



December 2, 2014

Mr. Jim Bagby
Executive Director
Walton County Tourist Development Council
25777 U.S. Highway 331 South
Santa Rosa Beach, FL 32459

Dear Mr. Bagby,

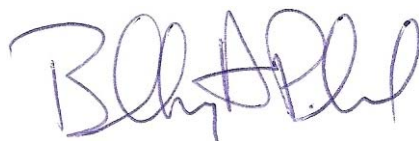
On behalf of Seahaven Consulting, I am writing you today to state our intention to end our contract with Walton County effective March 31, 2015. We have appreciated the opportunity to serve as the Coastal Management Consultant for Walton County since 2007. When we were hired, the goal was to secure a federal shore protection project for all of Walton County's beaches. The Walton County Hurricane & Storm Damage Reduction Project was federally-authorized by Congress in 2014, permit responses are almost complete, local funding is available, and state and federal funding is being pursued. All phases to date have received all necessary funding for completion. We believe that Walton County is in a great position to move forward with this project, and it is now in the hands of the Walton County Board of County Commissioners and the residents.

Over the following months, we propose to assist the County in the transition of the project from Seahaven Consulting to the Walton County Tourist Development Council (TDC). Fortunately, we have worked closely with TDC staff so we believe this transition should be relatively smooth. Specifically, we propose the following activities until the end of March.

1. Continue coordination between Walton County, Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP), U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), and other consultants.
2. Participate in all meetings requested by Walton County prior to March 31, 2015. Please note that staff will be unavailable from January 3-18, 2015 due to already scheduled travel. We intend to participate in the regular February meetings.
3. Facilitate the completion of easement packages and their distribution prior to March 31, 2015 if approved by the Walton County Board of County Commissioners.
4. Respond to questions and comments as requested by Walton County until March 31, 2015. We would recommend that a new, project point of contact be identified prior to mailing easement packages so that there is continuity after March 31, 2015.
5. Support Erosion Control Line process until March 31, 2015.
6. Collate all information that has been collected since we began as your Coastal Management Consultants and deliver to the TDC prior to March 31, 2015.
7. If requested, we will assist Walton County in identifying future coastal management consultants.

We want to thank you for engaging our services during the past eight years. I am proud of the work that has been conducted in partnership with the TDC and Walton County over the past eight years, and the previous seven years as Director of Beach Management. It has been a great 15-year run and we look forward to seeing Walton County continue to move forward in the future.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Brad Pickel", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Brad Pickel
President