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**AGENDA  
THE GULF CONSORTIUM  
Board Meeting**

**September 22, 2023; 4:00 p.m. Eastern**

**Online/Teleconference Only:**

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**Board Members**

As attached

**Staff**

Valerie Seidel, Dan Dourte, Richard Bernier, Amy Bainbridge (The Balmoral Group)

Lynn Hoshihara, Evan Rosenthal (Nabors, Giblin & Nickerson, P.A.)

**Item 1. Call to Order**

Chairman Commissioner Christopher Constance will call the meeting to order.

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**Item 2. Roll Call**

Valerie Seidel will call the roll.

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**Item 3. Additions or Deletions**

Any additions or deletions to the committee meeting agenda will be announced.

**RECOMMEND:** Approval of a final agenda.

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**Item 4. Public Comments**

The public is invited to provide comments on issues that are on today's agenda. The meeting will be conducted electronically (or "virtually"). You may participate in the meeting electronically by joining the go to meeting at <https://meet.goto.com/176854197> or you may also dial in using your phone:

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*Please note: Individuals who have comments concerning a specific agenda item shall make an effort to communicate with staff prior to that agenda item. (Please see backup pages 6-7)*

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**Item 5. Consent Agenda**

The consent agenda items are presented for approval. Board members may remove any items from this agenda that they have questions on or would like to discuss in depth. Any items removed would then be included in the regular agenda in an order assigned by the Chair.

**Consent Agenda Items:**

- Minutes of the June 28, 2023 Board Meeting (Please see backup pages 8-14)
- Report on delegated authority through July 31, 2023 (Please see back up pages 15-16)

**RECOMMEND:** Approve Board Meeting Minutes and Delegated Authority Report

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**Item 6. Additional Bucket 3 Funding from HESI/Transocean Damages**

Valerie Seidel will provide an update on the distribution of unallocated amounts of the Halliburton Energy Service, Inc. and Transocean LTD. (HESI/Transocean) assigned Claims and Punitive Damages Settlements' Programs. 17% of this amount is allocated to Florida – to The Gulf Consortium. The Board may take action on the receipt and use of these funds. (Please see back up pages 17-21)

**RECOMMEND:** Approve New Settlement Funds

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**Item 7. Request to Prepare Draft SEP amendment**

Dan Dourte will request authorization to initiate the 6th annual SEP amendment to accommodate project changes in Gulf Consortium counties. Draft SEP amendment narrative should be delivered to the Gulf Consortium by 10/6/2023. (Please see back up pages 22-24)

**RECOMMEND:** Approve SEP Amendment Request

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**Item 8. Grant Applications Status**

Dan Dourte will give an update on grant application status. 2 new applications were received (Bay County and Dixie County projects). Total new funding requested: about \$6M. Upcoming subrecipient applications should be delivered to the Gulf Consortium by 10/6/2023. The status for all projects with active funding requests is regularly updated and can be accessed on P.7 of the interface at <https://datavisual.balmoralgroup.us/GulfConsortiumProjects>. (Please see back up pages 25-28)

**RECOMMEND:** Approve Grant Applications for submission

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**Item 9. Financial Report**

Richard Bernier will deliver updated financial reports. (Please see back up pages 29-32)

**RECOMMEND:** Approve Financial Reports

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**Item 10. Budget for FY23/24**

Valerie Seidel will present the Consortium Budget for the upcoming fiscal year. (Please see back up pages 33-36)

**RECOMMEND:** Approve Proposed Budget

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**Item 11. Project Highlight**

Dan Dourte will summarize the implementation project highlight for this meeting; 7-3: Apalachicola Cooperative Dredging (Please see back up pages 37-41)

**RECOMMEND:** For information only

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**Item 12. General Counsel Report**

Updates as needed from General Counsel. (Please see back up pages 42-43)

**RECOMMEND:** For information only

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**Item 13. Manager's Report**

Valerie Seidel will present an updated manager's report. (Please see back up pages 44-45)

**RECOMMEND:** For information only

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**Item 14. Public Comments**

The public is invited to provide comments on relevant issues. (Please see back up pages 46-47)

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**Item 15. Board Member Comments**

Members of the Board are invited to provide comments on relevant issues. (Please see back up pages 48-49)

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**Item 16. Upcoming Gulf Consortium Board Meeting**

TBD. (Please see back up pages 50-51)

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**Item 17. Adjourn**

## Gulf Consortium Directors, Alternates and Governor's Appointees 2023

County	Directors and Alternates
Bay	Commissioner Robert Carroll, Director, Commissioner Doug Moore, Alternate
Charlotte	Commissioner Christopher Constance, Chair; Commissioner Ken Doherty, Alternate; Emily Lewis, Alternate
Citrus	Commissioner Rebecca Bays, Director; Commissioner Ruthie Schlabach, Alternate
Collier	Commissioner Burt Saunders, Director; Commissioner Penny Taylor, Alternate
Dixie	Duane Cannon, Director; Martha McCaskill, Alternate
Escambia	Commissioner Robert Bender, Director; Commissioner Doug Underhill, Alternate
Franklin	Michael Morón, Alternate
Gulf	Clay Smallwood, Director; Sherry Herring, Alternate
Hernando	Commissioner John Alloco, Director; Commissioner Carla Burrmann, Alternate
Hillsborough	Commissioner Ken Hagan, Alternate
Jefferson	Austin Hosford, Director; Parrish Barwick, County Coordinator, Alternate
Lee	Commissioner Cecil Pendergrass, Director; Kurt Harclerode, Alternate
Levy	Commissioner John Meeks, Vice Chair; Tisha Whitehurst, Alternate
Manatee	Commissioner George Kruse, Director; Charlie Hunsicker, Alternate
Monroe	Lisa Tennyson, Director; Commissioner David Rice, Alternate
Okaloosa	Commissioner Trey Goodwin, Director; Commissioner Carolyn Ketchel, Alternate
Pasco	Commissioner Jack Mariano, Director; Commissioner Ron Oakley, Alternate
Pinellas	Commissioner Charlie Justice, Director; Stacey Day, Alternate; Yana Matiyuk; Alternate
Santa Rosa	Commissioner Sam Parker, Director; Commissioner Coltern Wright, Alternate
Sarasota	Commissioner Niel Rainford, Director; Joseph Kraus, Alternate
Taylor	Commissioner Jim Moody, Director; LaWanda Pemberton, Alternate; Commissioner Thomas Demps, Alternate
Wakulla	David Edwards, Director; Commissioner Ralph Thomas, Alternate
Walton	Commissioner Donna Johns, Director; Commissioner Tony Anderson, Alternate; Melinda Gates, Alternate
Governor's Appointees	Pam Anderson, Panama City; Peter Bos, Destin; Lino Maldonado, Niceville; Collier Merrill, Pensacola; Mike Sole, Tallahassee; Neal Wade, Panama City

## Notice of Meeting/Workshop Hearing

### OTHER AGENCIES AND ORGANIZATIONS

#### Gulf Consortium

The Gulf Consortium announces a public meeting of its Board Members via communications media technology to which all persons are invited to participate.

