



Schooner Western Union

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Key West Bight Management District Board
510 Greene Street
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To: KWBB BOD

Re: 2015-09 KWBB / schooner Western Union Restoration Progress Report

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- a) The big news this month is the SWU \$500,000 grant application was reviewed along with 58 other similar applications by the (7-member) FL Dept. of State, Historic Preservation Grant Application Review Commission.

SWUPS was present in Tallahassee and also participated in the on-line webinar of the two day Commission review of applications. Many questions were asked by the Commission concerning the SWU restoration plan and planned use of state funds. The Commission takes their responsibility seriously and has strict protocols on the entire process.

The Commission ranks the grant applications in order of recommended funding for the state legislators. The SWU was ranked number (2) on the list for recommended funding and for the full \$500,000 requested amount.

The rankings will be forwarded in mid-November by the FL Secretary of State to all the FL Legislators. The legislator will decide what grant applications will be approved in the Jan./Feb. session. SWUPS is working with our State Rep. Holly Raschein and State Senator Dwight Bullard to promote the funding of the restoration of the State's Flagship, SWU. We are cautiously optimistic about having the grant funding approved.

If approved the Governor has line item approval/veto power until May over the grant funding. (The Gov. signed the State Flagship naming bill in 2012.) Approved funds that pass the entire process become available in July 2016.

- b) BP money is now being used to make temporary repairs to the schooner including the stern and water pumps.

On behalf of the board of directors,

William M. Barry
Chairman

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