



Mobile Bay National Estuary Program
Business Resources Committee
September 21, 2023, 2:00 pm – 3:30 pm
5 Rivers Delta Resource Center and Zoom



Agenda

1. Welcome and Introductions

BRC Co-Chairs:
Eliska Morgan, Thompson Engineering
Frank Smith, Bank Plus

2. Review and Approval of Minutes

3. Old Business

a) Aimee Christensen update

4. New Business

- a) New chairs
- b) Live Survey
 - a. Poll Everywhere Live-Time Polling:



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5. Adjourn

In Attendance

Eliska Morgan, Thompson Engineering
Beth Thomas, Alabama Power
Renie Kennemer, Thompson Engineering
Casey Gay Williams, Eastern Shore Chamber of Commerce
John Barton, TC Boiler
Frank Smith, Bank Plus
Chris Head, Admiral Shellfish
Warren Blackman, Vertex
Andrew Saunders, retired
Jimmy Lyons, retired
Mary Mullins-Redditt

Staff

Bethany Hudson
Henry Perkins

The meeting was called to order at 2:08.

Frank made a motion to approved the minutes, which were approved without discussion.

Old Business

CAFF - Jimmy Lyons requested an updated on CAFF. Henry reported that we have 3 loans currently being serviced, one default and one paid off. We have also worked with 3 borrowers since the last BRC meeting to develop their applications and have ~\$40,000 ready to loan.

Aimee Christensen - Henry talked about the MBNEP's relationship with Aimee Christensen. The Perdido Queen event has been tabled and will be a MTA Delta WMP activity as it was originally intended to be. The BRC will manage the long-term relationship between Aimee Christensen and the MBNEP, to broaden the scope of what she will be doing in an effort to have a greater impact.

The first targeted industry for high level consulting will be the port and affiliated businesses. Other industries will be identified.

New Business

This is the last meeting led by Frank and Eliska. Henry thanks them both for their service these last 5 years. The new chair nominations were presented.

John Barton is running for co-chair. He spoke about the incredible growth this region is confronted with and how environmental management is critical on the front-end of development to manage that sort of growth in a responsible, sustainable way.

Eliska Morgan is interested in serving another term. She spoke on the importance of developing a strategic plan for the BRC to guide the committee through the next CCMP.

Mary Mullins-Redditt shared her screen and presented. She mentioned that a draft of the new by-laws for the management conference had been sent out a few weeks ago, and that if anyone had comments on

those by-laws they should make them before the executive committee votes on them next Friday (9/29/23).

The committee was instructed to use their phones or other personal device to complete the MPact Survey developed by the MBNEP, Executive Committee, and Mary Mullins-Redditt. The questions in the first part of the survey were taken directly from the survey given back in 2005. The second part was comprised of new questions from the Executive Committee.

The meeting was adjourned after the completion of the survey at 3:16.