

Minutes of the
NORTHEAST FLORIDA REGIONAL COUNCIL
August 4, 2005

The monthly meeting of the Northeast Florida Regional Council was held on Thursday, August 4, 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:

BAKER	Hugh Fish Charles Prachar
CLAY	Glenn Lassiter Harold Rutledge Ms. Vallencourt
DUVAL	Mary Louise Dungey Rea Fleckenstein Elaine Brown
FLAGLER	Blair Kanbar Joann King Bob Sgroi
NASSAU	Bob Spaeth Ansley Acree Tom Branan
PUTNAM	Chip Laibl Linda Myers Brad Purcell
ST. JOHNS	Bruce Maguire Karen Stern Clare Berry Don Crichlow
EX-OFFICIO	Larry Parks Wes Larson

Excused Absence: Ginger Barber, Deidra Franklin, Jerry Holland, Paul Parsons,
Mary Lawson-Brown, Harry Maxwell, Linda Burnette, Bill Green

Absent: Gordon Crews

Others: Jennifer Auger, Melinda Granlund, Geoffrey Sample, Ted Pappas,

Mickey Brown, Valerie Britt, and other members of the public.

Staff Present: Brian Teeple, Mario Taylor, Barbara Rovedo, Ed Lehman, Mike Brown, Lee Brown, Mike Hadden, Chris Bono, Ed Preston, Amanda Loach, Heather Golightly, Tobin Lilly, Amanda Smith, Audrey Smith, Donna Starling, Maurice Postal, and Peggy Conrad

Commissioner Myers led the Council in a prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

*Approval of Minutes

A discussion was held regarding the formation of the Legislative Committee as reflected in last month's minutes. **Commissioner Lassiter** will represent Clay County on the Legislative Committee. **Commissioner Myers moved approval of the July 7, 2005, meeting's minutes; seconded by Ms. Vallencourt; motion unanimously carried.**

President's Report

President Kanbar recognized Council member, **Mr. Wes Larson**, for his selection as the Florida Chamber of Commerce, Professional of the Year.

President Kanbar appointed a special Ad-Hoc Selection Committee, with full power, to discuss Regional Leadership Awards on Thursday September 22, 2005. The following NEFRC members were selected to serve on the committee: **Mr. Prachar, Ms. Vallencourt, Ms. Dungey, Mr. Spaeth, Mr. Laibl, Mr. Maxwell, and President Kanbar**, since there was no gubernatorial appointee available on that date to serve on the committee.

President Kanbar stated that there would be a presentation on the reorganization of the NEFRC. **Mr. Fish** stated that it was felt that reorganization was necessary to have a clear chain of command should something happen to Mr. Teeple and stated that the new plan gives more flexibility to handle upcoming changes.

Mr. Teeple stated he would take a moment to acknowledge and recognize Mr. Mike Mahaney, the Nassau County Administrator, and then stated that the agenda would be reordered to accommodate the JCCI study.

Mr. Teeple then gave a brief history of the reasons for the reorganization then highlighted the major changes in the organization including the appointment of a new Deputy Chief Executive Officer. The adoption of new titles and the new structure are more reflective of a corporate model. A discussion was held regarding how the new structure will affect the budget and how costs will be contained.

*Consent Agenda

President Kanbar asked if any items needed to be moved from the Consent Agenda to the Discussion Agenda. **Ms. Vallencourt moved approval of the Consent Agenda; seconded by Commissioner Purcell; motion unanimously carried.**

Discussion Agenda

Jacksonville Community Council, Inc. (JCCI) Study

Mr. Teeple introduced Mr. Ted Pappas, Chairman of the JCCI River Dance Study. Mr. Pappas stated that although the study only covered Duval County, the impacts of growth are significant throughout the region. Mr. Pappas thanked Mickee Brown of the JCCI for her assistance in this study then copies of the study were distributed to the Board. Mr. Pappas gave a Power Point presentation highlighting the history and purpose of the study then the recommendations of the study.

Video Teleconferencing Capabilities Demonstration

Mr. Teeple stated that Mr. Alexander would be giving his report from another location to demonstrate the videoconferencing capabilities. Mr. Alexander mentioned that the units are being installed throughout the region's emergency operation centers, in the Florida Department of Law Enforcement, and the National Weather Service. Mr. Alexander reminded Board members that all the equipment is available through the Emergency Management offices then stated that the NEFRC has applied to the Department of Community Affairs for a grant to have these units installed in all of the Regional Councils in Florida.

