



NORTHEAST FLORIDA REGIONAL COUNCIL

Board of Directors Meeting

March 4, 2010

MINUTES

The regular monthly meeting of the Northeast Florida Regional Council was held on Thursday, March 4, 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 Robert Page
DUVAL	Bill Bishop Elaine Brown Michael Corrigan Art Graham
FLAGLER	Jon Netts Bob Sgroi Milissa Holland Catherine Robinson
NASSAU	Bob Spaeth Mike Boyle Shirley Graham
PUTNAM	Nancy Harris Kenny Eubanks Mary Lawson Brown
ST. JOHNS	Don Crichlow Jane Miller Karen Stern
EX-OFFICIO	Geoffrey Sample for Jeff Cole James Bennett for Larry Parks Beth Weatherford for Greg Strong Danita Andrews

Excused: Ken Bryan, Paul Parsons, Cyndi Stevenson, Carol Vallencourt and Larry Williams

Absent: Ken Smallwood and Chereese Stewart

Others Present: Liefke Cox, John Haley, Daniel Chitwood, Steve Fitzgibbon, and other members of the public

Staff Present: Jeffrey Alexander, Traci Hochhalter, Danny Hinson, Elizabeth Payne, Michael Calhoun, Jennifer Hewett-Apperson, Ed Lehman, Margo Moehring, Guy Parola, Ameera Sayeed, Donna Starling, Brian Teeple, Mario Taylor and Joyce Rhodes

President Griffis welcomed everyone to the meeting and gave a special welcome to the new gubernatorial appointee, Jacksonville City Councilman Michael Corrigan. President Griffis asked everyone to stand for the Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance. The Invocation and Pledge was led by **Commissioner Michael Boyle** of Nassau County.

*Approval of Minutes

President Griffis ask for a motion on the February 4, 2010 meeting's minutes. Mr. Bob Sgroi moved approval of the February 4, 2010 meeting's minutes; seconded by Ms. Elaine Brown. 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. Commissioner Boyle moved approval of the Consent Agenda; seconded by Commissioner Eubanks. Motion carried unanimously.

DISCUSSION AGENDA

Enterprise Florida Presentation

Ms. Liefke Cox presented on overview of the purpose and mission of Enterprise Florida (EFI). Ms. Cox discussed the importance of partnership of EFI and the various Councils and other organizations that promote the effective growth of Florida. Ms. Danita Andrews was recognized as the NEFRC representative of the EFI. Ms. Cox discussed two major items; an overview of EFI and actual examples of EFI involvement with the region.

Key items of the EFI are; creating higher wage jobs, global branding, promoting exports, inbound investment (both foreign and domestic), and increasing economic opportunities for Florida's citizens and businesses. Special consideration is given to the rural counties and distressed areas of the state. EFI coordinates the Roadmap to Florida's Future Statewide Strategic Plan. The Roadmap is a legislatively mandated five year plan for economic development. The plan lists key priorities to diversify Florida's economy for global competitiveness.

EFI programs include; marketing of Florida as a premier location, recruiting and retaining business, coordinating state incentives, developing trade for Florida businesses, providing focus on targeted geographical areas with additional focus on the diversity and strengths of state industries. The sectors targeted by EFI cover life sciences, information technology, aviation/space/aerospace, Homeland Security and military, financial, professional, manufacturing, energy and other emerging technologies.

Regional examples of the EFI partnering were presented by various representatives.

Mr. Darryl Register reported for Baker County. He said the Wal-Mart Distribution Center had been a major effort of Ms. Ginger Barber, now deceased and formerly of this Council. As a result of hers and others efforts, Wal-Mart began operations in 2000. This was a result of investments of Wal-Mart (\$40 million) and state incentives that included the Qualified Target Industry Tax Refund (\$2.8 million),

Community Development Block Grant (\$600 thousand), Rural Infrastructure Fund (\$360 thousand), Quick Response Training (\$300 thousand), the Transportation Fund (\$1.7 million) and Baker County added over \$2 million in property, utilities and services. Cornerstone provided the labor studies with a contribution of over \$10 thousand. The result of this investment is over 800 direct jobs in Baker County.

Ms. Danita Andrews reported on the latest success story for Clay County with the addition of a company called InEnTec Chemical. Clay County was in direct competition with Houston, TX for this business. The company brought a \$1 million capital investment for this project. The state added an incentive of \$100 thousand with Clay County adding \$25 thousand. While InEnTec added only 10 new direct job to Clay, the level of interaction the company has with other businesses will bring important attention to the county. An example of this would be InEnTec's current project with Dow Chemical of Houston, TX.

