



NORTHEAST FLORIDA REGIONAL COUNCIL

Board of Directors Meeting

May 6, 2010

MINUTES

The regular monthly meeting of the Northeast Florida Regional Council was held on Thursday, May 6, 2010, at 10:10 a.m. at the Northeast Florida Regional Council, 6850 Belfort Oaks Place, Jacksonville, Florida, 32216.

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

BAKER	Hugh Fish Michael Griffis Darryl Register Craig Thompson
CLAY	Wendell Davis Ken Smallwood Chereese Stewart
DUVAL	Bill Bishop Elaine Brown Art Graham Paul Parsons
FLAGLER	-----
NASSAU	Mike Boyle Bob Spaeth Larry Williams
PUTNAM	Kenny Eubanks Nancy Harris
ST. JOHNS	Ken Bryan Karen Stern Cyndi Stevenson
EX-OFFICIO	Danita Andrews Jeff Cole James Bennett for Larry Parks

Excused: Robert Page, Carol Vallencourt, Michael Corrigan, Milissa Holland, Jon Netts, Catherine Robinson, Bob Sgroi, Shirley Graham, Mary Lawson Brown, Jane Miller and Greg Strong

Others Present: Steve Fitzgibbon, Duncan Ross, David Faubacher, Sarah Langieri, Denise Bevan, Doug Davis and other members of the public

Staff Present: Ed Lehman, Margo Moehring, Donna Starling, Brian Teeple, Mario Taylor, Jennifer Hewett-Apperson, Guy Parola, Ameera Sayeed, Eric Anderson, Michael Calhoun, and Sheron Forde

President Griffis welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked everyone to stand for the Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance. The Invocation and Pledge was led by **Commissioner Ken Bryan** of St. Johns County.

*Approval of Minutes

President Griffis ask for a motion on the April 1, 2010 meeting's minutes.

Commissioner Crichlow asked that he be shown as excused for the April meeting as he had called ahead to indicate he would not be able to attend.

Commissioner Boyle moved approval of the April 1, 2010 meeting's minutes as amended; seconded by Commissioner Stevenson. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment

None.

*CONSENT AGENDA

President Griffis asked if any items on the consent agenda needed to be removed. Hearing none, he called for approval of the Consent Agenda. Mr. Fish moved approval of the Consent Agenda; seconded by Mrs. Stern. Motion carried unanimously.

DISCUSSION AGENDA

Putnam County Transmitted Amendment 10-1

Ms. Sayeed provided an overview of the Putnam County Transmitted Amendment 10-1, which consists of 12 large scale amendments and one text amendment. Ms. Sayeed stated that this item was reviewed in detail by the Planning and Growth Management Committee and was approved for transmittal to the Department of Community Affairs (DCA). Therefore staff respectfully recommends that the Council approves this report for transmittal to DCA. No discussion followed.

Commissioner Boyle motioned to approve Putnam County Transmitted Amendment 10-1; seconded by Commissioner Harris. Motion carried.

Resolution 2010-07: Signature Authority for Transportation Disadvantaged Grants

Mr. Lehman stated that the Council, as a Designated Official Planning Agency for the Transportation Disadvantaged program for six of seven counties, is responsible for filing the annual Transportation Disadvantaged Trust Fund Grant application with the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged. In order to do so, staff recommends that the Council adopt this resolution giving Mr. Teeple signature authority to file this application with the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged. No discussion followed.

President Griffis called for a motion. Mr. Williams moved approval of Resolution 2010-07; seconded by Commissioner Stewart. Motion carried.

Resolution 2010-08: Supporting Designation of Economic Development District

Ms. Moehring reported that staff has received the list of 'next steps' from the Economic Development Administration in order to become a designated Economic Development District such as a letter of support or resolution from at least a majority of our Counties. A draft sample resolution and letter of support were provided for the members. Staff is requesting the Counties to either adopt a resolution or write a letter of support of the seven-county region being designated an Economic Development District. Additionally, staff is asking the Board to approve the draft letter of support and resolution 2010-08 supporting our designation as an Economic Development District. A brief discussion followed.

President Griffis called for a motion. Mr. Smallwood moved approval of Resolution 2010-08; seconded by Ms. Brown. Motion carried.

Proposed Amended FY 2009/2010 Budget

Ms. Starling stated that the original budget was brought before the Board in July 2009, but did not become operational until October 1st and there have been several changes since that time. She stated that the proposed amended FY 2009/2010 budget has been discussed and approved by the Personnel, Budget & Finance Committee. Staff is estimating that revenues will increase by approximately \$2.4 million; from \$2.8 to \$5.2 million. The major increase is in the Emergency Preparedness program area with the contract extension of the Hurricane Study along with additional funding for new contracts for Interoperable communications for communication activities throughout the State.

