



## MINUTES

### Education & Outreach Committee

November 07, 2024 at 12:00 PM CT

Virtual

Meeting Recording

#### Present Parties:

Matt Posner	PPBEP
Logan McDonald	PPBEP
Whitney Scheffel	PPBEP
Paige Lansky	PPBEP
Haley Gancel	PPBEP
Bailey Walkinshaw	PPBEP
Zach Schang	PPBEP
Chloe Ray	PPBEP
Thomas Derbes, Co-Chair	Florida Sea Grant
Darry Boudreau	NWFWMD
Collin Bowman	FDOH
Victoria Nicole Deycard	EPA
Heather Griffin	ADEM
Chasidy Hobbs	UWF
Kolby H.	FDEP
Jeanette Kelson	WSP
Ryan Kirby	Escambia County
Goldie Kpeli	Community Member
Molly McDaniel	EPA
Shannon McGlynn	ADEM
Amy Nitti	Community Member
Chris Verlinde	Santa Rosa County
Christian Wagley	Healthy Gulf
Danielle Wallace	Community Member
Brent Wipf	Escambia County

#### 1. Call to Order

#### 2. Welcome and Introductions

#### 3. Approval of August 29, 2024 Meeting Minutes

Chris Verlinde (Santa Rosa County) made a motion to approve the August 29, 2024 Meeting Minutes. Shannon McGlynn (ADEM) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.



**4. Breathing Better: Escambia County Air Quality Monitoring** (*Ryan Kirby, Escambia County Natural Resources*)

Guest presenter Ryan Kirby with Escambia County gave a presentation on Escambia County's Air Quality Monitoring Network and how to access the portal and interpret conditions.

**5. Committee Chair/Vice Chair Elections**

Chris Verlinde (Santa Rosa County) made a motion to elect Thomas Derbes (FL Sea Grant) and Shannon McGlynn (ADEM) as Co-Chairs for the Education and Outreach Committee. Ryan Kirby (Escambia County) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**6. Staff Updates & Discussion** (*Logan McDonald, Community Outreach Coordinator*)

**a. National Estuaries Week**

Staff highlighted National Estuaries Week events including the virtual Lunch and Learn and Trivia Night at Alga Beer Company. The Community Grant Symposium was rescheduled to November 14, 2024, due to Hurricane Helene facilities closure.

**b. Evening for the Estuaries Gala**

Over \$28,000 was raised from the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Evening for the Estuaries Gala. Staff shared the save the date for next year's gala, which will be held on October 16, 2025, at the Coastal Arts Center of Orange Beach.

**c. The Florida Channel**

Staff interviewed with The Florida Channel for part of the Gulf Islands National Seashore feature and shared findings from trawling and seagrass surveys.

**d. Realtor Training**

Staff led a realtor training for Levin Rinke Realty and are looking to expand reach next year by sharing the Living Shoreline Assistance Program and creating informational packets that realtors can share with their clients.

**e. Upcoming Events**

**i. Mountain Film Fest**

This year's ticket proceeds for Mountain Film on Tour at the Pensacola Little Theatre will be donated to Healthy Gulf and the Estuary Program.

**ii. Restoration Rambles**

Staff will be hosting a Restoration Ramble with The Longleaf Alliance and Florida Fish and Wildlife on November 8<sup>th</sup> to learn more about the restoration efforts for Reticulated Flatwoods Salamander vernal pools in Escribano Point Wildlife Management Area. While registration has already closed, the next Restoration Ramble will be on December 7<sup>th</sup>.



**iii. Creek Fest**

Staff were invited to have a booth at the Santa Rosa Creek Fest and will be tabling Saturday and Sunday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>.

**7. Around the Room/Announcements**

Amy Nitti (Community Member) introduced herself and offered communications and marketing volunteer support to the Estuary Program.

Thomas Derbes (FL Sea Grant) shared that he and Rick O'Connor (FL Sea Grant) are working with Florida Public Archeology Network to host an event to highlight local ingredients, with next year focusing on mullet and will include ways to cook mullet, the history of mullet, and the history of local fishing. The event will be held at the Museum of Commerce in downtown Pensacola on March 13<sup>th</sup>.

**8. Meeting Adjourned**