



NORTHEAST FLORIDA REGIONAL COUNCIL

Personnel, Budget, and Finance Policy Committee

May 7, 2009

MINUTES

A meeting of the Northeast Florida Regional Council (NEFRC) Personnel, Budget, and Finance Policy Committee was held on Thursday, **May 7, 2009**, at 9:00 a.m., at the Northeast Florida Regional Council, 6850 Belfort Oaks Place, Jacksonville, Florida 32216. **Chair Williams** called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m. with the following members present representing a quorum:

Bob Sgroi	Robert Page	Hugh Fish
Larry Williams	Chip Laibl	Jane Miller

Absent: Art Graham, Cyndi Stevenson

Staff: Brian Teeple, Mario Taylor, Donna Starling, and Joyce Rhodes

*Approval of Minutes

Mr. Laibl moved approval of the minutes of the April 2, 2009 meeting; seconded by Mr. Sgroi; motion unanimously carried.

*March 2009 Financial Report

Ms. Starling reported that the Council posted a Net Loss of \$14,487 for the month of March and a Year to Date Net Loss of \$83,953. The primary contributors for the loss are the continued efforts for Reality Check and the Regional Leadership Series, the payment of membership dues and the printing of the Legislative Priorities brochures. Ms. Starling advised that additional losses will be posted in April due to Reality Check and the Regional Leadership Series. Discussion followed. **Mr. Sgroi moved approval of the March 2009 Financial Report; seconded by Mr. Page; motion unanimously carried.**

Legislative Update

Mr. Teeple reported that the State budget for FY 09/10 includes funding for the Regional Councils. The funding is expected to be formally approved by the legislature for the eleven Regional Councils on May 8, 2009. For the Northeast Florida Regional Council, this would provide approximately \$330,000 for FY 09/10. Efforts to review the budget and other legislative matters are still being evaluated for regional impact. It is understood that future funding for the Regional Councils will be a recurring item of the budget instead of non-recurring. Discussion followed.

Mr. Teeple provided details of the Senate Bill 360 which is expected to impact DRI fees. It is anticipated that Duval County and four municipalities will no longer be doing DRIs and are out of concurrency. DRIs will continue in the other counties. Regional cities affected will no longer need a concurrency but are required to have a mandatory plan within two (2) years for implementing traffic concurrency exception areas. Currently, the Council DRIs represent approximately 3% - 5% of Council revenues and the impact is not known at this time. Discussion followed.

Roof Replacement Update

Mr. Taylor reported the roof retrofit is complete. However, the "punch list" is nearing completion. The contractor replaced the inadequate roof hatch with a industry standard hatch capable of meeting wind

load requirements. Down spouts and guttering were replaced as requested by the Council. The City of Jacksonville final inspection was received with no exceptions noted. As a result, Mr. Taylor has authorized the contractor to invoice for 95% of the total contract price. The remaining 5% of the contract amount is being held pending completion of the retrofit effort.

Business Development Corporation (BDC) Update

Mr. Teeple stated that a letter was recently received by Ms. Donna Starling from the BDC Board of Directors Treasurer requesting a reduction in operating costs from approximately \$7,000 per month to \$1,000 per month. Mr. Teeple responded that a reduction this significant was not possible. As a result of further correspondence and discussion, it was decided by the BDC to leave the NEFRC on May 11, 2009. Currently, financials are not co-mingled and should not be an issue from a Fiscal aspect. This will result in a loss of two staff positions to the NEFRC and represents a revenue loss to the Council of approximately \$65,000 per year. BDC assets will be released when all outstanding obligations to the Council have been satisfied.

Next Meeting Date and Location

The next meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, June 4, 2009**, at 9:00 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 was adjourned at 9:50 a.m.