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Overview

The Gulf Consortium Executive Committee announces a telephone conference call to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME:

PLACE:

Subject:

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: Doug Darling at 850-922-4300 or ddarling@fl-counties.com

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Gulf Consortium Executive Committee Conference Call

February 15, 2013

3:00-5:00 pm EST

Dial in Number: 888-670-3525

Participant Passcode: 9984495298#

AGENDA

- 1. Appointment of two members to Executive Committee**
- 2. Budget Planning**
- 3. Proposed Planning Calendar 2013**
- 4. Notification to U.S. Treasury on action taken by Committee of 8**
- 5. Public Comment**
- 6. Adjourn**

**Gulf Consortium Executive Committee Meeting
February 15, 2013**

Agenda Item # 2 Transition Budget Options

Executive Summary: At the Gulf Consortium meeting held January 18, 2013, agenda item 7d was tabled by majority vote. During the discussion, the Directors' requested the Executive Committee to bring back options.

Background: The transition budget was intended to provide the Interim Manager (Florida Association of Counties) the resources to support the start-up and initial operation of the Gulf Consortium.

Analysis: Conceptually, the transition budget was intended to provide the Interim Manager necessary resources until RESTORE Act allocations were received. Conceptually, the interim budget required by the ILA was envisioned to be formulated upon receipt of fines.

With no definitive timeframe for receipt of fines, the Consortium needs to determine if an extension of the current transition budget is desired and whether to continue the methodology for allocation of contributions. Here is a recap of that methodology:

- Estimated expenses were allocated 75% to the 8 Disproportionally Affected Counties and 25% to the 15 Non-disproportionally Affected Counties.
- Within each of those allocations, anticipated percentages of allocations from Pot #1 State Allocation/Local was calculated to determine the share.
- Based on current spend rate (approx \$10k @ month), the transition budget will require additional resources in March 2013.

The below spreadsheet was developed to provide the Executive Committee options for consideration.

Options:

1. Provide staff the direction by recommending an option to the Gulf Consortium
2. Provide other direction

Fiscal Impact: Additional County Allocations, to be determined.

Recommendation: Provide staff direction.

Division and Staff Person's Name: Doug Darling, Florida Association of Counties

COUNTY	Original Allocation	POPULATION	ESTIMATED ALLOCATION	WEIGHTED AMOUNTS Option #1	EQUAL AMOUNTS	Option #2	Option #3
ESCAMBIA	\$12,960	297,619	25.334%	\$13,300	\$3,044	\$3,554	\$3,474
SANTA ROSA	\$4,800	151,372	10.497%	\$5,511	\$3,044	\$3,554	\$3,474
OKALOOSA	\$7,680	180,822	15.226%	\$7,994	\$3,044	\$3,554	\$3,474
WALTON	\$6,720	55,043	13.712%	\$7,199	\$3,044	\$3,554	\$3,474
BAY	\$7,200	168,852	15.101%	\$7,928	\$3,044	\$3,554	\$3,474
GULF	\$2,880	15,863	6.743%	\$3,540	\$3,044	\$3,044	\$3,474
FRANKLIN	\$3,840	11,549	8.441%	\$4,432	\$3,044	\$3,044	\$3,474
WAKULLA	\$1,920	30,776	4.943%	\$2,595	\$3,044	\$3,044	\$3,474
SUBTOTAL	\$48,000	911,896	100.00%	\$52,498	\$24,352	\$26,902	\$27,792

