

Minutes of the  
NORTHEAST FLORIDA REGIONAL COUNCIL  
May 5, 2005

The monthly meeting of the Northeast Florida Regional Council was held on Thursday, May 5, 2005, at 10:00 a.m., at the Northeast Florida Regional Council, 6850 Belfort Oaks Place, Jacksonville, FL 32216.

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

CLAY	Deidra Franklin Carol Vallencourt
DUVAL	Rea Fleckenstein Jerry Holland Paul Parsons Mary Louise Dungey
FLAGLER	Blair Kanbar Ralph Carter Bob Sgroi
NASSAU	Bob Spaeth Tom Branan
PUTNAM	Linda Myers
ST. JOHNS	Bruce Maguire Karen Stern Harry Maxwell Clare Berry Don Crichlow
EX-OFFICIO	Larry Parks Linda Burnette Wes Larson

Excused Absence: Gordon Crews, Ginger Barber, Charles Prachar, Hugh Fish, Harold Rutledge, Ken Walker, Elaine Brown, Joann King, Chip Laibl, Ansley Acree, Brad Purcell, Mary Lawson Brown, Bill Green

Absent: Glenn Lassiter

Others: Jennifer Auger, Melinda Granlund, Geoff Sample, Sarah Owen, Valerie Britt, and other members of the public.

Staff Present:

Brian Teeple, Barbara Rovedo, Ed Lehman, Mike Brown, Mike Hadden, Donna Starling, Chris Bono, Dawn Clarke, Gwen Kressler, Ed Preston, and Peggy Conrad

**Commissioner Stern** led the Council in a prayer then led the pledge of allegiance.

\*Approval of Minutes

**Commissioner Stern moved approval of the April 7, 2005, meeting's minutes; seconded by Mr. Maxwell; motion unanimously carried.**

President's Report

None.

\*Consent Agenda

**President Kanbar** asked if any items needed to be moved from the Consent Agenda to the Discussion Agenda. There were no items to be moved. **Mr. Sgroi moved approval of the Consent Agenda; seconded by Supervisor Holland; motion unanimously carried.**

Discussion Agenda

\*Executive Director's Contract

Mr. Teeple stated that the contract has the same format as previous years except for the terms of service. Last year Mr. Teeple declined an increase due to the Council's financial position therefore this year's contract requests a 6% increase to cover 3% for last year and 3% for this year. **Commissioner Stern moved approval of the Executive Director's Contract; seconded by Ms. Fleckenstein; motion unanimously carried.**

\*St. Johns County – Transmitted Amendment 05-D2 (Twin Creeks DRI)

Mr. Lehman reviewed Transmitted Amendment 2005-D2 and stated that the Planning & Growth Management Committee had adopted Staff's recommendations unanimously. **Commissioner Stern moved approval of Staff's recommendation that the Council approve the amendment for transmittal to DCA; seconded by Supervisor Holland; motion unanimously carried.**

Summary of Net Change in FLUM Acreage in Northeast Florida

Mr. Lehman called attention to the information and memorandum summarizing the changes to the acreage as a result of comprehensive plan amendments. This was in response to a

request from the Committee last month. According to the information the only land use reduction in 2004 was in Agriculture/Silviculture. The primary land use increase was in Residential. The information will be provided every month.

North Florida Procurement Association (NFPA) Presentation

Ms. Rovedo gave a Power Point presentation and a brief overview of the new North Florida Procurement Association, Chapter of NIGP, Inc. The benefits of being a member of the National Institute of Government Purchasing (NIGP) were highlighted. The Association is intended to enhance existing purchasing systems. Membership fees are \$25 per year with training classes and certification available in the future. The information is available through the NFPA website. Ms. Rovedo called attention to the NFPA brochure and requested that Board members share this with their respective organizations.

\*NFPA Resolution 2005-6 Recognizing the Newly Formed North Florida Procurement Association, Chapter of NIGP, Inc.

**Commissioner Maguire moved approval of Resolution 2005-6; seconded by Mr. Maxwell; motion unanimously carried.**

Census Press Conference Update

Mr. Teeple called attention to the article in Highlights detailing information on the recent U.S. Census Bureau press conference held in St. Johns County. This was held to unveil the fastest growing 100 counties in the nation. Flagler County is the fastest growing county in the nation. There are 14 counties in Florida in the top 100.

Healthy Start Annual Report

Ms. Clarke called attention to the Community Report that the Northeast Florida Healthy Start Coalition sends out once a year summarizing the year's activities. Ms. Clarke then introduced Ms. Gwen Kressler, the new KidCare and Friendly Access coordinator.

FRCA Legislative Update

Mr. Teeple gave the legislative update and stated that the Regional Councils are funded at \$3 million. Special recognition will be given to Representative Kravitz at the next Board meeting in gratitude of his support of the Regional Council. Mr. Teeple then called attention to the Bill Tracking summary.

Regional Leadership Academy Update

Mr. Teeple gave an update on the recently held opening retreat of the Regional Leadership Academy. Mr. Larson, Councilman Carter, and Commissioner Stern were in attendance. A diagnostic process was held to understand the issues and opportunities in Nassau County. The next meeting will be held in Clay County on May 20<sup>th</sup>.

Members Reports

None.

Executive Director's Report

Mr. Teeple called attention to Highlights, and Newspaper Articles.

Identifying Regional Issues and Solutions (IRIS) – Public Policy Development Issues

Baker County Update

Staff is in the process of completing the interviews. Focus groups will begin on June 8, 2005.

Nassau County Update

Staff is beginning to compile a list of possible interviewees starting some time this month.

Public Comment

Ms. Valerie Britt, representing Pablo Point Civic Association, spoke regarding a proposed future land use amendment on the intercoastal waterway and the salt marshes. The neighborhood association is concerned with the Coastal High Hazard Area (CHHA) and evacuation problems. The proposal is to develop an area that includes salt marshes to a residential category increasing the density in the CHHA. Ms. Britt called attention to the environmental maps showing the location of the mucky peat salt marshes and the intercoastal waterway. In addition there is a concern regarding development in the flood plain area since there will not only be wind but also flood borne debris.

Next Meeting Date

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 2, 2005, at 10:00 a.m. at the Northeast Florida Regional Council, 6850 Belfort Oaks Place, Jacksonville, FL 32216.

Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 10:55 a.m.

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Blair Kanbar  
President

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Brian Teeple  
Executive Director