Ms. Cox and Ms. Andrews reported on the Flagler County addition of Palm Coast Data. This business brought 700 new jobs and retained 1000 jobs. This was accomplished by a combination of state incentives and efforts by Workforce Florida. The City of Palm Coast vacated their office facility to complete this effort.

Mr. John Haley discussed the partnership of EFI, Cornerstone and the Jacksonville Economic Development Commission (JEDC) to bring SAFT to Duval County. This was a highly sought after business with competitive sites in several different states being considered. Saft is a clean/green energy company with investment capital of \$200 million taxable dollars. State incentives were drawn from Quick Response Training Grant, Qualified Target Industry Tax Refund, Brownfield Bonus, Capital Investment Tax Credit, Quick Action Closing Fund and a City of Jacksonville ED Grant. In addition, as the owner of the Cecil Commerce Center, the City of Jacksonville provide at no cost, property in the northern portion of the area. Ground breaking for this company is scheduled for March 15, 2010 and is projected to bring 279 direct jobs to the county with the potential growth over the next 10 to 15 years of over 800 new jobs.

Councilman Art Graham joined the meeting at 10:22 a.m.

The development of Science First for Nassau County was presented by Mr. Steve Reick. This business was owned and operated by the Bell family in New York State. However, various factors prompted the family to move the business. Florida was in competition with Nevada and Texas for this new business. The family was drawn to the region and contacted EFI, who in partnership with Cornerstone, invited the owners to Florida for a site visit in January 2009. As a result, ground breaking in Nassau County was on June 1, 2009 with the business opening on December 1, 2009. The state provided incentives with the Quick Response Training Grant and Qualified Target Industry Tax Refund. The business provided \$2.095 million in capital investment and brought 26 new direct jobs to the county.

Mr. Nick Sacia reported on the development of a small business in St. Johns County. Optimum Spring Solutions began with a husband and wife team. They developed and engineered springs for various applications, from those nearly too small to pick up with your hands to 200 foot long. With the assistance of EFI representatives for import/export, the business was able to make business connections with South Africa, Mexico, Canada and South Korea. As a result of these opportunities, the company has begun adding personnel at a greater rate than was previously expected.

Ms. Cox invited the Council to find additional information on EFI at their web site at www.eflorida.com/knowledgecenter.

Vice Mayor Mary Lawson-Brown asked why there wasn't a Putnam County presentation. Ms. Cox explained that Alex McCoy was unable to attend. However, efforts are taking place in Putnam County. Wal-Mart has made significant investment in the County for future operations. In addition, the county has built specification property to encourage future businesses to relocate to the area. This is very forward thinking by Putnam County government.

Commissioner Boyle discussed the intangible incentives that the counties can provide. When considering Nassau County the owners included such quality of life factors as schools, neighborhoods and housing opportunities and mild climate.

Councilman Art Graham asked how much the quality of the school system impacted businesses when considering locations. Mr. Haley responded that this was a very high consideration. As owners, as they have their families and those of their employees to consider. Hiring may be slower for lesser educational levels and/or the educational level of the available workforce may not be sufficient to do the job.

Mayor Netts added that not only is it necessary to bring new business to the area, but it is equally important to maintain that relationship. Flagler County was able to save 1,000 jobs with it's initial investment, but are also in the process of bringing in additional 700 jobs from Indiana and Colorado where the business's sister companies reside. We need to be aware of spin off opportunities in these developments.

Mr. Teeple thanked Ms. Andrews for bringing the presentation to the Council. It is very representative of what Cornerstone, the various Economic Development Organizations and Enterprise Florida does for the region.

Regional Visioning Update

Margo Moehring reported that there is no further update on the status of the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy. We are still awaiting a response from the Federal Government for this item.

In regard to Reality Check and Region First 2060; Generation Check was the last event held. Those results have now been posted to firstcoastvision.com/resources. We continue to work with Region First 2060 on a HUD Sustainability Grant which would capitalize on the partnership of Reality Check. The application will be highly competitive and we will be submitting in June 2010.

Region First 2060 has tentatively selected May 25, 2010 for their Sustainability Workshop. This will be the first of their efforts to highlight the guiding principles from the Reality Check. The workshop is primarily for people who are interested in sustainability and will be more of a "hands on" learning experience. Further information and a final date and time will be forth coming.