DATE AND TIME: September 22, 2023 at 4:00 pm (ET)

PLACE: This meeting will be conducted via teleconference only.

Interested persons may participate by telephone via the following:

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GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: The Board Members of the Gulf Consortium will meet to hold elections, review the status of grant applications and grants, review financials, and conduct other business at the discretion of the Board.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained at [www.gulfconsortium.org](http://www.gulfconsortium.org) or by contacting: General Manager at 407-629-2185 or [Gulf.Consortium@balmoralgroup.us](mailto:Gulf.Consortium@balmoralgroup.us).

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# **AGENDA ITEM 4**

**Gulf Consortium Board Meeting  
September 22, 2023**

**Agenda Item 4  
Public Comments**

**Statement of Issue:**

The public is invited to provide comments on issues that are on today's agenda

**Attachments:**

None

**Prepared by:**

Daniel Dourte,  
The Balmoral Group  
On: September 12, 2023

# **AGENDA ITEM 5a**



**Gulf Consortium Board Meeting  
September 22, 2023**

**Agenda Item 5a  
Approval of June 28, 2023 Board Meeting Minutes**

**Statement of Issue:**

Request to approve the minutes of the June 28, 2023 meeting of the Gulf Consortium Board of Directors.

**Options:**

- (1) Approve the June 28, 2023 minutes as presented; or
- (2) Amend and then approve the minutes.

**Recommendation:**

Motion to approve Option 1.

**Prepared by:**

Daniel Dourte, The Balmoral  
Group On: September 12, 2023

**Attachment:**

Draft Minutes, June 28 meeting of the Gulf Consortium Board.

**Action Taken:**

Motion to: \_\_\_\_\_, Made by: \_\_\_\_\_;

Seconded by: \_\_\_\_\_.

Approved \_\_\_\_; Approved as amended \_\_\_\_; Defeated \_\_\_\_\_.

**June 28, 2023; 1:30 p.m. Eastern**

**In-person:**

Signia by Hilton Orlando Bonnet Creek

Room: Nassau

14100 Bonnet Creek Resort Lane

Orlando, FL 32821

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**Members in Attendance:** Chairman Christopher Constance (Charlotte), Commissioner Robert Carroll (Bay), Commissioner Clay Smallwood (Gulf), Carla Burmann (Hernando), Commissioner Meeks (Levy), Commissioner George Kruse, Lisa Tennyson (Monroe), Commissioner Trey Goodwin (Okaloosa), Commissioner Mariano (Pasco), Commissioner Charlie Justice (Pinellas), Commissioner Sam Parker (Santa Rosa), Joseph Kraus (Sarasota), LaWanda Pemberton (Taylor), David Edwards (Wakulla)

**Also in Attendance:** Valerie Seidel, Dan Dourte, Richard Bernier, Amy Bainbridge, Brandon Bainbridge (The Balmoral Group) Lynn Hoshihara, Evan Rosenthal (Nabors, Giblin & Nickerson, P.A.)

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**Agenda Item #1 – Call to Order**

Chairman Christopher Constance (Charlotte) called the meeting to order at 1:36. The Chairman took a moment of silence to recognize the service and contributions of Commissioner Nancy Detert from Sarasota County who we lost since the last meeting.

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**Agenda Item #2 – Pledge of Allegiance**

All present pledged Allegiance to the U.S. flag

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**Agenda Item #3 – Roll Call**

Valerie Seidel took roll call. Attendees as above.

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**Agenda Item #4 – Addition or Deletions**

Chairman Christopher Constance asks the board if there are any additions, deletions, or changes that need to be made to the agenda. Valerie Seidel has one comment that the Gulf Consortium will be presenting an additional application on item 1. Motion for approval and second were made. Chairman Christopher Constance asks the board if there is any discussion or opposition to the motion. Hearing none, it passes with unanimous consent.

**ACTION: APPROVED**

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**Agenda Item #5 – Public Comment**

Chairman Christopher Constance asks if there is anybody from the public that wishes to speak to any of the items on the agenda. Executive Director for the Gulf Coast Ecosystem Restoration Council (RESTORE Council) Mary Walker is here. She stated it was amazing to be here; great work to see everyone and there was so much underway (hitting the billion dollars awarded this summer). A new process for many and can be an arduous process for staff. Mary Walker noted one of the requests they've received is a request for training for folks putting together applications. On November 30 RESTORE will have a day of training in person and virtual at Gulf State Park Lodge at Gulf Shores Alabama – will have some virtual option available for everyone in Gulf Coast that receives these funds. A question asked was if Mary Walker had talked with NACO (National Association of Counties) Mary Walker was unsure. Comment was that there was talk about some of the other states are lacking in receiving funds so they will be happy about training and if that could somehow be brought in. Many have voiced frustration on how long it's taking to get the money; Escambia is doing a really good job so they are happy to talk after. Comm. Constance noted that he appreciated the fact that they are doing the training. It has been 13 years since the event but so much has been learned and it's a good

idea to start rolling this forward. Comm Constance inquired for anyone on line or in the room that wishes to speak.

Hearing no other comments, Chairman Christopher Constance proceeds to the next agenda item.

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**Agenda Item #6 – Consent Agenda**

Chairman Christopher Constance presents the February 2, 2023 Board meeting minutes and Delegated Authority Report through May 31, 2023 for Board approval. Motion for approval and second to that motion were made. Chairman Christopher Constance asks the board if there is any discussion or opposition to this motion. Hearing none, it passes with unanimous consent.

