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Franklin County January 4, 2017

Advisory Board of Adjustment Courthouse Annex

The Franklin County Advisory Board of Adjustment met in regular session on Wednesday, January 4, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. in the Franklin County Courthouse Annex. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Vance Millender, who thereafter presided. Attendance was as follows:

PRESENT:

ABSENT:

Vance Millender ---- Chairman

Gil Autrey----Member

Joe Hambrose ----- Member Larry Hale ----- Member

Mitch Griner ----- Member

The first item on the agenda was approval of the minutes of November 2, 2016, as mailed. Member Paul Riegelmeyer noted that his name should be changed to Paul instead of Dan. The correction was noted. On motion by Member Larry Hale, seconded by Member Joe Hambrose and by unanimous vote of the members present, it was agreed to approve the minutes of November 2, 2016 with the corrections as noted.

The following item was presented for review.

The Consideration of a request for a variance to construct a Vertical Post and Board Retaining Wall around a Self-Contained Spoil Area within the 50 ft. Critical Habitat Zone to contain spoil material from a future offshore dredging operation. The property is in a VE Flood Zone and borders on the Apalachicola Bay. The property is located at the Northwest corner of Franklin Boulevard and West Bayshore Drive, a/k/a 41 West Bayshore, St. George Island, Franklin County, Florida. The request is submitted by Garlic Environmental Associates, Inc, agent for George Floyd owner of AMM, Inc.

George Floyd, owner of the property, presented a slide show outlining the scope of work proposed for the marina site. He noted that it would not be cost effective to have to relocate the spoil to another site. He stated that the marina was built originally for the docking of the ferry boats servicing St. George Island prior to the bridge being built to the island.

Mr. Floyd explained that he had greatly under estimated the amount of spoil which would be taken out of the basin and now proposes to spread the spoil over the entire uplands and within the 50' into the Critical Habitat Zone.

Much discussion followed concerning this request. Island resident Mason Bean spoke in favor of the proposal as presented. He said he thought it would be a great asset to the island.

County Planner Mark Curenton, told the members that Mr. Floyd's proposal to place fill 50' into the Critical Habitat Zone would completely eliminate the existing Critical Habitat Zone. He noted that the Critical Habitat Zone was established by the Board of County Commission

when the Critical Shoreline Ordinance 89-8 was adopted in 1989. He reminded the members that the Critical Habitat Zone was established as a buffer between the uplands and the waters of Franklin County in order to filter harmful runoff before it reaches the water. Mr. Curenton told the members that it was his recommendation to deny this request for variance.

After much discussion and on motion by Member Larry Hale, seconded by Member Mitch Griner and by unanimous approval of the members present, it was agreed to recommend that the Board of County Commission approve this request as presented.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:55 a.m.

Vance Millender, Chairman

ATTEST:

Amy Ham Zoning Director