COUNTY	Original Allocation	POPULATION	ESTIMATED ALLOCATION	WEIGHTED AMOUNTS Option #1	EQUAL AMOUNTS	Option #2	Option #3
JEFFERSON	\$640	14,761	3.84%	\$672	\$3,044	\$1,000	\$1,000
TAYLOR	\$640	22,570	4.39%	\$768	\$3,044	\$1,000	\$1,000
DIXIE	\$480	16,422	3.49%	\$611	\$3,044	\$1,000	\$1,000
LEVY	\$640	40,801	3.90%	\$683	\$3,044	\$1,000	\$1,000
CITRUS	\$800	141,236	4.70%	\$823	\$3,044	\$3,554	\$3,474
HERNANDO	\$800	172,778	4.99%	\$873	\$3,044	\$3,554	\$3,474
PASCO	\$1,120	464,697	7.09%	\$1,241	\$3,044	\$3,554	\$3,474
PINELLAS	\$1,760	916,542	11.02%	\$1,929	\$3,044	\$3,554	\$3,474
HILLSBOROUGH	\$2,080	1,229,226	13.36%	\$2,338	\$3,044	\$3,554	\$3,474
MANATEE	\$1,120	322,833	6.82%	\$1,194	\$3,044	\$3,554	\$3,474
SARASOTA	\$1,120	379,448	7.26%	\$1,271	\$3,044	\$3,554	\$3,474
CHARLOTTE	\$800	159,978	5.17%	\$905	\$3,044	\$3,554	\$3,474
LEE	\$1,440	618,754	8.79%	\$1,538	\$3,044	\$3,554	\$3,474
COLLIER	\$1,120	321,520	7.03%	\$1,230	\$3,044	\$3,554	\$3,474
MONROE	\$1,280	73,090	8.31%	\$1,454	\$3,044	\$3,554	\$3,474
SUBTOTAL	\$15,840	4,894,656	100.16%	\$17,528	\$45,660	\$43,094	\$42,214

GRAND TOTAL	\$63,840	\$70,026	\$70,012	\$69,996	\$70,006
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Option #1=Same methodology as used for first Interim Budget. Estimated expenses were allocated 75% to the 8 Disproportionally Affected Counties and 25% to the 15 Non-disproportionally Affected Counties. Anticipated percentage of allocations from Pot #1 was calculated to determine the share.

Option #2 = 4 fiscally constrained counties from 15 non-disproportionally affected counties @ pay \$1000. 3 fiscally constrained counties from disproportionately affected counties @ pay \$3044. Remaining 16 counties pay equal share.

Option #3=4 fiscally constrained counties from 15 non-disproportionally affected counties @pay \$1000. Remaining 19 counties pay equal share.

**Gulf Consortium Executive Committee Meeting
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Agenda Item # 3 Planning Calendar for 2013

Executive Summary: At the Gulf Consortium meeting held January 18, 2013, Agenda item 9.a was presented to the Directors. By majority vote, staff was directed to present a planning calendar to the Executive Committee.

Background: A planning calendar will assist the Gulf Consortium and members of the public in scheduling. To reduce the amount of travel, staff has proposed Gulf Consortium meetings in conjunction with Florida Association of Counties (FAC) meetings already scheduled, when feasible.

Analysis: The proposed planning calendar should allow Directors and any interested party to attend Gulf Consortium meetings.

- Tallahassee for April 5 in conjunction with FAC Legislative Day
- Monroe County for May meeting. May 17 or 31?
- June 26 in conjunction with FAC Annual Conference - Hillsborough
- July meeting in Escambia County or Teleconference
- August meeting in conjunction with FAC Board of Directors Meeting - TBD
- September 12 meeting in conjunction with FAC Policy Committee Conference
- November 13 meeting in conjunction with FAC Legislative Conference
– Call for nominations for election of officers

Option:

1. Provide staff the direction by recommending the planning calendar be presented to the Gulf Consortium
2. Provide other direction.

Fiscal Impact: None

Recommendation: Provided staff direction.

Division and Staff Person's Name: Doug Darling, Florida Association of Counties.

**Gulf Consortium Executive Committee Meeting
February 15, 2013**

**Agenda Item # 1 Re Appointment of Two Officers to the Executive
Committee**

Executive Summary: The Chairman, Vice-chairman and Secretary-Treasurer are required to appoint two directors to fill out the five member Executive Committee. Eight directors have properly indicated their interest in serving on the Executive Committee. The selection process requires the approval by a majority of the three person elected members of the Executive Committee. When chosen, the appointees will serve a one year term.

The nominees for appointment to the Executive Committee are listed in alphabetical order based on surname:

NOMINEE'S NAME	COUNTY
Commissioner Sara Comander	Walton
Commissioner Chris Constance	Charlotte
Commissioner Donna Fiala	Collier
Commissioner Jim Melvin	Santa Rosa
Commissioner Les Miller	Hillsborough
Mayor George Neugent	Monroe
Commissioner Dave Parisot	Okaloosa
Commissioner Nora Patterson	Sarasota

Background: The Interlocal Agreement establishes three elective officers: Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Secretary-Treasurer. The three elective officers were elected at the January 18, 2013 of the consortium. The three elected officers are required to appoint two other Directors to the Executive Committee so that the Committee consists of five Directors. Each of the appointed officers serves a one year term on the Executive Committee. Certain duties and powers are delegated to the Executive Committee as provided in Section 3.11 of the Interlocal Agreement establishing the Gulf Consortium.