*City of Palm Coast - Transmitted Amendment 05-2

Mr. Lehman reviewed City of Palm Coast Transmitted Amendment 05-2. **Mr. Sgroi moved approval of Staff's recommendation that the Council approve the amendment for transmittal to DCA; seconded by Commissioner Stern; motion unanimously carried.**

St. Johns River Water Management District (SJRWMD) Irrigation Rule

Ms. Granlund, Intergovernmental Coordinator for the SJRWMD, gave a Power Point presentation on the proposed lawn and landscape irrigation rule amendments and the anticipated rule development schedule.

*Audit Services Recommendation

Mr. Teeple called attention to the information regarding the new audit services recommendation. The firm of Magers & Warner has been chosen to perform the Council's audit. References have been checked and the feedback received was very good. The Personnel, Budget, and Finance Committee unanimously approved the recommendation. **Ms. Fleckenstein moved approval of Staff's recommendation that the firm of Magers & Warner be engaged to conduct the NEFRC audit for fiscal year ending September 30, 2005, through September 30, 2007; seconded by Mr. Fish; motion carried unanimously.**

Annual Report

Mr. Hadden called attention to the 2004 Annual Report and thanked the Board for their support throughout the year. Mr. Teeple stated that the first person to find a mistake in the Annual Report

would be taken to dinner. **Commissioner Myers** was the first to spot the error.

Regional Leadership Awards and Elected Officials Reception

Mr. Hadden stated that the Elected Officials Reception would be held on Friday, October 21, 2005, at the World Golf Village. The forms for the Regional Leadership Awards will be available by August 15, 2005, and will be posted to the Council web site.

*Resolution 2005-9 Regarding Councilman Ralph Carter

Mayor King made a motion to accept Resolution 2005-9; seconded by Ms. Vallencourt; motion unanimously carried.

*Resolution 2005-10 Regarding Commissioner Ken Walker

Commissioner Acree made a motion to accept Resolution 2005-10; seconded by Commissioner Stern; motion unanimously carried.

Strengthening America's Communities Initiative

Mr. Brown stated that as part of the federal fiscal year 2006, President Bush proposed reforming and restructuring the 18 existing community and economic development programs to deal with their budget shortfall. Mr. Brown called attention to the report of the Committee appointed to advise the U.S. Secretary of Commerce on the successful implementation of the Initiative. Mr. Brown mentioned that Staff would be monitoring this closely and providing updates to the Board.

Members Reports

Commissioner Myers stated that she had a concern regarding the Metropolitan Planning Organization and the funding for rural Florida since they are not included in the MPO boundaries. **Commissioner Myers** also stated that Regionalism is a very topical issue especially when boundaries are being discussed and the need for the NEFRC to have a voice in this discussion.

Commissioner Maguire reminded the Board of the five themes of the Florida Transportation Plan Study Committee and stated that the boundary most likely will be co-terminus with the Economic Development Region. **Commissioner Maguire** also stated that thanks to **Commissioner Myers**, rural transportation is finally being discussed. One recommendation was that there should be a transportation vision for the region. Transportation planning should be done locally then meshed into a regional vision. A major concern is that there should not be another level of government made at the regional level.

Commissioner Myers mentioned that the members appointed to the new legislative committee should send their legislative priorities from their Counties to the Council so the committee can meet by early September.

Executive Director's Report

Mr. Teeple called attention to Highlights and commented on Emergency Preparedness in Nassau County and Hurricane Housing Recovery in Putnam County.

Mr. Teeple discussed the newspaper articles and asked Board members to complete the survey regarding delivery of the newspaper information.

Mr. Teeple then introduced the newest Staff member, Heather Golightly.

Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government Accountability (OPPAGA) DOT/WMD/RPC
Study

Mr. Teeple updated the Council on the latest boundary information.

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

Baker County

Ms. Smith gave a Power Point presentation and an update on the Baker County Alternative Futures Study stating that NEFRC had conducted 25 stakeholder interviews and three community focus groups. The Power Point presentation included information on the data collection process, the timeline, the background data, projected population, building permits, the school system, the economy, the development trends, and costs of development. Different development scenarios were also presented. The top two issues facing Baker County are transportation and land use. To gain further information from the citizens of Baker County, two community group meetings are scheduled for August.

Nassau County

Mr. Teeple stated that after studying Baker County, the approach and the report would be different in Nassau County. Mr. Jack Osterholt, the consultant, will be returning to attend the August 15, 2005, Baker County meeting.

Public Comment

Ms. Valerie Britt, representing Pablo Point Civic Association, voiced her concerns regarding the passing of a comprehensive plan amendment, located along the Intracoastal Waterway, by the Jacksonville City Council on June 28, 2005, and the effects in the Coastal High Hazard Area. Ms. Britt voiced her concern regarding the lack of visioning.

Next Meeting Date

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 1, 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 12:40 p.m.

Blair Kanbar
President

Brian Teeple
Chief Executive Officer