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**Minutes of the Public Meeting of the  
Board of Directors of the Florida Public Archaeology Network,  
Pensacola, Florida, February 5, 2008  
Conference Call for Southwest Region Proposals**

The Board of Directors of the Florida Public Archaeology Network (FPAN), University of West Florida, held a public meeting conference call on Monday, February 5, 2008, on the UWF campus, Office of Procurement and Contracts, in Pensacola, Florida. The meeting convened at 9 A.M. CST and lasted approximately two and a half hours. The purpose of the meeting was to select the host of the FPAN Southwest Region

The meeting was called to order by Chair Judy Bense at 9:05 a.m. CST.

Roll was taken and the following Directors were in attendance: Ms. Marion Almy; Dr. Judy Bense, Chair; Ms. Norma Harris; Mr. Paul Jones; Mr. Robert Carr; Mr. Greg Cook; Dr. Lynne Goldstein; Dr. Hester Davis, and Dr. Ryan Wheeler. Others in attendance were Dr. William B. Lees, Executive Officer and Secretary of the Board; Dr. Elizabeth Benchley, staff advisor to the Board; Cheryl Phelps, FPAN Office Administrator; Elaine Smith, Procurement and Contracts. Absent was Sheila Stewart.

**Guests:**

The Mound House - Theresa Schober and David Sallee  
Florida Gulf Coast University – Dr. Mike McDonald, Dr. Alison Elgart, Ms. Reiger  
From Edison-Ford Winter Estates – Ms. Chris Pendleton

Elaine Smith explained the selection process and a question and answer session followed. Afterwards, the proposers were acknowledged and the review began.

First up for discussion was Florida Gulf Coast University. Dr. McDonald and Dr. Elgart were available for questions. Questions related to location, parking, public access, signage, lab space, travel, field school, staffing, and boats were addressed.

Next, The Mound House. Theresa Schrober and David Sallee were available to take questions related to location, staff, lab space, renovation completion dates, salaries, and property tax affects.

Next, Edison-Ford Winter Estates. Chris Pendleton fielded questions related to vehicles, salaries, space, and purpose of FPAN.

After the question and answer session, the three proposers hung up and discussion ensued between the board members. A ranking by each member was submitted to Elaine Smith by fax and email and she tallied the results.

The Mound House was chosen with a wide margin over FGCU and Edison-Ford.

Dr. Lees will contact the unselected proposers. He will also set about negotiating the final contract with The Mound House, including salary for the director, office space, and grant funding.