**ACTION: APPROVED**

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**Agenda Item #7 – Audit Review**

Richard Bernier introduced Adam Nelson on the line for the audit results. Adam Nelson provided audit results from 2022 for Gulf Consortium. This was a good audit and opinion is it is considered a clean report which is the highest level of assurance they can give any organization. No exceptions were found in the supplemental information. Main supplemental info is the management discussion and analysis and scheduled expenditures of federal award; they are audited under federal government auditing standards. There were no instances of noncompliance. The Consortium complied to all respects: no identification of matters, no instances of fraud, uncertainties, significant changes, etc. There were no changes to accounting policies or procedures. All significant transactions were properly recorded. There was revenue concentration in that it is heavily concentrated in revenue from federal government and federal assistance program. There were a couple of audit adjustments in the amount of \$60k of unrecorded liabilities/expenses and information about expenses incurred in 2022 but not paid until 2023. There were no disagreements with management and no findings we needed to report to governments. The total revenue was \$9.6 million: 99% from federal grant and 1% from membership dues. Grant funded expenses equaled \$9.5M. Operating expenses during FY 22 was \$92,603. Commissioner Bender noted that in the Executive meeting there was a change in net position in the amount of an increase of \$31K because of management fees, and legal fees and wanted to recognize efforts in keeping those costs under control. Commissioner Constance noted that the whole board has tried to keep this to 1 in person meeting to get business done without fluff

Richard Bernier made the recommendation to approve the annual audit results. Motion for approval and second to the motion were made. Chairman Christopher Constance asks the board if there is any discussion or opposition to this motion. Hearing none, it passes with unanimous consent.

**ACTION: APPROVED**

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**Agenda Item #8 – Review of Annual Cap and Management Actual Hours vs Contract Hours.**

Valerie Seidel present summary data relating to annual caps, actual management hours for grant and general administration and compared to contract hours. An overview of the requirement of contract and where the Consortium sits relative to the caps was provided. Valerie Seidel noted the Consortium's opportunity annually to increase those caps but that The Consortium should be okay for this year and are not requesting an increase there. Additionally, there is an opportunity to revisit costs on general admission, but the Consortium believes the blended rate is efficient; not increasing hourly rate. It was also noted that the Consortium has decreased administrative costs of county by 25%.

Valerie Seidel requests approval that the report would be approved on annual cap and hours. Motion made for approval with a second to the motion. No opposition – passes by unanimous consent.

**ACTION: APPROVED**

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**Agenda Item #9 – Renewal of Contract for Legal Services**

Valerie Seidel presented the updated contract for Nabors, Giblin & Nickerson (NGN) for legal services for The Gulf Consortium. NGN is under contract to Consortium for general services. The originally agreement was in competitive agreement and the current agreement expires every 2 years. Valerie Seidel recommends that the Board converts those to an agreement similar to the Consortium's where the Board can terminate at any time but do not need to go through formal renewal every 2 years. No change in hourly rate is being requested. The Executive Committee recommended at least annual update from NGN. Commissioner Constance note the fees are really low and the counties have not really been leaning on them. Valerie Seidel requests that the contract renewal would be approved. Motion made for approval with a second to the motion. No opposition – passes by unanimous consent.

**ACTION: APPROVED**

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**Agenda Item #10 – Policy Revisions**

Dan Dourte summarized the policy updates. All policy revisions have been reviewed with the Policy Committee at two prior policy review meetings. These were not printed because there are many, but the information is on the website and all are listed there. Dan Dourte noted that the Consortium has met twice with the policy review committee over the last couple of months and recognized their contributions. A few things worth mentioning are that in the procurement policy there was a qualifying statement about micro purchases above \$5K and don't require typical documentation and lowered the threshold. In subrecipient section, 17.2 about prior approvals there were a couple of things added to call out if there are any project changes (any delays or departures of anything in the award). All policies are redlined, printed over there and available online. Dan Dourte recommended approval of the updated policies to the Board. There were no questions on this item. Motion made for approval with a second to the motion. No opposition – passes by unanimous consent.

**ACTION: APPROVED**

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**Agenda Item #11 – Grant Application Status**

Dan Dourte provided an update on grant application status. Three awards will be amended and one previously approved grant application is increasing the amount in grant re-submission. Total new funding requested: about \$13M. Upcoming subrecipient applications should be delivered to the Gulf Consortium by 8/12/2023. Dan Dourte reminded participants that August 12 is the next date to submit and at that time please let the Consortium know if there is a need to make an SEP amendment. Word will be put out in the next few weeks for details. Commissioner Constance thanked Dan Dourte for a really good phone call with himself, Dan Dourte and staff, where he learned that if any grant ideas can be consolidated (a few versus one), it is better and then folks are only administrating to one grant. He explained that his county will be moving all money to wastewater to put all that money to bottom line. This moves the mission forward for water quality improvement and % that goes to administration is minuscule compared to what it could have been. The following updates were provided:

- Santa Rosa: 2-1 currently awarded but is proposing to add \$9M for transmission line. This would have county come up to full \$12.5M allocation
- Hernando County: 14-5 stormwater improvement project was approved at last board meeting but costs doubled so they will be adding another \$2M in bucket 3 funds to this project
- Sarasota County: 19-1 will be adding an additional \$7.1M to support Phase 3 design

- Gulf Consortium: 24-1 was originally a three-year project with intent to extend another five years, making it eight years. This will eventually be extended again – adding five more years. Commissioner Constance inquired as to what the funding source of Gulf Consortium monies was. Dan Dourte responded that it is being funded out of the same large pot and is a sliver of each of the county pots. Commissioner Constance clarified that it is more than the admin fund and that the Consortium has the appropriate documentation to do it. Dan Dourte confirmed and provided a recommendation to approve. Motion to approve and second; no opposition - passed by unanimous vote.

**ACTION: APPROVED**

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**Agenda Item #12 – Financial Report**

Richard Bernier delivered the updated financial reports including balance sheet and income statements through May 2023. There was a lot of activity in the last few months including a couple of large draw requests. Richard Bernier recommended to approve the financial reports. Commissioner Bender made the motion to approve, seconded by David Edwards. No opposition; passed by unanimous vote.

**ACTION: APPROVED**

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**Agenda Item #13- Project Highlight**

Dan Dourte highlighted the implementation successes in 8-1: Wakulla Springshed Water Quality Protection Program - Otter Creek WWTF Construction. The goal with this project is to provide capacity and treatment level improvements to the facility, increasing its capacity to 1.8 MGD. This is being cofounded through two additional grants from DEP. Dan Dourte recognized Michelle Metcalf and David Edwards for why this is going so well. The key point to highlight is the county’s attention to detail in addressing all of the preconstruction special award conditions such as flood plain requirements, E&D plans, etc. Dan Dourte noted that Gulf Consortium has to spend less time on it and can line up to these conditions. This item was for information only.

