

City of Port St. Joe
Redevelopment Agency Board
Regular Meeting
January 7, 2025

Minutes

Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence

Roll Call of the Board

Present		Absent	
Board	Staff	Board	Staff
Eric Langston, Chairman Rex Buzzett Steve Kerigan Brett Lowry Eddie Fields Scott Hoffman	Jim Anderson Charlotte Pierce Mike Lacour Jake Richards	Linda Bullock Marvin Davis	Clint McCahill

After ascertaining that a quorum was present, Chairman Langston called the meeting to order at 11:00 A.M.

Consent Agenda

Minutes, December 3, 2024, Regular Meeting:

A Motion was made by Eddie Fields, second by Steve Kerigan, to approve the Minutes of the December 3, 2024, Meeting. All in favor; Motion carried 6-0.

Business Items

WIG Building Heating / Cooling Unit

A Motion was made by Rex Buzzett, second by Brett Lowry, to approve paying one-half of the \$7,420 Invoice from Philco from PSJRA Funds (\$3,710) and ask the City to pay the remaining one-half. All in favor; Motion carried 5-0 with Eddie Fields abstaining as he is President of the Washington Improvement Group Community Advisory Council. Mr. Fields completed Form 8B Memorandum of Voting Conflict For County, Municipal, and Other Local Public Officers and is attached as Exhibit A.

CRA Director Position

Darrell Starling, Owner of D. Starling Consulting, made a presentation to the Board of his qualifications and success in revitalizing historic Black/low income neighborhoods. Attorney McCahill is to draw up an agreement to see if it is acceptable to all parties for Mr. Starling to serve as the contracted part-time director of the PSJRA. If acceptable, a meeting will be called to move forward with approving the contract.

Citizens to be Heard

Richard Benderson representing the North Port St. Joe Community Development Corporation presented their request for matching funds in the amount of \$75,000 to support acquisition of lots in North Port St. Joe. Consensus of the Board was to see if a part-time Director is hired before considering this request.

Chester Davis asked if the Power Point presentation of Mr. Starlings's would be available for review. Mr. Starling stated that he would be happy to share the presentation.

Discussion by Board Members


None of the Board members had anything else to discuss with the Board today.

There was no other business to be discussed today and Chairman Langston adjourned the meeting at 11:53A.M.

Approved this 21st day of January, 2025.


Eric Langston, PSJRA Chairman

1/21/25
Date


Charlotte M. Pierce, City Clerk

1/21/25
Date

FORM 8B MEMORANDUM OF VOTING CONFLICT FOR COUNTY, MUNICIPAL, AND OTHER LOCAL PUBLIC OFFICERS

LAST NAME—FIRST NAME—MIDDLE NAME <i>Fields, Eddie C.</i>		NAME OF BOARD, COUNCIL, COMMISSION, AUTHORITY, OR COMMITTEE Port St. Joe Redevelopment Agency	
MAILING ADDRESS <i>P.O. Box 234</i>		THE BOARD, COUNCIL, COMMISSION, AUTHORITY OR COMMITTEE ON WHICH I SERVE IS A UNIT OF:	
CITY Port St. Joe, FL 32456	COUNTY Gulf	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CITY	<input type="checkbox"/> COUNTY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER LOCAL AGENCY
DATE ON WHICH VOTE OCCURRED <i>7 Jan 2025</i>		NAME OF POLITICAL SUBDIVISION: City of Port St. Joe	
		MY POSITION IS: <input type="checkbox"/> ELECTIVE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> APPOINTIVE	

WHO MUST FILE FORM 8B

This form is for use by any person serving at the county, city, or other local level of government on an appointed or elected board, council, commission, authority, or committee. It applies to members of advisory and non-advisory bodies who are presented with a voting conflict of interest under Section 112.3143, Florida Statutes.

