



NORTHEAST FLORIDA REGIONAL COUNCIL

Legislative Policy Committee

January 7, 2010

MINUTES

A meeting of the NEFRC Legislative Policy Committee was held on Thursday, January 7, 2010, at 1:45p.m., at the Northeast Florida Regional Council, 6850 Belfort Oaks Place, Jacksonville, FL 32216. President Griffis called the meeting to order with the following members present representing a quorum:

Robert Page	Michael Griffis	Chereese Stewart
Elaine Brown	Milissa Holland	Jon Netts
Michael Boyle	Larry Williams	Wes Larson

Others: Don Chrichlow, Darryl Register, Bob Sgroi, Ken Smallwood and Robert Spaeth

Excused: Ken Bryan and Karen Stern

Staff: Brian Teeple, Mario Taylor, Margo Moehring, Jennifer Hewett-Apperson and Sheron Forde

*Approval of Minutes

President Griffis called for a motion on the October 8, 2009 meeting minutes. Mr. Williams moved approval, seconded by Commissioner Stewart; motion passed unanimously.

Associations 2010 Legislative Priorities Update

Mr. Taylor presented the 2010 Legislative Priorities for the Florida Association of Counties, the Small County Coalition, the Florida League of Cities, 1,000 Friends of Florida, the Florida Chamber Foundation, the Century Commission and the Florida Metropolitan Planning Organization Advisory Council; highlighting the main legislative concerns of these associations. Mr. Taylor reminded the Committee that with the approval received at the Board meeting, the Council's 2010 Priorities will be finalized and printed for distribution at the February meeting. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Teeple pointed out that the Florida Association of Counties (FAC) did not put in their priorities their support of Regional Councils. **Commissioner Eubanks** stated that he did not hear that the FAC did not support the Regional Councils. Mr. Teeple stated that based on his discussions with Commissioner Stevenson, it may have been her understanding that they were going to include that as one of their priorities. **Mr. Smallwood** inquired if the priorities are amendable and if so, should we request that it is included. Mr. Taylor stated that there will be a meeting in March, at which time the priorities may be amended. **Ms. Brown** asked if the Board can ask for a resolution of support. **Commissioner Eubanks** offered to make that call. **President Griffis** asked Commissioner Eubanks to make the call to obtain more information on this and report back.

State Growth Management Pilot Update

Mr. Teeple provided an update on the Growth Management Pilot program and asked for support from the Members in contacting their Legislators and scheduling meetings with them to discuss this issue. Mr. Teeple added that Legislative support is necessary for this endeavor to be successful. The next steps will entail writing this up in bill format, obtaining a sponsor and getting it filed. All are factors that will

need to be addressed and timing is of the essence. Mr. Teeple stated that it may be too late to meet this years' Legislative Session filing deadlines. Discussion followed.

2010 Regional Legislative Delegation Forum Update

Mr. Taylor stated that due to the Legislative Special Session, other Legislation meetings and the holidays, staff recommends that the Council forego the planned Regional Legislative Delegation Forum. A brief discussion ensued.

Mayor Netts motioned not to pursue the Regional Delegation Forum at this time, seconded by Mr. Williams; motion passed unanimously.

Next Meeting Date and Location

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 4, 2010, 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 2:10 pm.