**ACTION: None informational only.**

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**Agenda Item #14 – FDEP Updates**

Sarah Ketron (FDEP) was unable to join. Commissioner Constance stated that if she is able to send an update, that would be great. This item was for information only.

**ACTION: None informational only.**

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**Agenda Item #15 – General Counsel Report**

There was no update from General Counsel. Lynn Hoshihara thanked the Gulf Consortium for continuing the contract and that it has been an honor to serve the Consortium. Commissioner Constance stated that Lynn and Evan do a great job and they appreciate that.

**ACTION: None informational only.**

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**Agenda Item #14 - Manager’s Report**

Valerie Seidel provided an update on the management activities since this last board meeting. Since last meeting there were 38 draw request, 19 financial reports and 18 performance reports. There are currently 51 projects in various stages of activity. There is \$112 million in funding that has been awarded. The staff have been setting up all quarterly reports. Since April, there have been 12 coordinated reviews. In addition to TBG annual reviews, there is an annual review with Leon. They were awarded 3 basis points and this arrangement still works for them. They also re-negotiated to bring fees down and higher interest rates are offsetting the fees. Valerie Seidel acknowledged Commissioner Detert’s service and passing and invited anyone else who might be willing to step up and serve on finance committee in her role.

**ACTION: None informational only.**

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**Agenda Item #15– Public Comments**

Chairman Christopher Constance asks if anybody from the public wishes to make a comment. No comments were received.

**ACTION: None informational only.**

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**Agenda Item #16 – Board Member Comments**

Chairman Constance asks if there is anybody on the Board that wishes to make a comment. Commissioner Mariano noted that it's great seeing Wakulla project. He also is taking a look at what they have got on projects and if there a way to consolidate projects. His county is looking at doing some bigger things. Encourage others to make a note that this is the benefit you're going to see. Think on big projects. Additionally, he noted that it might help those with questions to see what others have done and why. Commissioner Constance stated to look at most recent listing of projects in SEP where one county may have one-line item and an estimated amount per county per admin fees versus those with ten projects and admin fees. Dan Dourte stated that the Consortium has those numbers and can present that way. No other comments were received.

**ACTION: None informational only.**

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**Agenda Item #17 - Upcoming Gulf Consortium Board Meeting**

The next Meeting is scheduled for a date concurrent with the Innovation and Policy Conference, Sep 14 to 16 in Lake Mary, FL (Marriott Lake Mary in Seminole County). This meeting will be virtual.

**ACTION: None informational only.**

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**Agenda Item #18 - Adjourn**

Chairman Christopher Constance adjourned the meeting at 2:18

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# **AGENDA ITEM 5b**

**Gulf Consortium Board Meeting  
September 22, 2023**

**Consent Agenda**

**Item 5b**

**Report on Delegated Authority  
Actions from June 1, 2023 – July 31, 2023**

**Summary:**

Staff report of actions carried out through delegated authority of the Board. There were no monetary amendments, no new grants awarded, no application resubmittals, no performance reports submitted, no Financial reports submitted, and 14 draw requests for SEP project work. A detailed listing of individual transactions follows.

<b>Submission Date</b>	<b>Action Taken</b>	<b>County</b>	<b>Project No.</b>	<b>Amount</b>
6/16/2023	Draw Request	Manatee	18-2	850.26
6/16/2023	Draw Request	Santa Rosa	2-1	1,738.02
6/16/2023	Draw Request	Pasco	15-1	606.43
6/16/2023	Draw Request	Bay	5-2	11,674.53
6/16/2023	Draw Request	Hernando	14-1	54,405.32
6/16/2023	Draw Request	Hillsborough	17-1	17,366.63
6/26/2023	Accepted Award	Gulf	6-1	889,017.00
7/18/2023	Draw Request	Adaptive Planning	24-1	13,027.54
7/18/2023	Draw Request	Escambia	1-1	1,444.18
7/18/2023	Draw Request	Citrus	13-1	1,087.83
7/18/2023	Draw Request	Taylor	10-2	700.21
7/18/2023	Draw Request	Wakulla	8-1	1,225.37
7/18/2023	Draw Request	Okaloosa	3-4	1,400.42
7/18/2023	Draw Request	Citrus	13.3	1,400.42



# **AGENDA ITEM 6**

**Gulf Consortium Board Meeting  
September 22, 2023**

**Agenda Item 6  
New Settlement Funds**

**Statement of Issue:**

Discussion of additional funding that has become available to The Gulf Consortium.

**Background:**

Gulf Consortium was contacted in July, 2023 regarding a potential additional amount of funds arising from Halliburton Energy Services Inc (HESI) and Transocean Ltd. Settlement. In August, 2023, Gulf Consortium was provided with a copy of the Amended Order directing completion and closure of the HESI and Transocean Ltd. Settlement funds, which allows for distribution of additional monies to Gulf Consortium.

**Discussion:**

The Judges's order directs the payments of remainder funds from the HESI/Transocean Ltd settlement to each of the impacted Gulf states, through the following provision:

Section (e) of this Court's Order Regarding Motion for Approval of Completion and Closure of the Halliburton Energy Service, Inc. and Transoceans LTD. assigned Claims and Punitive Damages Settlements' Programs [Rec. Doc. 27578] is hereby amended to read as follows:

...

(e) Distribute the remaining funds (collectively, "Remainder Funds") via payment of the percentages thereof set forth below, to the public entities of the states of Alabama, Florida, to the Gulf Consortium, a Florida public entity established under §163.01, Fla. Stat. (2022), Seventeen Percent (17%); ..

...

The Remainder Funds (and any interest accrued thereon after distribution) are to be utilized for purposes of Gulf Coast restoration and recovery on projects and programs approved and implemented pursuant to the Resources and Ecosystems Sustainability, Tourist Opportunities, and Revived Economies of the Gulf Coast States Act of 2012 (33 U.S.C. §1321(t)), as the State Recipients may determine under the Council-Selected Restoration Component (33 U.S.C. §1321(t)(2)) and/or the Spill Impact Component (33 U.S.C. §1321(t)(3)) thereof.

