

# **Okaloosa County News Release**

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## **County Commissioners Select RESTORE Act Advisory Committee**

Okaloosa County commissioners made final selections to the Okaloosa RESTORE Advisory Committee (ORAC), they are as follows:

1. Councilman Thomas Gordon - Okaloosa League of Cities - North County (Crestview).
2. Mayor Sam Seevers - Okaloosa League of Cities - South County (Destin).
3. Gary Jarvis - Charter Boat Association and Fisherman's Cooperative.
4. Dr. Jack Azzaretto - Greater Ft. Walton Beach Area Chamber of Commerce.
5. Dr. David Goetsch - Niceville - Valparaiso Chamber of Commerce.
6. Board Member Cindy Frakes - Okaloosa County School Board.
7. Kay Rasmussen - Okaloosa County Economic Development Council.
8. Martin Owen - Tourism Industry.
9. Steve Shippee - Environmental Member.
10. Jonathan Tallman - Citizen at Large.
11. James Breitenfeld, Citizen at Large.

“We appreciate everyone’s interest in participating in ORAC and there are numerous other opportunities to participate in your Okaloosa County government, in which we hope some of you will be interested,” stated Chairman Don Amunds. Additionally, the RESTORE web page will have regular updates on this topic and a variety of details concerning the Resources and Ecosystems Sustainability, Tourist Opportunities and Revived Economies (RESTORE) Act, enacted by the United States Congress in direct response to the Deep Horizon Oil Spill.

The composition of the RESTORE Act Advisory Committee includes: One member recommended by the Niceville and Fort Walton Beach Chambers of Commerce, 1 member recommended by the League of Cities from Crestview and Destin, 1 member from Okaloosa County School Board, 1 member from the Charter Boat Association, one member from the Economic Development Council, 1 each from the aforementioned tourism industry and environmental community, and 2 at large citizens, bringing the total membership to 11. Feel free to call 850-651-7105 for more information or contact any Okaloosa County Commissioner.

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