Analysis: The Interlocal Agreements requires the three elected members to appoint two members from among the Directors who qualified to the Executive Committee.

Option: From the eight nominees, appoint two to serve on the Executive Committee. A motion from one of the three elected members to appoint a Director initiates the selection process. A majority vote of the Chairman, Vice-chairman and Secretary-Treasurer shall be required for the selection of each of the officers to serve on the Executive Committee. Voting shall continue until a

majority vote of the Elected Officers present is achieved for a candidate for the office.

Fiscal Impact: None

Recommendation: From the eight nominees, appoint two to serve on the Executive Committee.

Prepared by: Sarah M. Bleakley, Esq., Nabors, Giblin & Nickerson, P.A., Interim General Counsel.

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County Administrator

Donald R. Odom
Interim County Attorney

January 23, 2013

Mr. Doug Darling, Interim Manager
Gulf Consortium
100 S. Monroe St.
Tallahassee, FL 32301

RE: Self Nomination for Appointment to Gulf Consortium Executive Committee

Dear Mr. Darling:

I hereby nominate myself for appointment to the Gulf Consortium Executive Committee pursuant to action taken on Agenda Item #4, at the Board of Directors meeting on Friday, January 19, 2013.

I possess extensive legislative experience that would prove valuable to the Executive Committee and the entire Gulf Consortium in working with our state and federal partners. First elected in 1992, I served eight years in the Florida House of Representatives and six years in the Florida Senate. In recognition of my work ethic, negotiating and communication skills, and command of policies, I had the rare distinction of being elected by my colleagues as caucus leader in both chambers. I also actively served in leadership of the House and Senate budget committees to successfully develop and negotiate balanced budgets. I have been recognized by a variety of respected organizations for my dedication to good government and strong communities.

Most of our Gulf Consortium members are small to medium sized counties, and the elected Executive Committee officers reflect this. I believe the diversity of our membership, from population to economic demographics to political perspective, gives strength and breadth to our common message. I represent the largest county in the Gulf Consortium, and believe that my service on the Executive Committee will provide a beneficial and necessary balance.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of my candidacy for appointment to the Executive Committee, and look forward to hearing from you soon. Please let me know if you have any questions or would like additional information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Brandon Wagner".

p.p. Commissioner Lesley "Les" Miller, Jr.
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January 23, 2013

Doug Darling
Florida Association of Counties
100 S Monroe Street
Tallahassee, FL 32301

Dear Mr. Darling and
Officers of the Gulf Consortium,

Please accept this letter as my formal declaration of my willingness to serve on the Executive Committee.

Walton County is one of the counties most affected by the Deep Water Horizon oil spill and because of this; I have firsthand knowledge of the devastation caused by this incident. I also understand the economic impact perceptible from the loss of tourism, gas and sales tax revenues that has also affected the other 15 counties.

Just as I have been elected to serve all of Walton County and not just my district; I will serve the 23 counties to the best of my ability and strive to ensure equal representation throughout this entire process of economic recovery.

I appreciate your consideration in allowing me this opportunity to serve with you in this endeavor.

Sincerely,

Sara Comander

SC/mw

From: [Constance, Chris](#)
To: [Doug Darling](#)
Cc: [Stoltzfus, Jason](#); [Sandrock, Raymond](#); [Knowlton, Janette](#)
Subject: Response to the Request of the Gulf Consortium Executive Board
Date: Tuesday, January 22, 2013 2:52:49 PM

Mr. Darling,

This e-mail will serve to notify you that I remain interested in serving as an officer of the Executive Board of the Gulf Consortium. At this time, I am submitting my name into nomination for one of the two remaining positions.

While it is not a requirement, the Charlotte County Board of County Commissioners continues to support my application to serve on the Executive Board.