A copy of the order is attached. At this writing, the amount of the distribution is not known. The original bp spill impact component ("Pot 3") funds were distributed among the 23 Gulf coast counties equally, resulting in a beginning balance of approximately \$12.7 million. The initial available funds were reduced by the costs of the Planning Grant of approximately \$2.9 million, the "Stand-up SEP" of \$215,000, and adaptive planning costs of about \$191,860, resulting in a balance of roughly \$12.6 million available to each County for projects. The Stand-up SEP, which

allowed the Consortium to gain compliance with sufficient risk management protocols to receive project funding and submit grant applications, was approved in 2018. Since then, some counties have submitted grant applications, received funds and completed projects, others have amended their proposed projects, and others have yet to begin projects.

Inflation has affected the ability of some counties to proceed with originally intended projects. The ruling requires that the funds are used for SEP projects. One approach to distribution of the new funds would be to distribute equally to all counties, as was the case with the original funds. The funds require tracking as federal funds, separate from Pot 3 funds and would be considered co-funding for SEP projects. The logistics of doing so will be sorted once final funding is confirmed. Other approaches to uses of the funds may be considered appropriate.

**Attachments:**

Copy of Judge’s Order approving Motion for completion and closure of HESI/Transocean Settlement.

**Recommendation:**

- (1) Direct staff to accept and allocate additional funds equally among all 23 counties, to be tracked as co-funding as needed.
- (2) Other committee direction.

**Prepared by:**

Valerie Seidel  
The Balmoral Group  
Manager  
On: August 29, 2023

**Action Taken:**

Motion to: \_\_\_\_\_, Made by: \_\_\_\_\_;

Seconded by: \_\_\_\_\_.

Approved\_\_\_\_; Approved as amended\_\_\_\_; Defeated\_\_\_\_\_.

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA

<b>In Re: Oil Spill by the Oil Rig “Deepwater Horizon” in the Gulf of Mexico, on April 20, 2010</b>	*	<b>MDL NO. 2179</b>
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	*	<b>SECTION J</b>
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<b>This Document Relates To:</b>	*	<b>HONORABLE CARL J. BARBIER</b>
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<b>No. 15-4143, 15-4146 &amp; 15-4654</b>	*	<b>MAGISTRATE JUDGE</b>
	*	<b>DONNA PHILLIPS CURRAULT</b>
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**ORDER PARTIALLY AMENDING ORDER APPROVING MOTION FOR APPROVAL OF COMPLETION AND CLOSURE OF THE HALLIBURTON ENERGY SERVICES, INC. AND TRANSOCEAN LTD. ASSIGNED CLAIMS AND PUNITIVE DAMAGES SETTLEMENTS’ PROGRAMS**

CONSIDERING the request by Patrick A. Juneau, Claims Administrator of the Halliburton Energy Services, Inc. (“HESI”) Punitive Damages and Assigned Claims Settlement Agreement, Amended as of September 2, 2015 [Rec. Doc. 15322], and of the Transocean Punitive Damages and Assigned Claims Settlement Agreement [Rec. Doc. 14644], and having been apprised that certain amendments to this Court’s prior Order are necessary to practically enact the closure of the Settlements Program, **IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:**

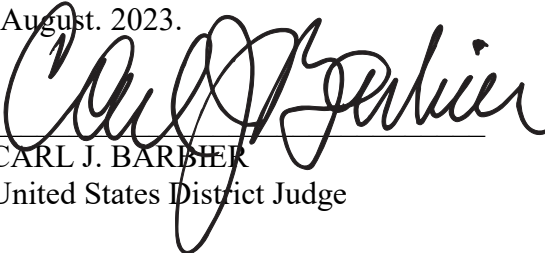
Section (e) of this Court’s Order Regarding Motion for Approval of Completion and Closure of the Halliburton Energy Service, Inc. and Transoceans LTD. assigned Claims and Punitive Damages Settlements' Programs [Rec. Doc. 27578] is hereby amended to read as follows:

(e) Distribute the remaining funds (collectively, “Remainder Funds”) via payment of the percentages thereof set forth below, to the public entities of the states of Alabama, Florida,

Louisiana, Mississippi and Texas (collectively, “State Recipients”) after completed Forms W-9 and payment instructions have been provided as necessary, as follows:

- i. to the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, Seventeen Percent (17%);
- ii. to the Gulf Consortium, a Florida public entity established under §163.01, Fla. Stat. (2022), Seventeen Percent (17%);
- iii. to the Louisiana Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority, to be deposited into the Coastal Protection and Restoration Fund established under La. R.S. 49:214.5.4, Thirty-Two Percent (32%);
- iv. to the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality, Seventeen Percent (17%); and
- v. to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, Seventeen Percent (17%).
- vi. The Remainder Funds (and any interest accrued thereon after distribution) are to be utilized for purposes of Gulf Coast restoration and recovery on projects and programs approved and implemented pursuant to the Resources and Ecosystems Sustainability, Tourist Opportunities, and Revived Economies of the Gulf Coast States Act of 2012 (33 U.S.C. §1321(t)), as the State Recipients may determine under the Council-Selected Restoration Component (33 U.S.C. §1321(t)(2)) and/or the Spill Impact Component (33 U.S.C. §1321(t)(3)) thereof;

New Orleans, Louisiana, this 18th day of August, 2023.

  
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CARL J. BARBIER  
United States District Judge

# **AGENDA ITEM 7**

**Gulf Consortium Board Meeting  
September 22, 2023**

**Agenda Item 7  
SEP Amendment Request**

**Statement of Issue:**

Request that staff be authorized to prepare a draft SEP amendment to bring to the November or December Board for approval to release for public comment.

**Background:**

An amendment to the SEP is required for new projects or changes in scope of existing projects. The goals of this recommended SEP amendment are described in the analysis section. This would be the 6th amendment to Florida's SEP.

**Analysis:**

The goal of this SEP amendment: to revise project scopes and/or add new SEP projects where needed. If approved in draft form at the December Board meeting, this would open the required 45-day public comment starting within a few days of that Board meeting. Project consolidation (fewer, bigger projects) is highly encouraged where possible – this can resolve cost escalation and reduce administrative costs.

Counties need to deliver their project information to Gulf Consortium management by 10/6/2023 to allow for time to prepare the draft SEP amendment prior to the November or December 2023 Board meeting.

