



**NORTHEAST FLORIDA REGIONAL COUNCIL**  
**Board of Directors Meeting**  
**December 6, 2007**

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**MINUTES**

The monthly meeting of the Northeast Florida Regional Council was held on Thursday, December 6, 2007, at 10:00 a.m., at the Northeast Florida Regional Council, 6850 Belfort Oaks Place, Jacksonville, Florida, 32216

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

BAKER	Hugh Fish
CLAY	Paul Bue Harold Rutledge Carol Vallencourt
DUVAL	Mary Louise Dungey
FLAGLER	Jim O'Connell Bob Sgroi
NASSAU	Michael Boyle
PUTNAM	Nancy Harris Chip Laibl Mary Lawson-Brown Tom Williams
ST. JOHNS	Tom Manuel Harry Maxwell Karen Stern Cyndi Stevenson
EX-OFFICIO	Linda Burnette Greg Strong Larry Parks

Excused: Michael Griffis, Darryl Register, Deidra Franklin, Chereese Stewart, Richard Clark, Ronnie Fussell, Milissa Holland, Joann King, Bill Leeper, Bob Spaeth, Larry Williams, Don Crichlow

Absent: None

Others: Neil Armingeon, Steve Fitzgibbons, Geoff Sample, Ken Venables, Brandi Vitter, Bill Henderson, Sarah Owen, Beth Weatherford, Janie Thomas, Daniel Chitwood, Harold Wilkening, Commissioner Doug Conkey and other members of the public.

Staff: Brian Teeple, Mario Taylor, Ed Lehman, Donna Starling, Michael Hadden, Guy Parola, Ameera Sayeed, Jeanie Palmer, Valerie Evans, Michael Hill, Steven Mahaven, Charles McCool, Sheron Forde and Angela Giles.

**Ms. Vallencourt** led the Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

\*Approval of Minutes

**Mr. Sgroi moved approval of the November 1, 2007, meeting's minutes; seconded by Commissioner Boyle; motion unanimously carried.**

Public Comment

None.

\*Consent Agenda

**President Rutledge** asked if any items needed to be moved from the Consent Agenda to the Discussion Agenda. As there were no items to be pulled, **Mrs. Stern moved approval of the Consent Agenda; seconded by Mr. Fish; motion unanimously carried.**

**Discussion Agenda**

**\*Putnam County Transmitted Amendment 07PSF-1**

Mr. Parola stated that the Putnam County Transmitted Amendment 07PSF-1 is the transmittal of the newly required Public School Facilities (PSF) element of the Intergovernmental Coordination Element (ICE) and Capital Improvements Element (CIE). The packet establishes school concurrency and new requirements for level of service; increases and codifies coordination between the five municipalities, the county and the school board; and incorporates the school's CIE into the County's CIE. Staff recommends transmittal to the Department of Community Affairs (DCA). Discussion followed.

**Commissioner Laibl moved approval of staff recommendations for the Putnam County Transmitted Amendment 07PSF-1; seconded by Vice Mayor Lawson-Brown; motion carried unanimously.**

**\*City of Jacksonville Adopted Amendment 07CIE-2**

Mr. Lehman stated that changes to the CIE are exempt from transmittal round, and go straight to adoption. This is the annual update required pursuant to state law. All local governments are required to do this by December 2008. Divided by infrastructure and responsible agency. The Traffic Circulation and Mass Transit 5-Year Plan includes projects funded by the City of Jacksonville, JTA, and FDOT. Florida Seaport Transportation and Economic Development Program projects are included in the adoption document. These projects include major expenditures for the acquisition of land to support marine growth, harbor deepening, Talleyrand terminal improvements, the development of a permanent cruise ship terminal, and others. None of these improvements are incorporated in the first three years of the CIE. The Public School Facilities 5-Year Plan contains a number of projects that address school construction, upgrades, and land acquisition projects, including two new K-8 schools (103rd/Westside & Southside), a new elementary school in Bartram Springs, and a new K-5 school (Waterleaf). The Potable Water and Sanitary Sewer plan consists of a 10-year planning horizon, and incorporates JEA planned improvements. All JEA projects listed after FY 2012 are included as part of the long term schedule of projects for potable water and sanitary sewer. Staff recommends that the Council find City of Jacksonville Adopted Amendment 07CIE-2 consistent with the Northeast Florida Strategic Regional Policy Plan (SRPP). **Councilman Bue moved approval of staff recommendations for the City of Jacksonville CIE-2; seconded by Mrs. Stern; motion carried unanimously.**

