



NORTHEAST FLORIDA REGIONAL COUNCIL

Legislative Policy Committee

May 1, 2008

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