The RCI Board meets today at 2:00 p.m. at the NEFRC. They will be receiving reports from the five committees that are working on the first round of issues to be covered by First Coast Vision and their recommendations for measures.

Mr. Teeple reported on the issue brought to the Personnel, Budget and Finance (PF&F) Committee earlier today. The issue of funding was brought to the committee to support Regional Visioning and the continued efforts begun by Reality Check. Currently, we are working on outside funding from grants. However, should these grants not be awarded, we would be taking the funding from the Council operating budget and potentially from the Council reserve funds. After discussion, the Committee tasked the staff

with returning to the April Personnel, Budget and Finance Committee meeting with additional information. This should include information as to how this is expected to work into the future, what pace it will move forward, and what products or processes are expected to be developed.

Statewide Regional Evacuation Study Program (SRESP) Update Presentation

Mr. Jeffrey Alexander presented the current status of the SRESP program. He stated that the program has made significant progress toward completion and that all efforts should be completed before the deadline of June 30, 2010. Phase One of the study is complete. This phase was made up primarily of data collection, processing and some analysis. Phase One has taken approximately three (3) years to complete with the LiDAR portion being the largest and most costly. Phase Two, which includes the vulnerability analysis, identification of population at risk and evacuation populations and the determination of clearance and evacuation times are still on-going. As a part of the program, we have developed several new modeling systems built upon standardized modeling in Florida so that we can measure the impact of evacuations under different scenarios, provide feed back and a growth management basis for this process. The two largest models created are Transportation Interface for Modeling Evacuations (TIME) and the Surge Inundation Model. The Surge Incident Module measures where water will go during a hurricane. This model is based on the LiDAR and has gone from 1860 hurricane scenarios to over 30,000 scenarios. Products still under development are the Technical Data Volume and the Regional Storm Tide Atlas.

Growth Management Definitions Letter

Mr. Jeffrey Alexander explained that as a part of the SRESP program is the product that links growth management and the evacuation elements. One of the processes we are working on is the identification of terms and assumptions. In the past these definitions have not been fully defined. For example, the State of Florida has no official definitions of "Evacuation Route" or "Clearance Time". There is a definition for "Coastal High Hazard Area", but confusion remains as to which standard should be used. We started by identifying as many terms as possible to provide official definitions too. As a result of coordination with the Division of Emergency Management (DEM), Division of Community Affairs (DCA) and the Department of Transportation (DOT), the letter dated February 5, 2010 to the DEM provides a list of study terms for standardization. This letter not only identifies the terms, but also the standards to be applied to each.

Councilman Art Graham questioned whether the study has standardized the mitigations for these impacts.

Mr. Alexander said that this does not standardize what would be a mitigation. However the first step to doing a mitigation is to know what you are mitigating and as of now there is no standard for identifying what has to be mitigated. We know that impacts need to be mitigated and the law provides that mitigations are to be based on impacts to clearance times, but there are no definitions of clearance times. This also applies to impacts to evacuation routes and shelter capacities. By defining these terms, we can all agree on the definitions when measuring growth we can determine the impacts for local mitigations.

Councilman Graham asked if mitigation would be handled at the local level or if they would be handled at a State level. Mr. Alexander referred the question to Ms. Moehring, who noted that the study will not define mitigation any more closely than the law already provides.

SRPP – Part IV Emergency Preparedness Presentation

The presentation for the Strategic Regional Policy Plan (SRPP) – Update #3 for the Emergency Preparedness section was addressed by Mr. Jeffrey Alexander. The presentation provided a brief examination of some of the aspects of the SRPP and how the Regional Goals and corresponding policies relate to the work being done by or within the Region. Goal 3.1 -"The Region will be prepared to respond to and recover from the impacts of all hazards" pertains to the basic efforts of emergency management,

before, during and after an incident occurs. Goal 3.2- "Direct future development away from vulnerable areas" which may include areas of coastal high hazards, velocity zones or other low lying areas prone to surge or flooding. This is especially critical for facilities such as hospitals, schools, fire stations, nursing homes, etc. Goal 3.3- "The Region shall be prepared to deal with hazardous materials incidents". The programs housed at the Regional Council include such programs as the Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) and Hazardous Materials Emergency Planning (HMEP) and Training. Goal 3.7- "Complete emergency-related, post disaster redevelopment and economic recovery while mitigating future risk". This goal is to bring recovery to an area while ensuring that the conditions that placed the area in disaster are not repeated. The recent approval of the Nassau County Post-Disaster Redevelopment Plan as a part of a statewide pilot project may help influence the across the board requirements and best practices.