President Griffis called for a motion. Mr. Fish moved approval of the Proposed Amended FY 2009/2010 Budget; seconded by Mr. Thompson. Motion carried.

Regional Community Institute (RCI) Board Nominations

Ms. Moehring stated that a list of proposed names for nomination to the Board of the Regional Community Institute has been provided for consideration and approval by the Board. She stated that these are Chairpersons of the Issue Committees that are working on First Coast Vision. The Executive Committee of the Regional Community Institute is recommending that these individuals be asked to join the Board. Ms. Moehring stated that this will require a change in the RCI's bylaws as currently it does not allow for this many members. She stated that, once approved, it is expected that at the RCI's June meeting the bylaws will be adopted at that time.

President Griffis called for a motion. Commissioner Eubanks moved approval of Regional Community Institute Board Nominations; seconded by Councilman Bishop. Motion carried.

Mr. Fish left the room following the vote.

Amendment 4 (PRO) Presentation

Mr. Teeple introduced Ms. Janet Stanko of the Sierra Club, who provided a presentation supporting the passing of Amendment 4. *This presentation will be posted on the Council's website under Presentations of Regional Significance.* Discussion followed.

Mr. Taylor stated that as we continue this education process, as requested by Ms. Brown, staff is working on identifying a speaker to do a presentation against Amendment 4 and hope to accomplish this for one of our upcoming meetings.

City of Jacksonville Mobility Plan Presentation

Mr. Bill Killingsworth provided a PowerPoint presentation of the City of Jacksonville's Mobility Plan highlighting the reason behind it and strategies for achieving it along with the implications once the policy is established. *This presentation will be posted on the Council's website under Presentations of Regional Significance.* Discussion followed.

Old Brick Township DRI Overview

Mr. Lehman introduced Mr. Doug Davis of Fletcher Management, representing the applicant. Mr. Davis provided a description of the Old Brick Township DRI, which included Regional issues, the City of Palm

Coast's growth management objectives and planning and design of the project. *This presentation will be posted on the Council's website under Presentations of Regional Significance.* Discussion followed.

Mr. Jeff Cole stated that, for the record, this development would be getting their water from the City of Palm Coast. As with the previous DRI that came before this Council, the City of Palm Coast currently does not have an adequate supply authorized by their Consumptive Use Permit to supply this development. The City has applied for a modification to their consumptive use permit that has not yet been resolved. He stated that those issues need to be resolved prior to determining that there is adequate water supply available for this development.

Strategic Regional Policy Plan (SRPP) – Transportation

Mr. Lehman provided review of the transportation element of the SRPP, highlighting the Regional Goals and corresponding policies that are utilized in the Regional Council's reviews of our local government's comprehensive plans and development of regional impacts. Mr. Lehman noted that many of these are outdated and in need of revision as they, in large part, no longer apply. *A copy of this presentation will be posted to the Council's website under Presentations of Regional Significance following the meeting.*

Local Emergency Planning Committee Presentation (LEPC)

Mr. Jason Taylor spoke about the LEPC and how it relates to the Regional Planning Council within Northeast Florida. He provided a historical background on how the LEPC was developed. He stated that the US Congress passed a emergency Planning Community Right to Know Act, which established a State Emergency Response Commission (SERC) in each of the 50 States. The SERC, whose members are appointed by the Governor, created the LEPC in each of the 11 Regional Planning Districts. The LEPC members are appointed by the SERC. He highlighted some of the functions of the LEPC as serving as a repository for facilities' chemical inventory forms, conducting hazardous materials emergency planning projects, promoting public education and awareness, performing hazards analysis for individual facilities, providing technical information and assistance on compliance, and coordinating training courses for first responders. He cited the 2009 SERC Annual Report, provided, which contains a list of its members along with other activities that were conducted during the year. A brief discussion followed.

Amtrak/FEC Jacksonville to Miami Corridor Project Update

Mr. Mario Taylor provided an overview of the Amtrak/FEC Jacksonville to Miami Corridor inspection test run. He highlighted the information provided in the Members binders such as a news release from Amtrak about the event, a FTU article on the event along with the current and proposed lines, and a historical article of the route. Mr. Taylor stated that staff is working with the efforts of the Treasure Coast Regional Council, who is taking the lead in getting the route restored. He further stated that there will be a public workshop on Tuesday, May 11th at 6pm and a station design workshop on Wednesday, May 12th at 9am in St. Augustine. The City of Jacksonville, working with Amtrak, plans to move the main central station from its current location to the Prime Osborne Convention Center. He noted the excitement in some areas of our Region that currently are not on the proposed stops at seeing the Amtrak train pass through their community. No discussion followed.

Regional Visioning Update

Ms. Moehring reported that all the RCI Committees are on track with the first deliverables, which is the baseline State of the Region measures. She stated that the next step is an educational campaign about the differences in growth patterns. Staff will provide more information at the June meeting. She stated

that the Council will be submitting to the HUD Sustainable Communities Planning Grant, and several requests have been made to partner with the Council in this endeavor. The next brown bag lunch on this topic is Thursday, May 13th at 11:00am.