Thank you for your consideration,

CHRISTOPHER CONSTANCE, CHAIRMAN

CHARLOTTE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

18500 MURDOCK CIRCLE
PORT CHARLOTTE, FLORIDA 33948

(941)743-1300

Subject: Self-Nomination for the 1st Year Executive Committee of the Gulf Consortium (Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary-Treasurer, or as one of two other Directors)

Submitted by: Commissioner Dave Parisot, Director of Gulf Consortium for Okaloosa County

I hereby request your consideration to perform on the Executive Committee of the Gulf Consortium in any of the five positions. I have been actively involved with both the Natural Resource Damage Assessment (NRDA) program since November 2010 and with the enactment of the RESTORE Act federal legislation since “Day 1” as Okaloosa County’s designated representative. In both of these programs, I have interfaced with commissioners and other representatives of the “8 Disproportionally Affected Counties” in coordinating with various State agencies for NRDA and, for RESTORE, with FAC staff and our Florida Congressional Delegation in crafting the legislation. I have participated in every meeting of these groups. I am also Okaloosa County’s representative on the Governor’s Oil Spill Commission (post-Deepwater Horizon) to document lessons learned and make recommendations going forward, and was elected Vice-Chairman by the Commission members.

Education: MBA in Management; B.S. in Psychology; A.A. in Real Estate; CCC Graduate with FAC; enrolled in ACC course with FAC; various leadership schools with the U.S. Air Force (Squadron Officer School; Air Command and Staff College; Squadron Commander Course), among others.

FAC Involvement: During Florida’s 2011 Legislative session, I made multiple trips to Tallahassee to testify before multiple Senate and House committees and sub-committees in support of the FAC legislative priorities. Of particular note are the Pretrial Services, Internet Lodging Reservations, and the Septic Tank legislation. In June 2011, I received FAC’s Marlene Young Award, primarily for my actions and testimony in helping the defeat of the Pretrial Services legislation. In June 2012, I received the FAC President’s Award. I have participated in every FAC conference since being elected a county commissioner in 2010, particularly in recommending new legislative agenda items and participating in discussion of multiple agenda items. I was elected as the Senate District 2 member of the FAC Board of Directors in June 2012, and am currently an Ambassador to two new commissioners.

On Dec. 11, 2012, I was one of only two Florida County Commissioners to attend the initial meeting of the Gulf Coast Ecosystem Restoration Council in Mobile, AL.

Prior Leadership Experience: I spent 21 years active duty in the U.S. Air Force, including two tours as a Squadron Commander, a Division Chief at 9th Air Force Headquarters, the Officer-in-Charge of a 300 person F-15 Aircraft Maintenance Unit, and my final three years with the Air Force Inspector General, retiring from active duty in 1989. A successful military career requires teamwork to get the mission accomplished. I have owned and operated two successful businesses, one as a licensed sub-contractor in housing construction and the other in retail sales.

I am a full-time County Commissioner with no other employment and will dedicate the time needed as a member of the Gulf Consortium Executive Committee.

County of



BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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February 11, 2013

Members of the Executive Committee of the Gulf Consortium:

On behalf of the Board of County Commissioners of Monroe County, and as Monroe County's Director the Gulf Consortium, I would like to take this opportunity to express our respect and support for the 8 disproportionately-impacted counties, so deeply impacted by the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill event, and our commitment to the successful, seamless continuation of efforts by the representatives those 8 counties who have done the heavy lifting on behalf of all 23 counties of the Gulf Consortium.

With RESTORE Act funding, we have an unparalleled opportunity to positively impact the communities and residents of the entire Gulf region for decades to come, and I will do all I can to aid in the Consortium's success. I believe that my extensive environmental knowledge and experience as well as a proven track record in collaboration, partnership and consensus-building would be of value to the Consortium's Executive Committee.

