

NEFRC

**March Monthly
LEGISLATIVE POLICY COMMITTEE
Information Packet**

**MARCH MEETING
CANCELLED**

Next Meeting:

April 2, 2009

**Immediately following the
Full Board Meeting**


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



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MEMORANDUM

Date: February 25, 2009
To: NEFRC Legislative Policy Committee
From: Mario Taylor, Deputy CEO & Chief Operations Officer 
Re: March 5, 2009, Committee Meeting - **CANCELLED**

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The **Legislative Policy Committee** meeting scheduled for
Thursday, March 5, 2009
has been **CANCELLED**.

Northeast Florida Regional Council

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1. February 5, 2009, Meeting's Minutes –1
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NORTHEAST FLORIDA REGIONAL COUNCIL

Legislative Policy Committee

February 5, 2009

MINUTES

A meeting of the NEFRC Legislative Policy Committee was held on Thursday, **February 5, 2009**, at 12:30 p.m., at the Northeast Florida Regional Council, 6850 Belfort Oaks Place, Jacksonville, FL 32216.

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

Chereese Stewart	Art Graham	Jon Netts
Chip Laibl	Cyndi Stevenson	Mike Boyle

Others: Milissa Holland, Wendell Davis

Excused: Michael Griffis, Larry Williams

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

*Approval of Minutes

Mayor Netts moved approval of the minutes of the January 8, 2009, meeting; seconded by Commissioner Laibl; motion unanimously carried.

2009 Legislative Priorities Publication

Mr. Taylor reviewed the 2009 Legislative Priorities Publication with the Members. Each Committee member has received a packet of 25 booklets and 50 palm cards. Discussion followed.

President Boyle thanked the Staff for their hard work in gathering the information and creating the publication.

*Discussion ensued regarding a Full Board meeting agenda item – **consensus of the Members is to keep the St. Johns River Water Management update on withdrawals from the St. Johns River a standing agenda item for the full Board.**

2009 State Budget and Legislative Preparation

Mr. Teeple reviewed several items with the Members regarding the State Budget and upcoming Legislation. Mr. Teeple stated that he was concerned over regulatory reform measures the Legislature is looking at. Discussion followed. Mr. Teeple stated that regarding SB 730, which will abolish the Department of Community Affairs (DCA), that he would support a delegation of DCA's power to the Regional Planning Councils (RPCs). However, he noted that this would put the Board in a slightly different role. Consensus of the Members is for Mr. Teeple to have a dialogue with the Secretary and Assistant Secretary of DCA to see if a pilot program could be implemented in Northeast Florida. Discussion followed. Mr. Teeple stated that he would gather the cost analysis of such a program to present to the members at the next meeting.

Regional Legislative Delegation Forum Activity

Mr. Taylor informed the members that several organizations were currently hosting legislative forums for the Northeast Florida Regional Legislative Delegation. The information was provided for members review, if they wish to attend of these events. Given these hosted forums, it was determined that NEFRC would not host a similar event this year.

Current Calendars and Committee Schedules

Mr. Taylor discussed the current House and Senate Calendars which were provided for their review. Mr. Taylor stated that the Council would be providing "Know Your Legislators" pocket reference guides to the members, and they should be available at the March meeting.

Next Meeting Date and Location

The next meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, March 5, 2009**, 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 1:20 pm.