier County was very pleased. Lynn Hoshihara commented that assuming RESTORE approves the request, general counsel will negotiate the contract to bring back to the Executive Committee for final approval.

ACTION: APPROVED

Agenda Item #10 –Financial Report

Chairman Constance recognized Richard Bernier (The Balmoral Group) who provided updated financial statements to the Board through July 31, approved by the finance committee and executive committee. Richard presented the Income statement, and deposits and disbursement since the last report in April. He also presented the grants status summary, submitted grants graph by County and implementation costs graph. On page 47 Chair Constance that some of the counties were missing from the key which Richard would look into. Commissioner Carnahan made the motion to approve, second by Commissioner Bender. None opposed.

ACTION: APPROVED

Agenda Item #11 – Proposed Budget

Chairman Constance recognized Valerie Seidel who gave a review of the proposed budget. There were three sources of funding, county dues, adaptive planning grant, and SEP funding. Currently county dues were at \$6,306 for larger counties and \$1,525 for smaller counties. There were two

budget scenarios presented. One for three in person meetings, under the assumption that remaining meetings of 2020 would be virtual and three meetings in person between Jan and Sept 2021. The budget for Scenario 1 is \$80M total. The second scenario includes 4 in person meetings for the new fiscal year. Executive committee approved the higher amount with 5 meetings. The Budget for Scenario 2 is \$94M. The recommendation was for Option 2 to allow for flexibility. The Board discussed the options and Commissioner Whitmore made the motion for Scenario 1, second by Gary McAphin. There was no opposition.

ACTION: APPROVED

Agenda Item #12 – General Counsel Report

Chairman Constance recognized Lynn Hoshihara (Nabors, Giblin & Nickerson) who had no updates for the meeting. There were no questions on this item.

Agenda Item #12 FDEP – Pot 2 update

Chairman Constance recognized Lisa Robertson (FDEP) who gave an update on RESTORE bucket 2. There were four water programs: quality program, hydrologic restoration program, a land acquisition program, a coastal resiliency program. The projects were on the RESTORE website, the budget would be approved 2021. Commissioner Mariano asked if it was beneficial to have multiple counties involved with a project idea. Robertson commented that it was hard to know right now if it would appear more beneficial but a webinar would be coming up to go over the projects and information. Commissioner Carnahan asked if there was a way to organize the data that was available as a data bank that was accessible to everyone. Robertson did not have an update on that, there is the WINDS database but otherwise not aware of anything like that.

Agenda Item# 13– Manager’s Report

Chairman Constance recognized Valerie Seidel who gave an update on the Consortium activities since the last Board meeting. Dan reported earlier that there were 3 new grant applications. The Consortium had their first \$1 million dollar disbursement. Grant Solutions is now fully operational. Valerie also noted that the Committee assignments would need to be revisited. At the December board meeting, Balmoral will bring forward a onetime waiver of annual deadlines in the Consortium policies to assist in the committee assignments updates. Chairman Constance asked if the negotiation of The Balmoral Groups’ agreement could include a renegotiation on the \$170/rate for everyone. Valerie commented that it was a blended rate but they will look into it. For the data entry for grants it did require someone with higher level involvement. Commissioner Constance asked for a listing of those items that require a higher level of responsibility. There were no further questions on this item. No action was required on the item.

Agenda Item #14 – Public Comment

None.

Agenda Item #15 – Board Member Comments

Chairman Constance noted that the next meeting was planned for Duval County between the 1-4th. The board could have discussion now about virtual meeting or wait to see what happens. Normally the Executive Committee could make this decision. Commissioner Whitmore commented that it was too early to say but she has a board meeting on the 2nd so she would not be attending. Commissioner Mariano was comfortable to wait a month to decide. Constance asked if anyone wanted to meet in person because he would hold the meeting virtual otherwise. No one opposed.

Agenda Item #16 – Upcoming Meetings

Upcoming meeting is TBD date between December 2-3 in the afternoon, held virtually.

Agenda Item #17-Adjourn

There being no further business, Chairman Constance called for a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Meeks to adjourn, second by Carnahan.

Chairman Constance adjourned the meeting at 4:02pm.

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