I humbly request your consideration for selection as one of the appointed representatives to the Executive Committee and offer a brief overview of my credentials below:

- Currently serving **my fourth term as County Commissioner, and third time as Mayor**, representing the Commission. *(During this tenure, the County has neared the completion of a complex, multi-jurisdictional \$900M federally and state-mandated advanced wastewater treatment infrastructure project spanning the entire island chain of the Florida Keys.)*
- Served on the **Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council for 14 years, with 7 of those years as Chair**. *(The FKNMS encompasses 2,900 sq. nautical miles of waters surrounding the Florida Keys and was established in recognition of and to protect the unique and complex marine ecosystem. The NMS is administered by NOAA and jointly managed with the State of Florida.)*
- Served on the **Steering Committee of the Water Quality Protection Program for 14 years**, a program administered by US EPA and FDEP. *(The program is designed to monitor, improve and maintain water quality in order to protect the coral reefs, seagrass meadows, and marine and benthic habitats of the National Marine Sanctuary.)*
- Served on the **South Florida Regional Planning Commission for 13 years, with 6 years of those years on the Executive Committee**. *(The SFRPC is a broad, collaborative effort to improve the economy, environment and vibrancy of the communities in South Florida.)*
- Completed FAC's **Advanced and Certified County Commissioner** Education Programs. Monroe County is an active and long-standing member of the Florida Association of Counties and the Small County Coalition.

I hope that you will also consider the national significance and Gulf-wide environmental and economic impacts of Monroe County's marine ecosystem, as well as its vulnerability, in your selection of appointments to the Executive Committee:

- As a chain of 800 islands, spanning 220 miles from the tip of the Florida peninsula into the Gulf of Mexico, and 90 miles from the island of Cuba, **Monroe County has the highest level of exposure to both domestic & international energy extraction activities** (oil drilling, natural gas, etc.) on both the Gulf of Mexico and Atlantic Ocean coastlines. Except for the grace of God and the idiosyncratic nature of the Loop Current, Monroe may well have been the ninth disproportionately-impacted county.
- With a coastline that extends from the Everglades to the Dry Tortugas, Monroe County has the longest coastline of exposure on the Gulf of Mexico. This precious coastline overlaps the **Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary, 3 National Parks (Everglades, Dry Tortugas and Biscayne), 6 State Parks, 4 National Wildlife Refuges, and 3 state aquatic preserves**. Monroe County has also designated by the State of Florida as an Area of Critical State Concern.
- Monroe County is the **only county on the Gulf coast with a barrier reef**. The coral reef tract in the Florida Keys is the third largest in the world, and the only living reef in the continental US. This reef environment generates more than **70,000 jobs and \$6 billion dollars in economic activity annually**, according to a study published in 2005 by the University of Miami.
- Seagrasses are among the richest, most productive, and most important coastal habitats, and Monroe County's marine ecosystem is **home one of the largest seagrass beds in this hemisphere**.
- Monroe County's marine ecosystem **supports over 6,000 species of fish, invertebrates and plants providing unparalleled support to fisheries and essential habitats throughout Florida, the Gulf of Mexico and southeast Atlantic coasts**. Monroe County provides critical spawning habitats to over 520 species of recreational and commercial migratory, endemic, coastal & pelagic finfish and shellfish, according to NOAA's Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary Revised Management Plan, 2007.
- Monroe County's near shore waters alone provide habitat **for 80 percent of the fish species in the U.S. and most commercially valuable fish species** depend on Monroe County nearshore waters at some point during their development, according to the US Army Corps' Florida Keys Water Quality Improvement Program Management Plan, 2006.
- Monroe County is the **only port in the entire state of Florida to rank among the nation's top 50 ports** in landings tonnage or landings value. In fact, with \$56M in landings value, it is the **13th most valuable port the nation and the 5th most valuable port in the Gulf of Mexico**, according to NOAA's Fisheries of the United States, 2011, dated August 2012.
- With the highest number of recognized International Game Fish Association (IGFA) all tackle, saltwater line class, and saltwater flyrod "World Record Game Fish" records, Monroe County is the global center of recreational and sport fishing.
- The Florida Keys marine environment supports Monroe County's number one industry: tourism. Each year, **\$1.2 billion is spent by over 3 million visitors**. (FKNMS Revised Management Plan, 2007)

Thank you again for your consideration.

Yours truly,
George Neugent
George Neugent

From: [Hunter Walker](#)
To: [Doug Darling](#)
Cc: [Board of County Commissioners](#); [Michelle Parker](#); [Kathy Jordan](#)
Subject: FW: Reminder
Date: Thursday, January 24, 2013 12:30:12 PM

Mr. Darling,

At the January 24, 2013 meeting the Santa Rosa County Board of Commissioners approved submission of Commissioner Jim Melvin as candidate for the Gulf Consortium Executive Committee as referenced below. Please contact this office with questions.

