



NORTHEAST FLORIDA REGIONAL COUNCIL

FRCA/Legislative Policy Committee

October 4, 2007

MINUTES

A meeting of the NEFRC Legislative Policy Committee was held on Thursday, **October 4, 2007**, at 11:15 a.m., at the Thrasher-Horne Conference Center, 283 College Drive, Orange Park, Florida, 32065. **President Rutledge** called the meeting to order with the following members present representing a quorum:

Michael Boyle Chip Laibl Karen Stern
Chereese Stewart Harold Rutledge

Excused: Mike Griffis, Richard Clark, Milissa Holland

Others: Larry Williams

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

*Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Laibl moved approval of the minutes of the January 4, 2007, meeting; seconded by Commissioner Boyle; motion unanimously carried.

New Business

*Legislative Committee 2008 Development, Review & Selection Process

Mr. Taylor stated that the purpose of this Committee is to work collectively and promote regionally. The philosophy of the Committee is the "Home Rule" to develop and implement community based solutions. The Committee's responsibility is to collect information from all counties, and develop and promote a regional agenda for legislation. Mr. Taylor informed the Committee that legislative priority solicitation letters were sent to all counties in August. **President Rutledge** stated that each member of the Legislative Committee was chosen due to the fact that they are commissioners within their respective counties, and can and do vote upon the regional priorities in their home county. Discussion followed. **Mrs. Stern moved approval of the Legislative Committee Development, Review & Selection Process; seconded by Commissioner Stevenson; motion carried unanimously.**

2008 Local Government Legislative Priorities Submissions

Mr. Taylor stated that information received from each of the counties was provided for the Committee Members review. After review of the submitted legislative issues, discussion followed. Regarding the fact that all counties within the Region have not presented their legislative priorities to the Council, it was recommended that action be deferred on this agenda item.

Other Group and Association 2008 Legislative Priorities

Mr. Taylor informed the Committee that the FRCA Framework for Planning Reform, the FRCA Legislative Team's Strategic Plan, the DCA Growth Management Proposals, the Jacksonville Regional Chamber of Commerce and the Florida Association of Counties, were provided for the Members' review. Discussion followed. Mr. Teeple suggested several topics that the Committee might want to discuss, including hiring a dedicated lobbyist for the region, and sharing the cost, and having a Regional Legislative Delegation meeting. Discussion followed.

Proposed Activities Timeline

Mr. Taylor reviewed the proposed timeline. Mr. Taylor pointed out the Senate and House calendars provided for the members' convenience. **President Rutledge** suggested that the Legislative Committee meet every month, in order to discuss ongoing and current legislative issues. Mr. Taylor also pointed out several articles of interest that were included. Discussion followed.

Staff will have a 2008 Regional Legislative Priorities Booklet draft prepared for Committee Members for review at the November 2007 meeting.

Next Meeting Date and Location

The next meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, December 6, 2007**, 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 1:45 pm