



Finance Subcommittee Meeting Minutes

March 24, 2022 at 1:30 p.m. CT

Pensacola & Perdido Bays Estuary Program
226 Palafox Place, 5th floor, Pensacola, FL 32502
[Meeting Recording](#)

Members Present

Robert Bender	Escambia County
Woody Speed (virtual)	City of Orange Beach
Dave Piech (virtual)	Santa Rosa County
Mike Norberg (virtual)	Okaloosa County
Shannon Rice	City of Milton

Interested Participating Parties

Matt Posner, Director	PPBEP
Madi Ross	PPBEP
Amy Newbold	EPA

1. Call to Order

2. Roll Call

3. Subcommittee Overview and Purpose

4. Selection of Subcommittee Chair and Vice Chair

- a. Commissioner Bender nominated Commissioner Piech for Chair of the Finance Subcommittee. Mike Norberg seconded the nomination. The nomination for Commissioner Piech as Chair passed unanimously.
- b. Woody Speed nominated Mike Norberg for Vice Chair of the Finance Subcommittee. Councilwoman Rice seconded the nomination. The nomination for Mike Norberg as Vice Chair passed unanimously.

5. Expenditure Report

- a. Expenditure reports for the EPA PPBEP and TFW Grant were presented.
- b. The General Revenue (GR) Fund Expenditure Report was presented
 - i. Commissioner Bender opened discussion on hiring a lobbyist using GR funds to aid with National Estuary Program designation legislation. Discussion continued on lobbyist options and potential funding. The discussion item was tabled until a future meeting.

6. Action Items

- a. Approval of Budget Amendment #1 to USEPA Agreement No. 01D08220 Trash Free Waters
 - i. The budget amendment involves reallocating TFW supplies funds to contractual funds





to help maintain litter collection devices and contracted cleanups, in addition to supporting outreach and education initiatives.

- ii. Amy Newbold (EPA) provided comment on the budget amendment process from the EPA view. She will be notifying PPBEP Director, M. Posner on the status and comments on the budget amendment throughout the EPA process.

Commissioner Bender made a motion to approve the US EPA TFW Budget Amendment. Mike Norberg seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

7. Discussion Item

a. PPBEP FY22-23 Draft Budget

- i. Two preliminary budgets were presented for FY22-23, the first based on current operating costs and the second based on a budget enhancement to increase staffing and fund implementation of the PPBEP Monitoring Strategy.
- ii. Commissioner Bender opened discussion on the monitoring strategy budget increase. Discussion was held on not repeating monitoring efforts, the creation of a network to inform the public on the current water quality data and identifying data gaps within the current monitoring efforts as priority tasks for the new monitoring strategy implementation.
- iii. Mike Norberg asked for clarification on what the new IT services would be categorized as within the draft budget. PPBEP Director, M. Posner discussed the possibility of IT services and legal services being under new personnel as administrative services or as in-kind contractual services.

8. Subcommittee Member Comments

- a. No Subcommittee member comments.

9. Public Comment

- a. No Public comment.

10. Adjourn

Finance Subcommittee Meeting to be discussed at the next PPBEP Policy Board Meeting, March 30th at the Gulf Breeze Community Center.

