



NORTHEAST FLORIDA REGIONAL COUNCIL
Board of Directors Meeting
February 1, 2018

MINUTES

The Northeast Florida Regional Council held a meeting on Thursday, February 1, 2018 at 10:03 a.m. at the Northeast Florida Regional Council, 100 Festival Park Avenue, Jacksonville, FL 32202.

President Anderson welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order with the following members present:

BAKER: James Bennett
Michael Griffis
Darryl Register

CLAY: Michael Bourre
Doug Conkey

DUVAL: John Crescimbeni
Tom Gulliford
Sean Lynch

FLAGLER: Catherine Robinson
David Sullivan
Helga Van Eckert

NASSAU: John Drew
Len Kreger
George Spicer

PUTNAM: Buddy Goddard
Larry Harvey
Kelly Redford

ST.JOHNS: Roxanne Horvath
James Johns
Paul Waldron

EX-OFFICIO Curtis Hart
Geoff Sample
Karen Taulbee for Robert Parks

Excused: Terrill Hill, Milissa Holland, Robert Spaeth and Greg Strong

Absent: Elaine Brown

Guests: Chelsea Anderson, Jackie Smith, and other members of the public.

Staff Present: Eric Anderson, Michael Calhoun, Margo Moehring, Tyler Nolen, Ed Preston, Donna Starling, Brian Teeple and Sheron Forde

*APPROVAL OF MINUTES

President Anderson called for a motion. Commissioner Harvey moved approval of the December 7, 2017 Meeting Minutes; seconded by Councilman Gulliford. Motion carried.

INVITATION TO SPEAK

President Anderson invited the public to speak on any item brought before the Council.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Affordable Housing Ad-Hoc Committee

Ms. Moehring stated that, as requested by the Board at the December meeting, the Affordable Housing Needs Plan has been finalized with 1) minor grammatical corrections, 2) amended the first action item to reflect ‘education of social service and land use planners’ rather than just convening them, and 3) added the ALICE excerpt to the Plan as an appendix.

Commissioner Sullivan suggested, as a goal, utilizing some of the funds from the sale of the building to fund some form of workforce/affordable housing educational program for various communities, which could be in line with the “champion” measure outlined in the Affordable Housing Needs Plan.

Mr. Bourre stated that during the Affordable Housing Committee meetings, the champions from the different counties were present and provided invaluable input. That need for a champion is definitely there. The ability to cross-collaborate between the counties to get everyone on the same page and moving in the same direction, ultimately requires a champion to continue to move the needs of affordable housing forward.

President Anderson called for a motion. Mr. Bourre motioned to adopt the Affordable Housing Needs Plan, afterwards staff could look at further options on possible funding mechanisms; seconded by Commissioner Kreger. Motion carried.

President Anderson asked staff to report back to the Board after the next Committee meeting on a possible funding amount for the affordable housing educational aspect of the Plan.

Executive Committee

President Anderson stated there is nothing to report as the Executive Committee did not meet in January 2018.

Personnel, Budget and Finance Policy Committee

Chair Register stated the Committee reviewed and approved the November 2017 Financial Report for consideration by the Board and, on behalf of the Committee, **moved approval of the November 2017 Financial Report; seconded by Commissioner Spicer. Motion Carried.**

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Chair Register stated the Committee, acting as the nominating Committee, discussed and nominates Vice Mayor Len Kreger for the 2nd Vice President position for the Board’s

consideration and, on behalf of the Committee, **moved approval of the nomination; seconded by Mr. Bourre. Motion carried.**

OTHER REPORTS/ACTION ITEMS

As the Executive Committee did not meet in January, the City of Jacksonville Transmitted Amendment 17-9ESR, the St. Johns County Transmitted Amendment 17-4ESR, the City of Palm Coast Transmitted Amendment 17-3DRI, the City of Palatka Transmitted Amendment 18-1ESR, City of Palm Coast Adopted Amendment 17-2ESR, and the Nassau County Adopted Amendment 17-3ESR were all approved via the alternate review process and submitted to their respective local governments and the State of Florida. They are provided for information only.

