Town of Perdido Beach

RESOLUTION 2011-16

REQUEST FOR REALLOCATION OF GRANT FUNDS WITH RESPECT TO THE DEEPWATER HORIZON INCIDENT: PURCHASE OF PROPERTY, CONSTRUCTION OF BOAT LAUNCH FACILITY.

WHEREAS, the Town was granted funds in May, 2010 by the Alabama Emergency Management Agency "to prevent, minimize or mitigate the damage from the Deepwater Horizon Incident including any project management costs and equipment costs associated therewith"; and

WHEREAS, there remain funds that have not been liquidated pursuant to the original project application and grant agreement; and

WHEREAS, Alabama EMA has sent to the Town a Reallocation Project Application Form and Agreement to be used for requests to reallocate remaining grant funds to pay or otherwise cover costs related to the Deepwater Horizon Incident; and

WHEREAS, the Town wishes to acquire property and construct a boat launch facility, parking area and related amenities to access Palmetto or Soldier Creek near Perdido Bay in order to mitigate the environmental and economic impacts and loss of human use as a result of the Deepwater Horizon Incident; and

WHEREAS, the launch will be available as an access point to monitor and inspect the sensitive habitats of the natural coastal environment and monitor the water quality of estuaries along Perdido Bay, which have potential residual impact from the Deepwater Horizon Incident; and

WHEREAS, from an economic standpoint, a boat launch in this area will mitigate further economic losses and loss of human use caused by the Deepwater Horizon Incident in the areas of recreation and tourism by providing a public access; and

WHEREAS, the launch will also serve to provide life safety on the water.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Council of the Town of Perdido Beach, Alabama, in regular session and under the Seal of the Town of Perdido Beach, Alabama, does hereby request approval from the Alabama EMA for reallocation of funds that have not been liquidated pursuant to the original project application to pay or otherwise cover costs for purchase of property, construction of a boat launch facility and environmental assessment in order to mitigate the environmental and economic impacts and loss of human use as a result of the Deepwater Horizon Incident.

ADOPTED this 27th day of October, 2011.

Patsy W. Parker Patsy W. Parker, Mayor

ATTEST:

Lynn Thompson, Town Clerk