**Fiscal Impact:**

We estimate the time involved in this SEP amendment to be (maximum) 40 hours (\$6,800) for The Balmoral Group and 8 hours for NGN (\$2,000). Only hours worked are billed. This is charged to project 24-1 "Adaptive Compliance Project".

**Options:**

The following options are suggested for consideration by the Board:

- (1) Approval of preparation of draft SEP amendment to be brought to the next Board meeting
- (2) Board direction

**Recommendation:**

Option 1

**Attachments:**

None.

**Prepared by:**

Dan Dourte  
The Balmoral Group, Grants Administrator  
August 30, 2023

**Action Taken:**

Motion to: \_\_\_\_\_, Made by: \_\_\_\_\_;

Seconded by: \_\_\_\_\_.

Approved\_\_\_\_; Approved as amended\_\_\_\_; Defeated\_\_\_\_\_.



# **AGENDA ITEM 8**

**Gulf Consortium Board Meeting  
September 22, 2023**

**Agenda Item 8  
Grant Applications**

**Statement of Issue:**

Reminder of upcoming grant application deadline. One new application (new project) and one new funding request (to amend existing project with new scope) are presented.

**Background:**

The next recommended deadline for submission of grant application materials is 10/6/2023, to allow for staff time to prepare applications for the Nov or Dec 2023 Consortium Board Meeting. See project data dashboard (page navigation arrows at bottom of dashboard) for project and milestones lists:

<http://datavisual.balmoralgroup.us/GulfConsortiumProjects>. Please let us know if you have projects planned for later that could possibly start now; these can be reviewed by the Board if they are able to start sooner than originally planned.

Please consider what work you want to start in the next year; if you want Bucket 3 funded work to start by November 2024, you should start the funding application process now. Pre-award costs may be allowable but that brings some extra risk.

**Reminder - all active projects can be reviewed here:**

<https://datavisual.balmoralgroup.us/GulfConsortiumStoryMap>

That link includes access to all project deliverables (plans, permits, as-built documentation, etc.)

**Most Recent Activity:**

There is a new funding request for Bay County's project 5-2: \$2.9M for construction of the East Highland Park Regional Stormwater Facility (for reducing nutrient loading to St. Andrew's Bay watershed and providing additional stormwater attenuation to reduce flood impacts). This will be an amendment to the currently awarded scope for 5-2: St. Andrew Bay Stormwater Improvement Program – St. Andrew Bay Watch (Water Quality Monitoring). About \$1.3M in County co-funding will also support construction costs.

There is a new funding request for Dixie County's project 11-1: Horseshoe Beach Working Waterfront. About \$3M in RESTORE bucket 3 funds will support design and implementation of maintenance dredging and the development of commercial dock facilities on a County-owned waterfront parcel. About \$3M in FEMA funds will be used as co-funding on this project.

**Attachments:**

- Applications summary table

**Options:**

- 1) Approve these funding requests for submission to RESTORE Council
- 2) Board direction

**Recommendation:**

Option 1

**Prepared by:**

Dan Dourte

The Balmoral Group, Grants Administrator

On: August 30, 2023

**Project Applications/Amendments Summary Table**

County	Project Name	Milestones	Metrics	Original Amount	Amended Amount	Start Date	End Date	County Risk/ Project Risk
<b>Bay</b>	5-2: St. Andrew Bay Stormwater Improvement Program	Engineering & Design; Monitoring; Construction	RES002 - Upgrades to stormwater and/or wastewater systems	\$545,139	\$3,514,846	05/13/2022	5/1/2027	Low/Low
<b>Dixie</b>	11-1: Horseshoe Beach Working Waterfront	Engineering & Design; Construction	PRM011 - Restoration planning/ design/ permitting - # E&D plans developed; COI106 - Linear feet of transportation channel improved	NA	\$3,087,876	8/30/2024	8/30/2030	TBD

**Total new Pot 3 funding request: \$6,057,583**

NOTE: See all project status on P. 7 of <http://datavisual.balmoralgroup.us/GulfConsortiumProjects> (navigation arrows at bottom of screen on that link)

# **AGENDA ITEM 9**

**Gulf Consortium Board Meeting  
September 22, 2023**

**Agenda Item 9  
Financial Statements**

**Statement of Issue:**

Presentation of the most recent monthly financial statements.

**Background:**

Financial Statements are produced monthly for the Consortium. Additionally, attachments include a listing of the cash receipts and cash disbursements since the last report date.

**Attachments:**

- a) Balance Sheet as of July 31, 2023
- b) Income Statement from October 1, 2022 through July 31, 2023
- c) Deposits June 1, 2023 through July 31, 2023
- d) Disbursements June 1, 2023 through July 31, 2023

**Action Required:**

- 1) Recommend approval Financial Reports
- 2) Board direction

**Staff Recommendation:**

Approve as proposed.

**Prepared by:**

Richard Bernier  
The Balmoral Group  
Finance Manager  
On: August 21, 2023

**Action Taken:**

Motion to: \_\_\_\_\_, Made by: \_\_\_\_\_;

Seconded by: \_\_\_\_\_.

Approved\_\_\_\_; Approved as amended\_\_\_\_; Defeated\_\_\_\_\_.

**Gulf Consortium  
Balance Sheet  
As of July 31, 2023**

	<u>Jul 31, 2023</u>
<b>ASSETS</b>	
<b>Current Assets</b>	
<b>Checking/Savings</b>	
<b>Cash</b>	
Grant Account (Wells Fargo)	1,267.97
Operating Account (Seaside)	109,771.51
<b>Total Cash</b>	<u>111,039.48</u>
<b>Total Checking/Savings</b>	111,039.48
<b>Accounts Receivable</b>	
<b>Accounts Receivable</b>	
Adaptive Planning	25,131.27
Grants Receivable (SEP)	40,059,343.64
<b>Total Accounts Receivable</b>	<u>40,084,474.91</u>
<b>Total Accounts Receivable</b>	40,084,474.91
<b>Other Current Assets</b>	
<b>Other Current Assets</b>	
Other Receivables	4,116.69
Prepaid Expenses	41,978.93
<b>Total Other Current Assets</b>	<u>46,095.62</u>
<b>Total Other Current Assets</b>	46,095.62
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<u>40,241,610.01</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<u><u>40,241,610.01</u></u>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	
<b>Liabilities</b>	
<b>Current Liabilities</b>	
<b>Accounts Payable</b>	
<b>Payables</b>	
Accounts Payable (Grants)	5,005.92
Accounts Payable (General)	4,179.83
<b>Total Payables</b>	<u>9,185.75</u>
<b>Total Accounts Payable</b>	9,185.75
<b>Other Current Liabilities</b>	
<b>Accrued Liabilities</b>	
Accrued Liabilities (Grants)	40,084,474.89
<b>Total Accrued Liabilities</b>	<u>40,084,474.89</u>
<b>Total Other Current Liabilities</b>	<u>40,084,474.89</u>
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	<u>40,093,660.64</u>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	40,093,660.64
<b>Equity</b>	
Funds Transfers	(59,372.93)
Unrestricted Net Assets	121,292.83
Net Income	86,029.47
<b>Total Equity</b>	<u>147,949.37</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<u><u>40,241,610.01</u></u>

