

RESOLUTION NO. 4093

A RESOLUTION OF THE BAY COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, BAY COUNTY, FLORIDA, REQUESTING A BEACH MANAGEMENT PROGRAM GRANT FROM THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION BEACH MANAGEMENT FUNDING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025/2026 FOR THE MEXICO BEACH SHORELINE RESTORATION PROJECT.

WHEREAS, Hurricane Michael made landfall on Mexico Beach as a Category 5 storm on October 10th, 2018, causing catastrophic upland damage to structures and infrastructure, as well as extensive erosion to the beach and dune system;

WHEREAS, prior to Hurricane Michael, the Mexico Beach Community Development Council had identified beach preservation and beach restoration as a priority due to the Mexico Beach shoreline being severely eroded, providing diminished storm protection and reduced recreation area, and impacting the tourism-based-economy; and

WHEREAS, in 2017, the Mexico Beach CDC fully funded an update to the 2008 Mexico Beach feasibility study which included updating shoreline conditions, evaluating methods to increase the effectiveness and efficiency of inlet sand bypassing as well as cost-effectively place sand in the area of need; and

WHEREAS, the City of Mexico Beach advanced the recommendations from the CDC funded study and was nearly complete with design and permitting for a truck haul sand bypass project when Hurricane Michael made landfall in October 2018; and

WHEREAS, Bay County has identified beach preservation, and beach renourishment as a priority to the County to include Mexico Beach; and

WHEREAS, immediately following Hurricane Michael, the Bay County Tourist Development Council and Bay County recognized the need to move forward immediately with design, permitting, and an offshore sand search investigation necessary to develop a beach restoration project to address the damages caused by Hurricane Michael and identified a local funding source to begin this work; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Department of Environmental Protection is the beach and shore preservation authority for the State and supervises the Beach Management and Funding Assistance Program; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Department of Environmental Protection also recognized the need to move forward immediately with design, permitting, and an offshore sand search

investigation necessary to develop a beach restoration project to address the damages caused by Hurricane Michael and provided 50/50 state cost-sharing for this work; and

WHEREAS, the offshore sand source investigation work is complete, and the state and federal permits have been issued.

WHEREAS, the first full-scale beach restoration is planned to go out to bid in summer 2024 with construction anticipated during the fall/winter of 2024/2025.

WHEREAS, Bay County has determined that funds provided through the Beach Management and Funding Assistance Program are critical for a full-scale restoration and subsequent maintenance and monitoring of the Mexico Beach shoreline.

WHEREAS, Bay County requests continued support of its existing Grant Agreements, and new State funding assistance via an amended or new grant agreement, whichever is necessary, with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection; and supports the Department's beach and coastal management programs; and

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved by the Board of County Commissioners of Bay County, Florida as follows:

Section 1. The County Commission hereby determines that it is in the best interest of Bay County to request continued support of its existing Grant Agreements and new State funding assistance via amended or new grant agreement(s) pursuant to Florida Statute 161.091, for the Mexico Beach Shoreline Restoration Project through the Florida Department of Environmental Protection. Said funding to be used to plan for, permit, design, construct, and monitor a full-scale beach restoration project at Mexico Beach.

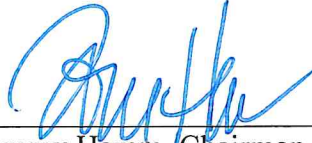
Section 2. The Board of County Commissioners hereby determines that it is in the best interest of Bay County to renew its support for all funds previously approved for the Mexico Beach Shoreline Restoration Project, said funding was used for design and permitting, and will be used for construction and monitoring of the project per permit requirements.

Section 3. The Board of County Commissioners hereby determines that the local funding share to implement the project has been and will be provided through the Bay County Tourist Development Council and Mexico Beach Community Development Council representing the County as the local taxing authority, as well as funding provided by the City of Mexico Beach.

Section 4. The Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners, or his designee, is hereby authorized to execute the funding application, enter into such agreements as are required to secure available funding and to otherwise act on behalf of Bay County in all matters related to the securing of available grant funding from the Beach Management and Funding Assistance Program for Fiscal Year 2025/2026.

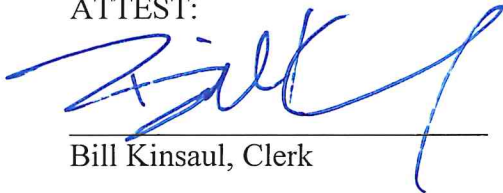
Section 5. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

Done and adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of Bay County, Florida this
16 day of July 2024.



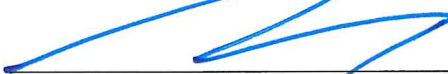
Tommy Hamm, Chairman

ATTEST:



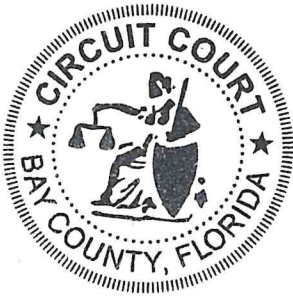
Bill Kinsaul, Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM
AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:



Office of County Attorney

Brian D. Leebrick





**Bay County Board of County Commissioners
Agenda Item Summary**

State Funding Request for Beach Management Resolutions

DEPARTMENT MAKING REQUEST/NAME:

Tourist Development Council
Dan Rowe, President - CEO

MEETING DATE:

July 16, 2024

REQUESTED MOTION/ACTION:

Board adopt and execute the Panama City Beaches and the Mexico Beach, beach management program and state FDEP grant resolutions for FY 2025/2026.

AGENDA

Consent Agenda

BUDGETED ITEM? Yes

BUDGET ACTION:

NONE

FINANCIAL IMPACT SUMMARY STATEMENT:

NONE

BACKGROUND:

Panama City Beach resolution:

The Bay County TDC Board of Directors voted to recommend that the Board of County Commissioners adopt and execute the Panama City Beaches beach management program state FDEP grant resolution for FY 2025/2026. **(Exhibit 1)** The resolution is executed annually and is an update of Resolution 3994, adopted by the Board of County Commissioners for FY 2024/2025. The resolution is an annual required component of the state grant request for funding assistance for costs associated with eligible beach management activities and demonstrates support for the program and our existing grants.

Mexico Beach resolution:

The Bay County TDC Board of Directors voted to recommend that the Board of County Commissioners adopt and execute the Mexico Beach beach management program state FDEP grant resolution for FY 2025/2026 **(Exhibit 1)** The resolution is executed annually and is an update of Resolution 3995, adopted by the Board of County Commissioners for FY 2024/2025. The resolution is an annual required component of the state grant request for funding assistance for costs associated with eligible beach management activities and demonstrates support for the program and our existing grants.

ATTACHMENTS: