

**PANACEA WATERFRONTS FLORIDA
JANUARY 6, 2009 MEETING MINUTES**

Members Present: Walt Dickson, Sherrie Miller, W. D. Lansford, Larry Tucker, Sheryl Mosley, Mark Mitchell, Sonny Lemire, Eloise Crum, Ronald Fred Crum, David Gibbs, Rich Johnson, Jennifer Langston.

Guests Present: Commissioner Howard Kessler, Ray gray, Eva Thorpe, Joe Hope (Preble-Rish), Tim Barden, Chuck Purvis.

The purpose of this SPECIAL MEETING was to receive an update from County staff on the status of Rock Landing Dock, review the preliminary designs and provide comment on the project prior to the County advertising the competitive bid for the project.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Walt Dickson at 10:00 a.m.

Mr. Ray Gray, Director, Wakulla County Parks & Recreation and Mr. Joe Hope, Project Engineer, Preble-Rish, presented information to the Partnership on the specifics of the forthcoming bid based on the preliminary design. Ray indicated that while everyone at the County is clear that the preferred construction material is concrete pilings, the County is requesting alternate bids for wood pilings and other options so that the best possible project can be implemented. The County understands the need for concrete pilings as this is a commercial dock, as well as a recreational facility.

Ronald Fred Crum: Mr. Crum indicated that the communities desire is to locate a 60 ft boat to dock there regularly to be a draw for the area restaurants, motels, points of interest in order to stimulate the economy through eco-tourism. FSU has in interest in leasing the boat as well as Gulf Specimen Marine Lab for educational programs and purposes.

The Executive Committee has pre-approved all of the changes as presented by Ray in order for the County to obtain a preliminary design from Preble-Rish.

Ray indicated that Preble-Rish is on an aggressive timeline for completion of the preliminary design by January 15th so that the request to advertise the bid can be heard on the January 20 BOCC agenda. Ray indicated that he should have Board approval by mid-February on the bid, with an anticipated contract start date of March 1, 2009. There will be penalties for project delays as well as incentives built in for completing the project sooner.

Permitting is complete. Preble-Rish is in the engineering phase of the project. The geo-technical engineering portion came in too high so Mr. Hope is obtaining a second quote. Preble-Rish is also doing the structural design with two options for the boat ramp, "cast in place" method or a pre-stressed push slab. Cast in place are faster but do not have as good of a traction level. Potential problem for push slab might include 'humps' or pockets created during the process of pushing the slab in place which could cause the concrete to break/crack under pressure. This project will use poly-coated rebar.

Sheryl Mosley: Ms. Mosley asked about the durability of either method as the FWC grant agreement requires the County to maintain the facility in its as-built condition for a minimum of 20 years. While we hope the facility will last 50 years, which type of slab will have the best durability? Mr. Hope indicated that both slab types have pros and cons and the County would select the best option for this project based on the bids.

The NFWFMD exemption letter is expected bby the end of the week (by 1/9/09). DEP and NFWFMD both have stormwater reviews. They couldn't decide who was to review the project.

Preble-Rish met with both agencies and expedited review process. Once the exemption letter is issued, there is a 60 day public comment period. This does not restrict proceeding with construction. The next steps will be to dredge, store, install silt fence, etc. Water quality requirements of DEP must be complied with to avoid penalties/fines.

The stormwater ditch will have pipe and a sediment trap for filtering stormwater in the same manner as an infiltrator percolates downward. There will be a swale along the shoreline that drains into the sediment trap.

David Lansford: Mr. Lansford questioned the existence and condition of the culvert at Clark Street. Preble-Rish indicated that it is intact but is plugged with sediment. Preble-Rish will install a sediment trap on the n-NW side of Clark Street. Mr. Lansford suggested oxophosphate as an alternate method for rebar. Mr. Lansford offered to sit down with anyone and assist.

The BOCC will accept the contractor at the February 20 BOCC meeting. The County is committed to the best quality project and is not simply looking at lowest price. County staff has been directed to use local vendors where possible in this project and will be part of the bid.

Mr. Gray indicated that if the partnership supports this design they should give the go ahead as the County is ready to proceed.

Rich Johnson: Mr. Johnson wanted to know if this was the final design and did it include the trees that had previously been identified. Mr. Gray indicated that no more trees would come down than had previously been approved. When stormwater construction begins stumps and the 2 remaining trees will be removed. The stumps and debris that remains on the property is actually providing erosion control protection for the remaining trees.

MOTION: The Panacea Waterfronts Florida Partnership accepts the preliminary design and project plan as presented by Ray Gray and Joe Hope. Ronald Fred Crum/Mark Mitchell second. Vote was unanimous with no one abstaining from the vote, except Ms. Jennifer Langston as is customary on County issues.

Partnership has arranged for a rendering to be created showing what the facility may look like once completed. The Partnership wants to post a 4' x 8' sign so the public can see the progress being made as the facility is in the construction stage.

The ramp will need to be closed to the public during construction. The County (Ray Gray) will post alternate ramp locations to direct the public to other nearby facilities.

Sheryl Mosley volunteered to develop a brochure using Ms. Purvis' rendering and basic information about the dock for distribution at local businesses.

Ray Gray needs a letter to follow-up on this meeting by the end of the week.

MOTION to adjourn by Sherrie Miller/Ronald Fred Crum. Meeting adjourned at 10:47 a.m.