Hunter Walker
County Administrator

From: Commissioner Lynchard
Sent: Thursday, January 24, 2013 10:53 AM
To: Hunter Walker
Subject: Fwd: Reminder

Lane Lynchard
Sent from my iPad

Begin forwarded message:

From: Doug Darling <ddarling@fl-counties.com>
Date: January 22, 2013, 3:57:32 PM CST
Subject: Reminder

Gulf Consortium Directors & Alternates:

This is a reminder to submit your name as a candidate for selection of Appointed Officers to the Gulf Consortium Executive Committee by Friday, January 25, 2013 if you intend to be considered. BOCC resolution/approval is ***NOT*** required to be considered for these appointments.

Here is the link to the Attorney Generals press release mentioned during the last Consortium Meeting:

<http://www.myfloridalegal.com/newsrel.nsf/newsreleases/FE0E23D3C9EA8FB385257AF40061E71F>

Regards,
Doug Darling

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From: [Nora Patterson](#)
To: [Doug Darling](#)
Cc: [Marsha Hosack](#); [Laird Wreford](#)
Subject: RE: Remainder of Documents Posted
Date: Sunday, January 20, 2013 11:57:46 AM

Dear Mr. Darling,

I am responding to the directive that we relay to you our interest in serving on the Gulf Consortium Executive Committee for consideration by the newly elected officers. I realize that a number of highly qualified people will be submitting their names for this opportunity. It is already an honor to be named by the Sarasota County Commission to serve on the coalition itself, but I would like to volunteer for the Executive Committee in order to be as helpful as possible in the process. I have been active in FAC for the fourteen years I have been a county commission and I believe that all would find me easy to work with and concerned about regional and statewide interests. I feel that I could be helpful, but will understand if the officers make other decisions.

Thank you for the opportunity to have my name considered.

Sincerely, Nora Patterson

George R. Neugent
Mayor of Monroe County, Florida
305-872-1678
Neugent-george@monroecounty-fl.gov

Current Office:

County Commissioner, Board of County Commissioners
Monroe County, District 2
Elected November 1998 – 4 term county commissioner
Presently Mayor of Monroe County

Residence: Marathon, Florida 33050

Offices: 25 Ships Way
Big Pine Key, Florida 33043

2798 Overseas Highway
Marathon Government Center
Marathon, Florida 33050

Born: Houma, Louisiana, 5/16/48

Education: University of Southwestern Louisiana & Nicholls State University
Associate's Degree in Petroleum Drilling Exploration & Production Technology

Work History:

- Providing service to drilling, exploration & production companies throughout the U.S:
 - 15 years – The Western Company of North America: Service Engineer, Operation & General Manager
 - Two years – Baker Oil Tools, Inc.: Consultant/Trouble-shooter for U.S. and S.A. territories
 - Five years – Cloverlay Rentals, Inc., President
 - Started own engineering and service group – provider of specialized equipment to service and oil companies presenting loss of well control & blow-outs
- Prior to selling in 2002, owned and operated Porkey's Bayside Restaurant and 53rd Street Dock and Deli

Present Civic & Community Activities:

- Florida Key National Marine Sanctuary Council (Chairperson, 7 years)
- South Florida Regional Planning Council (Former chair)
- Florida Association of Counties
- Transportation Disability Board (Chair)
- Value Adjustment Board
- Friends of the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary Foundation (Chair)
- Appointee of Board of County Commissioners to the RESTORE ACT Committee

Former Civic and Communities Activities:

- Chair of the Boot Key Harbor Committee
- Director and Secretary/Treasurer of Pigeon Key Foundation
- Director of Marathon Economic Development Council
- Director of Old Town Merchants
- Member of Friends of the Marathon Parks
- Mentor at Marathon & Key West High School
- Person of the Year – 1996 Marathon Jaycees
- President and Board of Director of Greater Marathon Chamber of Commerce

Arrived in the Florida Keys by sailboat and have resided in Marathon for 27 years. Met and married Susan Walsh in 1990; have a son, Michael, and three grandchildren, Ashley, Brandon and Taylor.