Your responsibilities under the law when faced with voting on a measure in which you have a conflict of interest will vary greatly depending on whether you hold an elective or appointive position. For this reason, please pay close attention to the instructions on this form before completing and filing the form.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLIANCE WITH SECTION 112.3143, FLORIDA STATUTES

A person holding elective or appointive county, municipal, or other local public office **MUST ABSTAIN** from voting on a measure which would inure to his or her special private gain or loss. Each elected or appointed local officer also **MUST ABSTAIN** from knowingly voting on a measure which would inure to the special gain or loss of a principal (other than a government agency) by whom he or she is retained (including the parent, subsidiary, or sibling organization of a principal by which he or she is retained); to the special private gain or loss of a relative; or to the special private gain or loss of a business associate. Commissioners of community redevelopment agencies (CRAs) under Sec. 163.356 or 163.357, F.S., and officers of independent special tax districts elected on a one-acre, one-vote basis are not prohibited from voting in that capacity.

For purposes of this law, a "relative" includes only the officer's father, mother, son, daughter, husband, wife, brother, sister, father-in-law, mother-in-law, son-in-law, and daughter-in-law. A "business associate" means any person or entity engaged in or carrying on a business enterprise with the officer as a partner, joint venturer, coowner of property, or corporate shareholder (where the shares of the corporation are not listed on any national or regional stock exchange).

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ELECTED OFFICERS:

In addition to abstaining from voting in the situations described above, you must disclose the conflict:

PRIOR TO THE VOTE BEING TAKEN by publicly stating to the assembly the nature of your interest in the measure on which you are abstaining from voting; *and*

WITHIN 15 DAYS AFTER THE VOTE OCCURS by completing and filing this form with the person responsible for recording the minutes of the meeting, who should incorporate the form in the minutes.

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APPOINTED OFFICERS:

Although you must abstain from voting in the situations described above, you are not prohibited by Section 112.3143 from otherwise participating in these matters. However, you must disclose the nature of the conflict before making any attempt to influence the decision, whether orally or in writing and whether made by you or at your direction.

IF YOU INTEND TO MAKE ANY ATTEMPT TO INFLUENCE THE DECISION PRIOR TO THE MEETING AT WHICH THE VOTE WILL BE TAKEN:

- You must complete and file this form (before making any attempt to influence the decision) with the person responsible for recording the minutes of the meeting, who will incorporate the form in the minutes. (Continued on page 2)

APPOINTED OFFICERS (continued)

- A copy of the form must be provided immediately to the other members of the agency.
- The form must be read publicly at the next meeting after the form is filed.

IF YOU MAKE NO ATTEMPT TO INFLUENCE THE DECISION EXCEPT BY DISCUSSION AT THE MEETING:

- You must disclose orally the nature of your conflict in the measure before participating.
- You must complete the form and file it within 15 days after the vote occurs with the person responsible for recording the minutes of the meeting, who must incorporate the form in the minutes. A copy of the form must be provided immediately to the other members of the agency, and the form must be read publicly at the next meeting after the form is filed.

DISCLOSURE OF LOCAL OFFICER'S INTEREST

I, Eddie C. Fields, hereby disclose that on 7 Jan, 20 25:

(a) A measure came or will come before my agency which (check one or more)

- inured to my special private gain or loss;
- inured to the special gain or loss of my business associate, _____;
- inured to the special gain or loss of my relative, _____;
- inured to the special gain or loss of Washington Improvement Grp / Community, by
Advisory Council, whom I am retained; or
- inured to the special gain or loss of _____, which is the parent subsidiary, or sibling organization or subsidiary of a principal which has retained me.

(b) The measure before my agency and the nature of my conflicting interest in the measure is as follows:

If disclosure of specific information would violate confidentiality or privilege pursuant to law or rules governing attorneys, a public officer, who is also an attorney, may comply with the disclosure requirements of this section by disclosing the nature of the interest in such a way as to provide the public with notice of the conflict.

7 Jan 2025
Date Filed

Eddie C. Fields
Signature

NOTICE: UNDER PROVISIONS OF FLORIDA STATUTES §112.317, A FAILURE TO MAKE ANY REQUIRED DISCLOSURE CONSTITUTES GROUNDS FOR AND MAY BE PUNISHED BY ONE OR MORE OF THE FOLLOWING: IMPEACHMENT, REMOVAL OR SUSPENSION FROM OFFICE OR EMPLOYMENT, DEMOTION, REDUCTION IN SALARY, REPRIMAND, OR A CIVIL PENALTY NOT TO EXCEED \$10,000.