\*Resolution 2007-16

Ms. Golightly stated this resolution is presented every year for the Local Emergency Planning Committee's Emergency Planning Community Right-to-Know Act Awareness Week, which will be January 21-28, 2008. **Mrs. Stern moved approval of Resolution 2007-16; seconded by Ms. Vallencourt; motion carried unanimously.**

First Coast Outer Beltway Update

**Mr. Larry Parks**, Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) gave a brief presentation on the First Coast Outer Beltway, with comments from FDOT staff Brandi Vitter and Bill Henderson included. **Mr. Parks** called attention to the FDOT website, [www.fcouterbeltway.com](http://www.fcouterbeltway.com). Copies of the presentation were provided to the Board. Discussion followed. **Commissioner Manuel** requested that the Board be kept informed of the First Coast Metropolitan Planning Organization (FCMPO) meetings also.

Energy Star

Mr. Parola gave a brief presentation to the Board regarding the Energy Star program. A copy of the presentation was provided to the Board Members.

Florida Water Star Program

**Ms. Linda Burnette** of the St. Johns River Water Management District (SJRWMD) introduced Ms. Deidra Irwin. Ms. Irwin gave a brief presentation to the Board regarding the Florida Water Star Program. A handout and a copy of the presentation were provided to the Board Members. Discussion followed.

**President Rutledge** asked Council Staff to bring to next month's meeting recommendations on how the Council could embrace Energy Star and Water Star and operationalize them into Staff reviews.

TD/Medicaid Reform Update

Mr. Teeple provided handouts regarding the Transportation Disadvantaged (TD)/Medicaid Reform legislative issues.

St. Johns River Water Withdrawals

Mr. Teeple introduced Mr. Neil Armingeon, St. Johns Riverkeeper. Mr. Armingeon gave the Board a presentation stating the concerns and issues his organization has with the proposed withdrawal of millions of gallons of water per day from the St. Johns River. Mr. Janie Thomas, of the Shrimp Producers Association, also spoke against the withdrawals, stating that a salt water influx in the St. Johns would decimate the shrimp industry. Desalinization was suggested as a much better proposition to the Central Florida Water Shortage. A copy of the presentation was provided to the Board. Discussion followed.

Public Comment

Mr. Hal Wilkening, SJRWMD, spoke in favor of St. Johns River Water Withdrawals as a temporary solution to the Central Florida water shortage. Discussion followed.

Members Reports

None.

President's Report

**President Rutledge** announced that Staff was assisting him in developing a Water Supply Summit to be held sometime in January. The purpose of the Summit will be to gather additional and updated information and to form a consensus among the Region's Chief Elected Officials regarding water withdrawals from the St. Johns River. **President Rutledge** noted that it was his desire that this issue be decided on information rather than emotion.

Chief Executive Officer's Report

Mr. Teeple asked the Board's direction regarding the upcoming New Year's Holiday, and whether the Board would like to defer the next meeting until January 10<sup>th</sup>. The consensus of the Board is that the meeting will NOT be changed, and will be held on January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2008, as scheduled.

Mr. Teeple introduced Ms. Valerie Evans, the new principal planner on staff. Mr. Teeple informed the members that news articles were available, and reminded everyone of the luncheon after the meeting.

Next Meeting Date

The next Council Board of Director's meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 3, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. at the Northeast Florida Regional Council, 6850 Belfort Oaks Place, Jacksonville, Florida, 32216.

Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 12:24 am.



Harold Rutledge  
President



Brian Teeple  
Chief Executive Officer