In summary the last update to the SRPP Emergency Preparedness was in 1997. Since the events of 9/11, emergency management both in Florida and nationally has had many new items that must be examined in order to decide how best to deal with these new challenges in our future strategic plans. Emergency management is directly tied to growth management, which in Florida becomes an impact to our communities will effect our growth so that we want to make sure that whatever we do is deliberate.

Ms. Elaine Brown stated that the new technology available for the modeling is very impressive, especially as recently demonstrated on the Chile tsunami threats. Ms. Brown questioned whether the East Coast of Florida was in danger of tsunami. Mr. Alexander answered that a tsunami threat assessment had been performed for the coastal areas and found that a threat of approximately 12 inches would be likely. While combined with the normal wake, this still would not result in a major event for coastal areas. There are continental plates off the coast of Africa which, in the unlikely event that they shift, could cause a major event. However, this is considered to be an extremely low threat to our coast.

InterOperable Communication Presentation

Ms. Traci Hochhalter presented information regarding Operation RADAR 2010. This was the first statewide interoperable communication drill, which the Council staff was responsible for the planning. The drill took place at Camp Blanding during the week of January 25 to 29, 2010. The Board received a Participants Package which was given to all participants of the drill. This is the largest event of this kind in the history of the nation and resulted in five (5) states asking for the complete documentation and assistance in running the drill in their respective states.

Ms. Hochhalter stated that the need for interoperable communications was established as a result of 9/11 and reinforced by more recent events such as Hurricane Katrina. These disasters indicated a nationwide critical need for improved emergency communications. Operation RADAR was a result of the National Emergency Communications Plan (NECP) which was developed under the Department of Homeland Security's (DHS) Office of Emergency Communication. This provided recommendations for measurable improvements to emergency communications. The Florida Division of Emergency Management (FDEM) directed the Council to establish a learning environment to exercise response plans, policies and procedures for interoperable communications.

Participants to the exercise included personnel from the federal, state and local governments along with non-governmental entities. These included but are not limited to the Florida National Guard, Civil Air Patrol, Florida Marine Patrol, Florida Emergency Mortuary Response System (FEMORS) and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). Altogether, approximately 522 people were on-site with 86 mobile units and hundreds of other pieces of equipment brought in for use in this exercise.

The objectives of the exercise were to evaluate interoperable communication capabilities, identify modification needs and to identify further training needs. A team of 17 controllers and evaluators were on site from Connecticut, Colorado, Tennessee, South Carolina, Georgia, Kentucky, Virginia, Florida and Alabama. All participants were housed and fed on site at Camp Blanding.

The schedule of events included safety briefings, Intra-Regional drills, Inter-Regional drills, "lessons learned" meetings and summits as well various training sessions. The tasking ranged from simple to complex while using a wide variety of equipment. The exercise crossed various jurisdictions and disciplines with the creation of multiple talk paths (frequencies). Equipment programming required loading encryption key on non-encrypted radios and setting up mobile gateways for varied devices.

The findings of the exercise revealed training gaps, equipment needs, and the need for more detailed and frequent drills/exercises. Participant comments indicated that the exercise had been a very positive experience. Task assignments were realistic and achievable and the exercise had been conducted professionally and with exceptional teamwork among all participants.

Emergency Management Institute – Putnam County Training Presentation

Mr. Danny Hinson presented information on the Emergency Management Institute (EMI), Putnam County training in Emmitsburg, Maryland. The EMI is co-located with the National Fire Academy.

The EMI provides a national focal point for the development and delivery of emergency management training with instruction in the four phases of emergency management. This course was custom tailored to the needs of Putnam County. The EMI had visited the County and developed training specific to the needs of Putnam County. The fifty (50) participants from Putnam County represented a variety of local agencies such as emergency management, law enforcement, fire/rescue/EMT, public works, etc. Classroom education was presented by instructors from all over the nation and in the various areas of expertise. The areas of instruction included, but were not limited to topics such as public policies, program management, incident command systems, public health issues, stress management, media and public relations, etc.

