

# **NEFRC**

**August Monthly  
LEGISLATIVE POLICY  
COMMITTEE  
Meeting**

**August 7, 2008  
Following the  
Board Meeting**

**Northeast Florida Regional Council  
6850 Belfort Oaks Place  
Jacksonville, FL 32216**




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## MEMORANDUM

Date: August 7, 2008  
To: NEFRC Legislative Policy Committee  
From: Mario Taylor, Deputy CEO & Chief Operations Officer   
Re: September 4, 2008, Committee Meeting

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The next meeting of the **Legislative Policy Committee** will be held on **Thursday, September 4, 2008**, immediately following the Board Meeting, at the **Northeast Florida Regional Council, 6850 Belfort Oaks Place, Jacksonville, Florida, 32216.**

# Northeast Florida Regional Council

## LEGISLATIVE POLICY COMMITTEE

### A G E N D A

Northeast Florida Regional Council  
6850 Belfort Oaks Place  
Jacksonville, FL 32216

Thursday, August 7, 2008  
immediately following the Board Meeting

(ADDED OR MODIFIED ITEMS IN BOLD)  
(\*Denotes Action Required)

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|     |   | <u>TAB</u> |
| 1.  | Call to Order, Roll Call, Introductions – Chair Rutledge              |            |
| *2. | Approval of May 1, 2008, Meeting's Minutes – Chair Rutledge.....      | 1          |
| 3.  | Board Member Request – Legislation on urban sprawl – Brian Teeple     |            |
| 4.  | 2009 Legislative Priorities Solicitation Request – Mario Taylor ..... | 2          |
| 5.  | Regional Issues & Events Update – Mario Taylor                        |            |
| 6.  | Next Meeting Date and Location: <b>Thursday, September 4, 2008</b>    |            |
|     | <b>Northeast Florida Regional Council</b>                             |            |
|     | <b>6850 Belfort Oaks Place</b>  |            |
|     | <b>Jacksonville, Florida 32216</b>                                    |            |
| 7.  | Adjournment   |            |

**\*Denotes Action Item**

# **Tab 1**



# NORTHEAST FLORIDA REGIONAL COUNCIL

Legislative Policy Committee

May 1, 2008

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## MINUTES

A meeting of the NEFRC Legislative Policy Committee was held on Thursday, **May 1, 2008**, at 12:30 p.m., at the Northeast Florida Regional Council, 6850 Belfort Oaks Place, Jacksonville, FL 32216.

**President Rutledge** called the meeting to order with the following members present representing a quorum:

Michael Griffis  
Chip Laibl  
Harold Rutledge

Art Graham  
Karen Stern

Jon Netts  
Cyndi Stevenson

Excused: Jim O'Connell, Mike Boyle

Others: None.

Staff: Brian Teeple, Mario Taylor, Mike Hadden and Angela Giles

### \*Approval of Minutes

**Mayor Netts moved approval of the minutes of the April 3, 2008, meeting; seconded by Councilman Graham; motion unanimously carried.**

### Legislative Update - Calendars

Mr. Taylor informed the members that the current House and Senate calendars were in their binders for their review.

### Legislative Update – Regional Legislative Priorities Update

Mr. Taylor presented the NEFRC 2008 Legislative Priorities, and the bills that pertained to those priorities. Discussion followed. Mr. Teeple stated that the Region needed to receive the priorities from local member governments earlier, and have local government support. It was suggested that we bring the Northeast Florida Delegation together as a group immediately after elections. **Mayor Netts** suggested that the Council encourage cities and counties to think more regionally. Discussion followed. **President Rutledge** requested that the Legislative Priority solicitation letter be sent in June.

### FRCA Information

Mr. Teeple informed the members that the latest FRCA session update was provided in their binders. Mr. Teeple also spoke about the growth management bill, that it is an attack on home rule, and on the process and requirements for economic stimulus, and that he does not believe either bill in the House or the Senate will pass. Discussion followed. Mr. Teeple encouraged members to use the EAR process within their counties and municipalities.

Water Withdrawal/Supply Issue Update

President Rutledge stated that the joint meeting with East Central Florida regarding water withdrawals and issues went well. He believes that there is a genuine desire to talk more, and work on a solution to the water issue. Commissioner Stevenson mentioned forming a Regional Water Supply Authority. A RWSA could be created by an inter-local agreement. Discussion followed.

Next Meeting Date and Location

The next meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, June 5, 2008**, immediately following the Board Meeting, at the Northeast Florida Regional Council, 6850 Belfort Oaks Place, Jacksonville, FL 32216.

Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 2:00 pm

# **Tab 2**




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## MEMORANDUM

**Date:** July 14, 2008

**To:** Northeast Florida Chief Elected Officials and  
Chief Administrative Officials

**From:** Brian D. Teeple, CEO 

**Re:** 2009 Legislative Priorities for Northeast Florida

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The Legislative Committee of the Northeast Florida Regional Council again seeks your upcoming legislative priorities. As so many *issues-of-the-day* have found a collective urgency among the people of our region, the most effective way to address, respond and resolve the issues that are most important to us is **regionally**.

The Committee, which is comprised of delegates from each of our seven Member Counties, addresses critical concerns within our region. Those issues were compiled in the enclosed publication which was used to disseminate the message and to appeal to the Florida Legislature and promote action. This Committee is guided by the Home Rule Philosophy to develop and implement community-based solutions.

This annual publication details the legislative priorities which were collected from each County within the Northeast Florida Regional Council's membership. From a cumulative list of 42 priorities submitted last year by the Counties involved, each stakeholder was asked to determine their top three priorities which most significantly represented the critical needs and concerns of their communities and constituents. Through the gathering and analysis of all priorities submitted by each County individually, the Legislative Committee collectively determined the top four "regional priorities" which represented the most critical concerns of the Northeast Florida Region.

**We are once again soliciting information from each of our Counties and Municipalities. Please review the enclosed copy of the 2008 Legislative Priorities of the Northeast Florida Regional Council as a guide to the pressing matters which were of concern within our Region for the 2008 Legislative Session. Upon determination of the priorities which most greatly affect you now, we request that you submit these issues to us by August 15, 2008. It is only through your input and participation that we can truly know what matters most to the citizens and constituents of our region.**

If you have any questions, concerns or comments please feel free to direct them to Mario Taylor, Deputy CEO and Chief Operating Officer, [mtaylor@nefrc.org](mailto:mtaylor@nefrc.org) or (904) 279-0885, extension 145. Thank you for your participation and for assisting us in our mission of "Bringing Communities Together to Advance the Regional Agenda."

*Enclosures:* 2008 Legislative Priorities booklet and pocket card  
*CC:* NEFRC Legislative Committee and Board of Directors