

Successor Subcommittee Meeting 1 Minutes

February 2, 2021 at 10:00 am

Members Attending: Shannon Hartsfield, Anita Grove, Jeff Blair, Chad Hanson, Chad Taylor, Joel Trexler FSU, Jim Estes FWC, Anthony Sogluizzo assisting with minutes

Meeting Objectives:

1. Purpose- To develop a strategy to form a permanent, representative stakeholder successor group to advocate for the adoption and implementation of the restoration plan.
2. Who needs to be on the committee?
 - Oyster harvester, shrimpers, crabbers
 - Oyster dealer, seafood food dealer
 - County commissioner and
 - City commissioner
 - FWC, DACS, ANERR/DEP, NOAA, FSUML, USACE, FWS, -Advisory capacity
 - Guide fisherman
 - Chamber/TDC
 - Non-profit-ACF Stakeholder group, Riverkeeper, PEW
 - Aquaculture farmer
3. Task - Develop scope of work so the Successor Committee will be formed and operating when the ABSI Community Advisory Board has completed the restoration plan.
4. Structure of group
 - Non-profit (the group will need to lobby for the restoration plan)
 - Not for profit
5. Set future meeting time and date
 - Bi-Monthly Monday mornings – a poll will be sent out to determine time and day

Minutes:

Anita gave an overview of the group's purpose.

Discussion on #2

Shannon suggested the group have representation from multiple areas of the seafood industry- oystermen, crabbers, shrimpers.

Chad Hanson – This group must work directly with the state, FWC, DEP, etc.

Jim Estes – Stakeholders in successor group influence agencies, not agencies influencing the successor group.

Anita – State agencies definitely have to be a part of the committee. We have to have their buy in.

Chad Taylor – ABSI should be bigger than just the Bay and need to involve some Federal agencies and stakeholders up and down the river.

Discussion about focus area group.

Shannon and Anita expressed that they felt the group needed to be focused on the Bay.

Jeff Blair pointed out that the focus for ABSI is narrow and the contract stipulates we need to be Bay-centric.

Joel – This group has a role that is different from Smarrt group and will benefit from Smarrt group involvement.

Jeff Blair – Successor is a stakeholder group making sure there is no languishing of the bay. The restoration working group is a direct next phase for the ABSI project.

Discussion on #3

Anita- This committee will need to develop a scope of work so the Successor Committee will be formed and operating when the ABSI Community Advisory Board has completed its work.

Joel – Develop a plan to define the structure of the Successor to the CAB group.

Chad Hanson – Make sure to parse out group’s responsibilities apart from the restoration working group.

Jeff Blair – Develop implementation plan.

Discussion on #4

Structure of group

Anita – Decide if this group will be nonprofit down the road. Possibly an existing entity like FSU or ANERR could staff the successor group until it’s funded.

Chad Hanson – The group would need to advocate/lobby for the plan. A non-profit vs state agency.

Jeff Blair – Not for profit is structurally different from a nonprofit and could be an avenue for the CAB successor group

Discussion on #5

Need to schedule regular meeting time to move the project forward. Joel suggested meet bi-monthly until we get it rolling. Monday mornings work well with most on the call. Anita will send out a poll to set up future meetings.