A summary of the "lessons learned" indicated a strong need for policy decisions before, during and after an emergency incident; it is important that those who create policy and those who carry out policy share a common vision and that there is a constant need for training. In addition participant found that first responders and EOC workers need to have family plans, communications are key and to document all incident management activities.

Councilman Page asked if the EMI had a webinar or similar instruction delivery for counties that can not afford the cost or loss of services for on-site instruction. Mr. Hinson stated that it is realized that the impact to the county in cost and impact to the personnel not on the job is significant. However, the benefits of the training far counter the threat. Cost to the county is basically limited to the cost of travel, food and lodging for the one week course and even these can be reimbursed by the Institute if a community applies and is accepted to attend.

Commissioner Harris said that the participants who attend were extremely pleased with the training and the opportunity to have some of the best instructors across the nation teaching them. It was very impressive that the EMI had developed scenario that put actual places and people into the event, such as a scenario developed using a Putnam County businesses and the results of a tornado touching down in various locations. The Chair of the Putnam County Commission also had the opportunity to use public media techniques. Commissioner Harris added that the participants had been stranded in Maryland due to the heavy snow fall. Commissioner Eubanks indicated that this had helped them learn how to get along in snow days.

Legislative Update

Mr. Teeple provided the legislative update from Tallahassee. Of the list of current House and Senate Bills provided, Mr. Teeple directed the Council's attention specifically to several of local interest that should be followed closely. These included:

- HB0053 (Relating to License Plates) pertains to the St. Johns River specialty tag and looks likely to pass this year;
- SB0126 (Relating to Community Redevelopment) expands terms to included military locations;
- SB0142 (Relating to Water Management Districts);
- HB0493 (Relating to Election of Members of Governing Boards Possessing Authority to Adopt Millage Rates);
- HB0563 (Relating to Energy Security) is an off shore drilling bill is not favored to pass;
- HB0733 (Relating to Public Participation Plans);
- SB0770 (Relating to Permits/Consumptive Use of Water/Commercial Profit) into the year 2020;
- HB 0903 (Relating to Strategic Intermodal System Plan);
- HB1095 (Relating to Special Districts) local governments need to pay special attention to this bill as it may transfer debts to the county from Community Development Districts;
- SB1250 (Relating to State Housing Trust Fund) removes cap on the SHIP trust fund;
- HB1297 (Relating to Northeast Florida Regional Transportation Authority Study Commission) and companion SB2470;
- HB1319 (Relating to Governmental Retirement Systems) proposes to revamp the Florida Retirement System;
- SB1742 (Relating to Growth Management) is slated to be heard today and may be detrimental to local government.

One final bill is the first of the sunset bill from the DCA and pertains to the Department in its current configuration and makes some changes to some of its minor programs and the Small County Technical Assistance program. Already passed into law is the Unemployment Compensation Bill and has been signed by the Government.

Ms. Stern asked where we are currently with the Numeric Nutrient Standards. Mr. Teeple said that the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is currently taking testimony on their proposed rule. It is believed that the standard can not be met at the end of the pipe testing for this standard. However, the rule is written as a mid-stream standard and as such is significantly different then the end pipe standard. Regardless, the standards set by this rule would difficult to meet. HB1365 (Relating to Numeric Nutrient Water Criteria) and SB2474 (Relating to Numeric Nutrient Criteria for the State's Waters) apply. Commissioner Eubanks urged a stronger look at this legislation as these may have negative impacts to re-use water. The Council staff will bring additional information to the Board at the next meeting.

Mr. Register pointed out that HB0493 will also impact the Baker County Hospital Authority itl adopts millage and has a Governor appointed representative. Mr. Teeple added that there are a number of small entities that will be swept up in this effort to affect the water districts. However, it is still questionable has to whether it will pass

Councilman Graham asked if SB2444 (Relating to Public-private Partnership Infrastructure Projects) would affect the outer beltway? Mr. Teeple's understanding of this bill is that it encourages partnership and would have a positive impact on this project.

Mr. Teeple brought attention to a letter of transmittal from North Central Florida Regional Planning Council (NCFRPC) dated February 25, 2010. The letter officially transmits the NCFRPC Resolution 2010-01 which states, "A Resolution of the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council Opposing the Interbasin

Transfer of Water and the Establishment of a Central Regulatory Commission for Water Resources Supply Development". This resolution was duly adopted by the NCFRPC on January 28, 2010. While Mr. Teeple does not know of an active bill regarding this issue, he advised that the Senate may bring this forward at a later date.

