



Policy Board Meeting

August 31, 2022, at 1:30 p.m. CT
Escambia County Board Chambers
221 Palafox Place, Pensacola, FL 32502
[Meeting Recording](#)

Members Present

Robert Bender, Chair	Escambia County
Woody Speed, Vice Chair	City of Orange Beach
Mike Norberg	Okaloosa County
David Piech	Santa Rosa County
Bob Cole, ph	Santa Rosa County
Benjamin Boutwell, ph	Town of Century
Ashley Campbell	Baldwin County
Ann Hill	City of Pensacola
Jeff Bergosh	Escambia County

Members Absent

Shannon Rice	City of Milton
Cherry Fitch	City of Gulf Breeze

Interested Parties Present

Matt Posner	PPBEP
Whitney Scheffel	PPBEP
Logan McDonald	PPBEP
Haley Gancel	PPBEP
Madi Ross	PPBEP
Emerson Cheney	PPBEP
Molly McDaniel	PPBEP
Tucker Reynolds	PPBEP
Amanda Croteau	UWF
Amy Newbold	EPA
Barbara Albrecht	BFA/PWA
Bethanne Edwards	Innisfree Hotels
Beth Fugate	DEP
Brian Underwood	CBEP
Carrie Stevenson	UF IFAS Escambia County
Charlene Mauro	NBMSS
Chassidy Hobbs	UWF
Chris Verlinde	UF IFAS Santa Rosa County
Darryl Boudreau	NWFWMD
Elizabeth Major	LWV
Eric Schneider	ESA
Geoff Smith	NWFSC



Jane Caffrey	UWF
Jason Tritt	NAC
Jeanette Kelson	Wood
Jessica Bibza	NWF
Johan Liebens	UWF
John Link	UWF
Joshua Smith	City of Gulf Breeze
Kate Dawson	Moffatt & Nichol
Kristin Bennett	TetraTech
Marcy Frick	TetraTech
Naisy Dolar	Santa Rosa County
Paul Looney	WRA
Samantha Bolduc	Escambia County
Trent Matthews	USDA

1. Call to Order

2. Roll Call

M. Posner called the roll. A quorum was present.

3. Approval of Board Agenda

Commissioner Cole (Santa Rosa County) made a motion to approve the agenda. Commissioner Piech (Santa Rosa County) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Approval of July 27, 2022, Policy Board Minutes

Commissioner Cole (Santa Rosa County) made a motion to approve the July 27, 2022, meeting minutes. Commissioner Bergosh (Escambia County) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

5. Staff Updates

M. Posner informed the board that the CCMP public comment period was closed. Fifteen responses from stakeholders and partners were received. The final adoption of the CCMP by the Board will occur at the October Policy Board Meeting.

The Board was introduced to the continuing interns for the Education and Outreach Internship, Tucker Reynolds, the Development Internship, Sarah Jacobs, and the Community Resilience Internship, Molly McDaniels.

6. Action Items

a. Approval of 2022-2023 PPBEP Community Grant Program Applications

Discussion was held on the proposed slate for the 2022-2023 Community Grant recipients. A total of 15 total applications were submitted. The selection committee, comprised of representatives of the Technical, Education and Outreach, and Business Partnership Committees, reviewed



proposals and recommended a slate of proposals that included six fully funded proposals and two partially funded proposals. Discussion was held on the No-Till Seed Drill Rental Program and the Manatees and Meadows Outreach Program.

Commissioner Cole (Santa Rosa County) made a motion to approve the 2022-2023 PPBEP Community Grant Program Application slate. Ann Hill (City of Pensacola) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

b. Approval of Amendment 3 to FDEP Grant Agreement No. OWP02

Discussion was held regarding the DEP clarification on the language of the Agreement.

Commissioner Cole (Santa Rosa County) made a motion to approve Amendment 3 to FDEP Grant Agreement No. OWP02. Commissioner Bergosh (Escambia County) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

c. Approval of NOAA B-WET Grant Agreement

PPBEP's NOAA B-WET Grant proposal for Pensacola Bay System Oyster REEF (Restoration, Education, and Engagement Framework) was approved for funding.

Commissioner Piech (Santa Rosa County) made a motion to approve the FY 2022-2023 PPBEP Operating Budget. Mike Norberg (Okaloosa County) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

7. Policy Board/Agency Updates

- a. Commissioner Bender (Escambia County) highlighted the need for educational materials for Escambia County that explain vibrio to the public.
- b. Commissioner Cole (Santa Rosa County) shared that the Garcon Point/Pace Wastewater Treatment Project is developing a Master Plan for septic to sewer conversions in the Garcon Point/Pace area.
- c. Policy Board members and the public were invited to attend PPBEP's 2nd Annual Community Grant Symposium on Thursday, September 22nd, at the Bayview Center from 5:30 – 8:30 PM. The 2021-2022 Community Grant projects will be highlighted, and the new 2022-2023 recipients will be publicly announced.
- d. M. Posner recognized Emerson Cheney's (PPBEP) time as the Tash Free Waters Volunteer Coordinator and thanked him for his time and dedication to the Estuary Program over the past 3 years.

8. Public Comment

9. Adjourn