Legislative Update

Mr. Teeple stated that staff has provided an end of the year legislative report for their review. He provided an overview of the report stating that the Regional Councils, statewide, were level funded from last year; the St. Johns River License plate was approved, some of the proceeds will go to help fund the St. Johns River Alliance's activities; the Northeast Florida Regional Transportation Authority Study Commission was authorized in which the President of the NEFRC will be an Ex-Officio no-voting member; the DCA was neither reauthorized nor sunsetted and, therefore, will roll over to the next year. He also highlighted other issues such as growth management, permitting extensions relating to SB 360, some changes in water policies and in economic development.

Public Comment

None.

Members/Ex-Officio Members Reports

Commissioner Stevenson stated that the Legislative Committee on Intergovernmental Relations (LCIR) was not funded, which has been in existence since 1977. The LCIR was working on a study on how local governments and different levels of government should coordinate to provide services, which she is not sure it will be completed. For those who are interested, the LCIR's studies done since 1978 is currently located on their website.

Commissioner Boyle thanked staff for arranging for the Amendment 4 speaker to come before them. He stated it was interesting to hear the points that were made, but didn't believe the speaker said anything new that he hadn't already heard.

Ms. Andrews stated that part of the Legislative Session did highly affect economic development and Enterprise FL will be holding a teleconference next week to debrief the practitioners across the State and interested parties on exactly what happened. However, QTI was reauthorized, their best standing tool in the State's tool box for quality business attraction, they also resolve the issues to the average wages. She added that last month in Tallahassee, Enterprise Florida hosted with the Florida Chamber 'International Days' event, which was a first in eight years. This was a two day event, with speakers on the importance of international trade upon the State of Florida. She stated that the Florida Economic Development Council Workshop on May 16 – 19, 2010 in Tampa, FL, which is related to workforce development, economic development and community planning and development individuals. All who can attend is welcome to do so.

Mr. James Bennett stated that the Department of Transportation (DOT) recently sent out letters to the local governments regarding the need to make adjustments due to the revenue estimating conference and their work program. He reported that DOT did survive the Legislative Session, though not unscathed; \$165 million was moved from the transportation trust fund to the general revenues. The impact of that is not yet known. DOT is beginning the development of their new tentative work program with local governments. Additionally, they are moving forward with the First Coast Outer Beltway; a transportation forum was recently held at the World Golf Village and additional meetings are ongoing.

Jeff Cole stated that the second round of water conservation cost-share funding opens this week for local governments and others. There is \$2 million in funding available along with the ability to apply for funding to help implement the enforcement and education component of the water conservation ordinance that implements our rule; this information will be posted on their website shortly. He added

that numerous water supply meetings are ongoing in the Region in preparation for the Water Supply Plan update this year. The SB 280 from the last Legislative Session that mandated delegation of our environmental resources' consumptive permitting approvals to the Executive Director and denials staying with the Board. This year's Legislative action allows for the consumptive use permitting to be delegated, not requiring it to be delegated. Discussions with the Board will take place shortly on how that will be handled.

President's Report

President Griffis stated that the July meeting date is being changed to July 8th due to the FAC Annual Conference, the FRCA meetings and the July 4th holiday. He stated that, in accordance with recent traditions, the June, July and August meetings will be casual dress for the Members, if their jobs enable to do so. President Griffis stated that he will not be at the August meeting as he will be out of the country.

Chief Executive Officer's Report

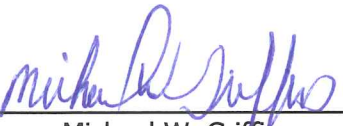
Mr. Teeple recognized Ms. Adele Griffin from Senator LeMieux's office, who will be attending the Legislative Committee meeting and thanked her for attending. Mr. Teeple recognized Ms. Angela Session, Accountant for the Council, as the Employee of the Quarter. He stated that Highlights and the WMD's newsletter, Streamlines, are in their binders with upcoming events listed on the agenda for their information.

Next Meeting Date

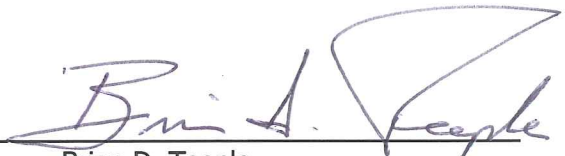
The next Council Board of Director's meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, June 3, 2010** at 10:00 a.m. at the Northeast Florida Regional Council, 6850 Belfort Oaks Place, Jacksonville, FL 32216.

Adjournment

President Griffis inquired if there were any other items for discussion; there being none, the meeting adjourned at 12:35 pm.



Michael W. Griffis
President



Brian D. Teeple
Chief Executive Officer