

**FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
PUBLIC WORKSHOP
SEAFOOD FEASIBILITY STUDY
APRIL 5, 2007
MINUTES**

Commissioners Present: Russell Crofton – Chairman, Cheryl Sanders, Joseph Parrish, Bevin Putnal

Staff Present: Alan Pierce – Director of Administrative Services, Michael Morón – Board Secretary

Others Present: Linda Lampl & Tom Herbert of Lampl Herbert

Call to Order

Chairman Crofton called the Public Workshop to order at 5:00 PM

Workshop

Alan Pierce stated the reason for the Public Workshop and gave a feasibility study update.

Linda Lampl gave some history of the study and gave a power point presentation. Tom Herbert also contributed to the presentation.

David McLain also commented on the project.

Dan Tonsmeire asked for an explanation on community support portion of the presentation; Ms Lampl explained.

Mr. Pierce commented on the actions of the Commission relating to purchasing land for boat ramps.

David McLain discussed a REDI group.

Commissioner Sanders stated how the County was able to get the funds for this feasibility study.

Dan Tonsmeire stated how important protecting the seafood industry was to the County from the Riverkeepers point of view.

Pierce discussed the County intentions to try and purchase the Sportsman Lodge property for seafood use.

Linda Raffield, thanked the Commission and Lampl Herbert for their enthusiasm on this project.

John Richards stated Lombardi property would be an ideal place for this project, a seafood industrial park.

Linda Lampl stated where the idea of the seafood park came from and its' potential positive role for the whole community.

David McLain wanted everyone to understand that this project can be completed.

Alan discussed the need to begin thinking of rating sites.

An audience member stated that the Lombardi's site would be bad for Eastpoint seafood workers.

Mr. Pierce and the Board discussed the need for multiple sites and discussed the positive aspects of using Sportsman Lodge property.

Ms. Lampl discussed possible ways to rate sites.

Mr. Herbert discussed how it is possible for the seafood industry to receive economic grants which would allow for building an industrial park.

Ms. Lampl discussed other industrial parks around the state and other possible grant opportunities.

Billy Granger asked of the cost to the seafood workers and business people for using this proposed park

An audience member discussed the advantages and disadvantages of different locations for boat landings; Ms. Lampl commented further on boat ramp sites.

Katie Green asked how the different possible boat sites have been evaluated; Mr. Pierce, Mr. Herbert, and Ms. Lampl responded and displayed some maps to point out possible sites. Dredging was discussed to improve certain sites.

An audience member discussed the difficulty of using the Eastpoint site that was discussed and had a suggestion for using another site in Eastpoint.

Cody Hall also commented on some of the sites discussed and improving other sites for boat landings.

Lee Edmunston stated that shrimp boats should also be considered, and suggested partnering with the City of Apalachicola and City of Carrabelle.

Commissioner Crofton suggested sending some of these ideas to the seafood task force.

Dan Tonsmeire stated the importance of everyone participating in this project because of the overall importance of this project to the County.

Adjourn

Chairman Crofton adjourned the workshop at 6:35 PM.

G. Russell Crofton, Chairman FCBCC

Attest:

Marcia M. Johnson, Clerk of Courts