Mr. Teeple directed the Council's attention to the new publication, "Know Your Legislature". This is included in the Board members binder for their information.

The Florida Regional Councils Association (FRCA) update indicated that they are continuing their efforts to maintain the Council's funding. Currently, the Governor has cut the DCA proposed budget for Regional Councils from \$2.5 million to \$0.5 million. Secretary Pelham has asked all Regional Council executives to attend a meeting next week. The subject of the meeting is as yet unknown. Mr. Teeple said that he would provide further updates after this meeting.

Public Comment

None.

Members/Ex-Officio Members Reports

Mr. Register wished Mr. Sgroi a happy birthday and Commissioner Boyle added that Mr. Teeple had recently celebrated his 25th year with the Council. The Board joined in congratulating both.

Ms. Danita Andrews advised that Enterprise Florida had no other information to add to the previous presentation.

Ms. Beth Weatherford reported that the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) had no update at this time.

Mr. James Bennett, advised the Board that Mr. Allen Mosley has joined the DOT as the new District II secretary. The good news is the all of the economic stimulus projects have been authorized and obligated. This covers 590+ projects within the State of Florida. The DOT is continuing to pursue the outer beltway and especially the river crossing. The 4th public hearing will held tonight at the Cecil Commerce Center.

Mr. Geoff Sample said that the Water Management District has a new web site address at floridaswater.com. It is their hope that this will be easier for people to remember than the old sjrwm.com address. The old address will continue to link to the Water District. The new appearance is very impressive and contains a wide variety of links.

On March 14, 2010 the water restrictions for two times a week will go back into place.

On March 8, 2010 the governing board will have a workshop in Palatka. Some of the topics being covered is water conservation, informative billing, storm water re-use, commercial water usage, etc. If you go to the web site you can see some of the comments posted there.

In March 18, 2010 in Gainesville there will be a water supply planning work group for this area.

A recreational/public use meeting will be held on March 16, 2010 at the executive building of district headquarters.

Lastly, April is water conservation month and the District will be considering a resolution of proclamation so designating the month. For agencies wanting to issue their own resolution, assistance is available at the Water District or by contacting Mr. Cole.

President's Report

President Griffis welcomed Jacksonville City Councilman Art Graham back to the Board and congratulated him on his appointment.

President Griffis offered his appreciation for the attendees at the successful Elected Officials Reception. He asked Mr. Teeple if he had gotten any feed back on the event. Mr. Teeple indicated that a formal survey would be issued in the near future. However, the comments he had so far was very good, with the exception of comments regarding the food quality.

President Griffis announced the arrival of his new grandson. He was born five (5) weeks early and provided some tense days, but has since gone home to Baker County.

President Griffis asked for assistance for a Baker County family of nine who has lost nearly everything to a recent storm. As Baker County does not have a homeless shelter and the SHIP program allows only for first time homeowners, at present the family has exhausted all avenues for assistance. Mr. Sgroi asked if Habitat had been contacted. President Griffis indicated that this was not a possibility. Ms. Stern suggested that St. Johns Cathedral may be able to assist as they are currently collecting for Haiti relief.

Chief Executive Officer's Report

Mr. Teeple officially introduced Mr. Danny Hinson as the newest staff member to the Council. He has over twenty years of experience in the emergency management arena and comes to us from the Alachua County Emergency Management. He is a Certified Flood Plain Manager and Florida Professional Emergency Manager. He has already proven to be important part of the emergency preparedness staff.

This month's Highlights are in the front of the binder and includes pictures of the Elected Officials Reception and the Putnam County representatives who attended the EMI training.

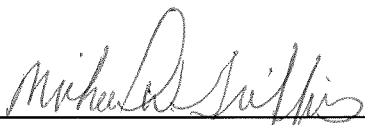
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Next Meeting Date

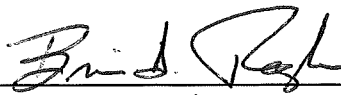
The next Council Board of Director's meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, April 1, 2010** at 10:00 a.m. at the Northeast Florida Regional Council, 6850 Belfort Oaks Place, Jacksonville, FL 32216.

Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss President Griffis called for a motion to adjourn; **Motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Sgroi; seconded by Councilman Graham. Motion carried unanimously.** The meeting adjourned at 12:40 pm.



Michael W. Griffis
President



Brian D. Teeple
Chief Executive Officer