Flagler County Transmitted Amendment 18-1ESR

Mr. Preston presented the Flagler County Transmitted Amendment 18-1ESR, which proposes a change of approximately 202.2 acres from Agriculture and Timberlands to Residential Low Density/Single Family. There were no adverse effects to significant regional resources or facilities in the Strategic Regional Plan; however, there was no traffic impact analysis such as a distribution analysis concerning I-95, which is a strategic regional resource. Staff respectfully recommends that the Board of Directors approve staff's review report. A brief discussion followed.

President Anderson called for a motion. Commissioner Sullivan moved approval of the staff review report on Flagler County Transmitted Amendment 18-1ESR; seconded by Commissioner Johns. Motion carried.

Nassau County Transmitted Amendment 18-1ESR

Mr. Preston presented the Nassau County Transmitted Amendment 18-1ESR, which proposes to amend the Future Land Use map for an 11.9 acre parcel from Agriculture to Commercial. The site is located approximately 1500 feet from, and connected to, Thomas Creek, which is a significant regional resource. The County staff report indicates that a significant portion of the site may be wetlands. Therefore, there are potential adverse effects to significant regional resources or facilities identified in the Strategic Regional Policy Plan. There are no extra-jurisdictional impacts identified that would be inconsistent with the comprehensive plan of an affected local government. Staff respectfully recommends that the Board of Directors approve staff's review report.

President Anderson called for a motion. Commissioner Spicer moved approval of the staff review report on Nassau County Transmitted Amendment 18-1ESR; seconded by Commissioner Waldron. Motion carried.

City of Palatka EAR Based Amendment 2018-R11

Mr. Preston presented the City of Palatka EAR Based Amendment. The amendment addresses a new policy for the Housing Element, a revised policy for the Traffic Circulation Element, elimination of references to school concurrency and eliminates restrictions pertaining to debt management in the Capital Improvement Plan, and a revised policy to update the Public Facilities Element. No regional adverse effects have been identified and no extra-jurisdictional impacts that would be inconsistent with the comprehensive plan of an affected local government were identified. Staff respectfully recommends that the Board of Directors approve staff's review report.

President Anderson called for a motion. Commissioner Harvey moved approval of the City of Palatka EAR Based Amendment 2018-R11 consistent with the Strategic Regional Policy Plan; seconded by Commissioner Spicer. Motion carried.

Governors Park DRI Development Order NOPC

Mr. Teeple provided a brief overview of the Governor's Park DRI NOPC that was presented to, and approved by, the Board in November 2017. Staff recently received the Development Order for the NOPC, which is consistent with staff's previous review. Staff respectfully recommends that the Board of Directors do not recommend to the Department of Economic Opportunity an appeal of this Development Order.

President Anderson called for a motion. Mr. Register moved to not recommend to the Department of Economic Opportunity an appeal of the Governor's Park DRI Development Order; seconded Commissioner Johns. Motion carried.

Assignment of Deliverable Signature/Approval Authority to the Region 3 Healthcare Coalition Alliance Board

Mr. Teeple provided an overview of the formation of Healthcare Coalitions in the State of Florida by the Department of Health with the primary focus to better prepare the medical community to cope with, plan for and respond to disasters. In 2017 the Northeast Florida Regional Council became responsible for the three Healthcare Coalitions in North Florida comprised of the Northeast Florida Healthcare Coalition, Northcentral Florida Healthcare Coalition and the CHAMP. When combined, these three coalitions becomes a single 18-county region. The Region 3 Healthcare Coalition Alliance was created to preserve the identity of each of the three coalitions. The NEFRC received a five year, \$3.5 million contract, with the Department of Health to administer the activities of the Alliance. Mr. Teeple highlighted some of the deliverables associated with the contract. However, deliverables required by contract cannot be submitted by Council staff to the DOH, it must be approved by a governing body. It is DOH's expectation that it would be the Region 3 Healthcare Coalition Alliance. Staff respectfully requests that the Board of Directors assign the signatory/approval for contract deliverables to the Region 3 Healthcare Coalition Alliance.

President Anderson called for a motion. Commissioner Harvey moved to assign the signatory/approval authority of contract deliverables to the Region 3 Healthcare Coalition Alliance Board; seconded by Commissioner Horvath. Motion carried.

Draft 2017 Annual Report

Staff presented the draft 2017 Annual Report for the Board's review. Members were asked to provide staff with any feedback they may have.

Commissioner Harvey asked to replace the word 'needy' with 'qualified' or another word in the SHIP Program section of the report.