**Gulf Consortium**  
**Profit & Loss**  
 October 2022 through July 2023

	<u>Adaptive Planning</u>	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>SEP Grants</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
<b>Income</b>				
Adaptive Planning Grant	38,609.37	-	-	38,609.37
Direct Contributions	-	124,122.00	-	124,122.00
Grant Funds - SEP	-	-	2,306,266.38	2,306,266.38
<b>Total Income</b>	<u>38,609.37</u>	<u>124,122.00</u>	<u>2,306,266.38</u>	<u>2,468,997.75</u>
<b>Expense</b>				
Adaptive Planning	38,609.37	-	-	38,609.37
SEP Grants	-	-	2,306,266.38	2,306,266.38
<b>General Consortium Expenses</b>				
Special District Fees	-	175.00	-	175.00
Bank Fees	-	224.75	-	224.75
Meeting Expense	-	824.85	-	824.85
Management Fees	-	31,850.00	-	31,850.00
Legal Fees	-	5,017.93	-	5,017.93
<b>Total General Consortium Expenses</b>	<u>-</u>	<u>38,092.53</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>38,092.53</u>
<b>Total Expense</b>	<u>38,609.37</u>	<u>38,092.53</u>	<u>2,306,266.38</u>	<u>2,382,968.28</u>
<b>Net Income</b>	<u>-</u>	<u>86,029.47</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>86,029.47</u>



# **AGENDA ITEM 10**

**Gulf Consortium Board Meeting  
September 22, 2023**

**Agenda Item 10  
Proposed Budget**

**Statement of Issue:**

Presentation of a proposed budget for the next fiscal year.

**Background:**

The fiscal year runs from October 1 to September 30 and requires an approved budget for the year. There are three categories of funds for the coming fiscal year: County Funds (for ongoing administrative items that do not qualify for grant expenditure), Adaptive Planning & Compliance Funds (a grant approved to fund the required compliance activities of receiving federal grant funds) and SEP Funds (SEP project grants). Each is discussed in turn.

**Discussion:**

**The County funds** cover costs primarily relating to meetings and administrative matters that pertain to the Consortium's status as a Special District, including public notice requirements, agenda preparation, logistics and general accounting requirements to comply with state and federal rules. . For the fiscal year 2022-2023, costs are estimated to total approximately \$57,000 (at this writing, the fiscal year is not closed out) and include approximately 270 hours of management time. For the fiscal year 2023-2024, costs are estimated to total approximately \$88,865 and include approximately 350 hours of management time. Approximately \$10,000 of costs are incurred that are anticipated to be covered by a pending amendment to the adaptive planning grant. However, in the event the amendment were not approved, the budget accommodates payment of the costs. In addition, staff is budgeting for potentially additional time to manage the expected HESI funds that are forthcoming, and will require discussion and administrative set-up to establish parameters for distribution. Legal costs are based on meeting participation and miscellaneous correspondence of up to \$20,000; current year costs have been well under budget but contractual caps allow for \$100,000.

Meeting and travel expense are budgeted for one in-person meeting. Meeting costs vary widely by location and we have budgeted generously to allow for the upper bound of potential costs. Miscellaneous expenses are bank fees, website renewal costs, and various required filing costs.

**The Adaptive Planning Grant** funds are budgeted at \$82,5154. Certain costs of managing compliance for the Consortium are grant eligible, such as the annual audit and the cost of SEP amendments, but may not be grant-specific or project-specific. Grant-eligible costs will be recouped (assuming they meet all necessary requirements) using Adaptive Planning Grant funds. The sum requested reflects the amount of \$18,000 for audits (single and financial). Costs of programmatic software (grants management and accounting) are estimated at about \$12,400, and required training costs are estimated at \$11,500. Costs are also estimated for staff time relating to annual updates for Risk Committee, Policy Review, costs to complete SF-

425 forms, OSA updates, required annual training, report and track financial data related to the grant award, and associated recordkeeping, totaling 147 hours.

**SEP Funds** are based on the grant application submissions received from the counties. Since SEP approval, and for the past two budget years, the pace of grant applications has been sporadic. Staff budgeted for about \$101 million during the current year, using the SEP-planned grant milestones to date. Active grants (either awarded or submitted) total \$111 million at the time this budget was prepared. For FY 2023 - 24, staff is budgeting for additional projects targeted for the fiscal year of about \$89 million, and estimating 1/2 for draw-downs in the current year. This is well below the trust fund balance of \$159.7 million, and a very conservative estimate based on current drawdowns of less than 37% of grant balances. To date, staff costs have been tightly managed, resulting in costs of about 1.0% of total grant value processed.

The budget assumes one in-person meeting as per Board direction.

The legal expense is the lesser of 1.83% of the anticipated drawdowns or \$90,000, the contractual maximum legal that can be invoiced; Counsel has estimated that next year's fees are likely to be below \$20,000. The fiscal agent fees are based on .03% of the draw downs.

The Budget has been reviewed and approved by the Finance Committee and Executive Committee; both recommend approval.

**Attachments:**

- (1) Proposed budget for fiscal year running from October 1, 2023 to September 30, 2024.
- (2) Historical expenses graph from 2019 through 2023 (estimated).

