



Pinellas County

Staff Report

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Subject:

Appointment to the Gulf Consortium (Board of County Commissioners as a whole).

Recommended Action:

Approve the appointment of Stacey Day to serve as an alternate to Pinellas County's Director on the Gulf Consortium, Commissioner Charlie Justice.

- Approve one alternate to serve on the Gulf Consortium to Pinellas County's current appointment Commissioner Justice.
- Stacey Day, Monitoring and Assessment Program Coordinator in Pinellas County Environmental Management.
- No ballot is necessary.

Background Information:

Commissioner Justice was appointed as Pinellas County's representative on the Gulf Consortium in July 2016, and the Alternate at the time was Andrew Squires. Mr. Squires retired in July 2020 and a new Alternate must be appointed by the Board of County Commissioners. Ms. Day is recommended to replace Mr. Squires as the Alternate by Kelli Levy, the Director of Pinellas County Public Works.

The Gulf Consortium is a public entity created in October 2012 by Inter-local Agreement among Florida's 23 Gulf Coast counties, from Escambia County in the western panhandle of Florida to Monroe County on the southern tip of Florida and the United States.

Florida's 23 Gulf Coast Counties formed the Consortium to meet requirements of the RESTORE Act to develop a State Expenditure Plan for economic and environmental recovery of the Gulf coast in Florida following the Deepwater Horizon oil spill. The RESTORE Act was passed by the Congress on June 29, 2012 and signed into law on July 6, 2012 by the President.

The Consortium Board of Directors consists of one representative from each county government and six non-voting Governor appointees. As a public entity, the Consortium must meet all government transparency requirements in Florida, including open public records and meetings, ethics and state auditing obligations. The Consortium meets several times each year to monitor and direct State Expenditure Plan (SEP) implementation. The SEP was approved in September of 2018 and there are numerous awards/projects underway.

To avoid duplication and to effectively utilize available resources, Florida's local governments are working in partnership with the State of Florida to fully recover the Gulf of Mexico following the Deepwater Horizon disaster. To foster the development of the State Expenditure Plan, enhance coordination and to also ensure consistency with the goals and objectives of the Gulf Coast Ecosystem Restoration Council's Draft Initial Comprehensive Plan: Restoring the Gulf Coast's Ecosystem and Economy, the Consortium entered into a Memorandum of Understanding with past

Florida Governor Rick Scott.

Attachments:

Resume

Partner(s):

Kelli Levy, Director of Pinellas County Public Works