

Western Perdido Bay Watershed Management Plan Steering Committee Meeting-January 31, 2022

Meeting Attendees: Nathan Bartl, Madison Blanchard, Mary Kate Brown, Wade Burcham, Lani Cameron, Ashley Campbell, Mike Cleveland, Pete Garafola, Judy Haner, John LaGrone, Billy Lovelace, Gerry Manus, Matt Posner, Brent Spears, Roberta Swann, Jenny Williams

- Roberta Swann from Mobile Bay National Estuary Program (MBNEP) opened the meeting. She stated we should consider the following as we create a Watershed Plan: Water Access, Shorelines, Heritage & Culture, Fish & Wildlife, Environmental Resilience & Water Quality
- Wade Burcham facilitated a discussion regarding the strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats to the Western Perdido Bay Watershed with the group. The group present provided their thoughts regarding each of these areas to separate lists.
- The name of the Watershed Management Plan Steering Committee was changed to Western Perdido Bay Watershed (including Caney Bayou, Bridge Creek & Palmetto Creek) Management Plan Steering Committee
- Future Vision Discussion-Several suggestions were given. Roberta suggested Wade take these suggestions and craft a mission statement for this Watershed Plan
- Currently we are working on the Watershed Characterization and Conditions
- Wade presented the 2022 Task Descriptions for the committee on a calendar timeline: these include: community engagement, watershed characterization & conditions, climate vulnerability assessment, identification of critical issues and areas, management measures, implementation strategies, monitoring program, regulatory review
- Wade will email a survey to all of us to take into the community. The goal is for each of us to obtain 30 completed surveys if possible
- The purpose of the survey is to identify what the community's perception is of the strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats to the Western Perdido Bay Watershed
- Madison presented information on the Community Action Committee (CAC) Volunteer Water Quality Monitoring Program. We will try to identify possible Volunteer Water Quality Monitors as part of the survey. John and Nathan have currently volunteered.
- Next meeting will be February 21st at 6:00pm
- Prior to the each meeting Wade will send out an outline /agenda for the committee members to review to prepare for the meeting