**Options:**

- (1) Approve Budget for Fiscal Year 2023-24 as presented.
- (2) Board direction

**Prepared by:**

Valerie Seidel  
The Balmoral Group  
On: August 29, 2023

Gulf Consortium Proposed Budget Fiscal Year 2023-2024

Note: Trust Fund Balance as of April 2023 = \$159,680,787

Budget				
<b>Beginning Funds Balance</b>	-	-	-	-
REVENUES	County Funds	Adaptive Planning	SEP Funds	Total
County Funding	124,122			\$ 124,122
Adaptive Planning Grant		82,516		82,516
Florida SEP Grant			89,000,000	89,000,000
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>\$ 124,122</b>	<b>\$ 82,516</b>	<b>\$ 89,000,000</b>	<b>\$ 89,206,638</b>
DISBURSEMENTS				
<b>Adaptive Planning</b>				
Financial, Audit & Reporting		27,747		27,747
Risk, Procurement & Amendments		30,282		30,282
Training		12,079		12,079
Software		12,408		12,408
<b>Subtotal Adaptive Planning Expenses</b>		<b>82,516</b>		<b>82,516</b>
<b>Florida State Expenditure Plan (SEP) Project Implementation Expenses</b>				
County Projects			44,500,000	44,500,000
<b>Subtotal SEP Expenses</b>			<b>44,500,000</b>	<b>44,500,000</b>
<b>General Operating Expenses</b>				
Management Expense	95,107			95,107
Legal Expense	20,000			20,000
Meeting and Travel Expense	5,500			5,500
*Miscellaneous	3,515			3,515
<b>Subtotal General Operating</b>	<b>124,122</b>			<b>124,122</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>124,122</b>	<b>82,516</b>	<b>44,500,000</b>	<b>44,706,638</b>
<b>Funds Balance</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>44,500,000</b>	<b>44,500,000</b>

Individual County Assessment change:		<u>Needed</u>	<u>Current</u>
15 Large Counties from	\$ 7,334	-	7,334
8 Small Counties from	\$ 1,764	-	1,764
Based on 1 in person Board meetings - Printing, facility charges, AV			

# **AGENDA ITEM 11**

**Gulf Consortium Board Meeting  
September 22, 2023**

**Agenda Item 11  
Project Highlight**

**Statement of Issue:**

At the request of the Board, an SEP project implementation highlight will be presented at Board meetings.

**Discussion:**

Franklin County's project 7-3: Apalachicola Bay Cooperative Dredging has dredged two locations in Apalachicola Bay to ensure sufficient channel depths for navigation. Erin Griffith serves as project manager with Franklin County.

**Attachments:**

Slides on project 7-3: Apalachicola Bay Cooperative Dredging

**Action Required:**

None; informational only.

**Prepared by:**

Dan Dourte, The Balmoral Group  
On: August 30, 2023



**Project Highlight:**  
**7-3: Apalachicola**  
**Bay Cooperative**  
**Dredging**  
**(Franklin County)**



*Image credit: Franklin County*



## Goals:

- Provide increased navigation depths in 2 channels in Apalachicola Bay (Two-Mile and Eastpoint Channels)

## Approach:

- Cooperation with USACE – they contributed some money; they hired the dredging contractor
- Required advance payments to USACE
- Beneficial use of dredged material to create offshore marsh for coastal protection



*Image credit: Franklin County*



## Key Personnel:

- Alan Pierce (Franklin County)
- Erin Griffith (Franklin County)

## Background:

- Awarded August 2021
- Should closeout end of 2023

## Progress and status:

- Eastpoint dredging mostly done – still some cleanup remaining; spartina (cordgrass) to be planted on spoil sites in Sep or Oct
- Two-mile dredging underway; should be complete in a few months



*Image credit: Franklin County – Eastpoint Channel marsh creation with dredged material*

# **AGENDA ITEM 12**

**Gulf Consortium Board Meeting  
September 22, 2023**

**Agenda Item 12  
General Counsel's Report**

**Statement of Issue:**

As needed updates from General Counsel

**Action Required:**

None, informational only

**Prepared By:**

Dan Dourte  
The Balmoral Group  
September 12, 2023

# **AGENDA ITEM 13**

**Gulf Consortium Board Meeting  
September 22, 2023**

**Agenda Item 13  
Manager's Report**

**Statement of Issue:**

Consortium staff provides a report on updates to Consortium activities since the last Board meeting.

**Discussion:**

Staff submitted 25 draw requests totaling \$5.7 million, resubmitted two applications and accepted 2 awards and 1 amendment during the period. Currently we have 51 grants in various stages of activity and have \$118 million in active grants, with \$24 million under RESTORE review, \$82 million in active awards, and \$9.5 million closed or withdrawn. Average processing time from original receipt of grant application to award date is 285 days, which is up from 232 one year ago.

Staff has continued with the new quarterly review schedule, and currently has 18 reviews completed. Annual risk assessment updates have just been started, and several OSA's have not been received yet from RESTORE Coordinators. Staff will continue to reach out to receive updated OSAs and encourages all counties to submit their OSAs at their earliest convenience to ensure our risk rating records reflect timely receipt.

As stated in an earlier item, staff was contacted by RESTORE Council over the summer regarding whether Gulf Consortium could accept additional funding from the HESI/Transocean settlement. No funds have been received, and the date nor exact amount is known. However, the funds are separate from Pot 3, and one of the criteria for eligibility to accept the funds is the ability to track the funds separately, without commingling of the funds. Staff has reached out to Leon County to determine the appropriate controls needed to ensure segregation of funds and proper documentation.

We continue to extend the invitation to anyone on the Board that is interested in a role on Finance and Budget Committee.

**Attachments:**

None.

**Action Required:**

None; informational only.

**Prepared by:**

Valerie Seidel, The Balmoral Group  
On: August 31, 2023

# **AGENDA ITEM 14**

**Gulf Consortium Board Meeting  
September 22, 2023**

**Agenda Item 14  
Public Comments**

**Statement of Issue:**

The public is invited to provide comments on relevant issues.

**Attachments:**

None

**Prepared by:**

Dan Dourte  
The Balmoral Group  
On: September, 2023

# **AGENDA ITEM 15**



**Gulf Consortium Board Meeting  
September 22, 2023**

**Agenda Item 15  
Board Member Comments**

**Statement of Issue:**

Members of the Board are invited to provide comments on relevant issues.

**Attachments:**

None

**Prepared by:**

Dan Dourte  
The Balmoral Group  
On: September 12, 2023

# **AGENDA ITEM 16**

**Gulf Consortium Board Meeting  
September 22, 2023**

**Agenda Item 16  
Upcoming Gulf Consortium Meeting**

**Action Required:**

None, informational only. To be determined.

**Prepared By:**

Dan Dourte  
The Balmoral Group  
September 12, 2023