Proposed Mission Statement

Mr. Teeple presented a draft NEFRC Mission Statement for the Board's consideration upon which staff respectfully recommends the Board takes action, as the Annual Report cannot be published without it.

President Anderson called for a motion. Councilman Gulliford motioned to approve the NEFRC Mission Statement; seconded by Mr. Register. Motion carried.

Policy Update

Ms. Moehring stated that the 2018 Regional Leadership Academy (RLA) Class of 2018 convened on January 31st at JaxPort with a tour of Southeast Toyota. The next session will be held in Nassau County at Trader’s Hill Farm and will include a tour of the farm. Sher reminded the Members that the Regional Community Institute’s issue this year is Regional Tourism. A meeting is scheduled for 2/21/18 at 3pm to begin discussion on this issue. Ms. Moehring stated that if any of the Members are interested to please contact her.

Legislative Update

Mr. Teeple stated that the Florida Regional Councils Association’s (FRCA) Bill Tracking report is provided for the Members information. He provided a brief overview of some of the activities taking place in the Session thus far. A copy of the House Select Committee’s Hurricane Response and Preparedness’ final report was provided. The 2018 Legislative Session is expected to end March 9, 2018. Copies of the Regional Council’s 2018 Legislative Priorities is provided with copies being mailed to the local governments. Discussion followed.

Florida Regional Councils Association Update

Mr. Teeple stated that the Policy Board met on January 12th in Tallahassee where Commissioner Horvath was elected as President of the Florida Regional Councils Association. Board members applauded this election.

Council Contracts Update

The Council is renewing the contract with JEA for exercises and working on a contract with the Duval County Health Department for a biological outbreak or ‘white powder’ exercise.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

VOTING MEMBERS’ REPORT

Councilman Gulliford discussed the widespread problem of opioid addiction, overdose and deaths. He stated that the City of Jacksonville recently passed an appropriation of \$1.4 million for a pilot program, which began in November. It is housed in the St. Vincent Medical Center in the Riverside area and is expanding to their emergency room in the Southside and may end up in Clay County. The goal of the program is to engage people in the emergency rooms and attempt to get them into treatment, including a recovery peer specialist. He offered to provide additional information and assistance to Members who are interested in the program.

Commissioner Sullivan stated that due to the hurricanes and their aftermath, Flagler County started a \$25 million project to purchase 750,000 tons of sand to build a dune that is 25 feet wide and six feet high. It will be 11 miles long, from Marineland to the City of Flagler Beach. The project is funded jointly by the Florida Department of Environment Protection, federal, County and private industries.

Commissioner Bennett stated that the Jacksonville Port Authority has soil for road construction projects and public purposes at only .50 per cubic yard.

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS' REPORTS

Florida Department of Economic Opportunity

Mr. Register reported on a Florida Chamber of Commerce Small Business Survey that was completed in January. The survey inquired what their biggest challenges were. The survey revealed that, of those responding, the top issues facing small business in Florida 1) 27% said workforce quality, 2) 13% said government regulations, 3) 11% said healthcare costs, 4) 9% said lawsuit abuse and 5) 8% said access to capital. This report is available on the Florida Chamber website for anyone who is interested.

Florida Department of Environmental Protection

No report.

Florida Department of Transportation

Ms. Karen Taulbee stated there was nothing new to report.

St. Johns River Water Management District

Mr. Sample stated that the SJRWMD has another Cost Share application cycle with a deadline of February 15th; the match is waived for Members in a Rural Economic Development Initiative (REDI) county. The ranking will be released in April. The Governing Board will be adopting a proclamation making the month of April as Water Conservation Month, the 20th year this has been done. Members are asked to consider recognizing April as water conservation month as well.

PRESIDENTS REPORT

President Anderson thanked 1st Vice President Robinson for filling in for him during his absence in December.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

Mr. Teeple stated that a copy of the Council's Highlights and the Water Management District's StreamLine publications are provided for the Members information.

Mr. Teeple recognized Ms. Jackie Smith of Congressman Rutherford's office, who is in attendance. She is a friend of the Council who has participated with the Council for a number of years.

Next Meeting Date: April 5, 2018 at 10:00 a.m.

Adjournment: 11:22 a.m.



Jimmy Anderson
President



Brian Teeple
Chief Executive Officer