



NORTHEAST FLORIDA REGIONAL COUNCIL
Board of Directors Meeting
April 5, 2018

MINUTES

The Northeast Florida Regional Council held a meeting on Thursday, April 5, 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
Darryl Register

CLAY: Doug Conkey

DUVAL: John Crescimbeni
Tom Gulliford
Sean Lynch

FLAGLER: Milissa Holland
Catherine Robinson
David Sullivan

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
Russell Simpson for Greg Strong
Karen Taulbee for Robert Parks

Excused: Michael Bourre, Michael Griffis and Helga Van Eckert

Absent: Elaine Brown, Terrill Hill,

Guests: Josh Cucinella, Jackie Smith, and other members of the public.

Staff Present: Eric Anderson, Sayre Brennan, Michael Calhoun, Aaron Glick, Margo Moehring, Tyler Nolen, Elizabeth Payne, Donna Starling, Brian Teeple, Leigh Wilsey and Sheron Forde

*APPROVAL OF MINUTES

President Anderson called for a motion on the February Minutes. Commissioner Harvey moved approval of the February 1, 2018 Meeting Minutes; seconded by Commissioner Spicer. Motion carried.

INVITATION TO SPEAK

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Executive Committee

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

Personnel, Budget and Finance Policy Committee

Chair Register stated the Committee reviewed and approved the January 2018 Financial Report for consideration by the Board and, on behalf of the Committee, **moved approval of the January 2018 Financial Report; seconded by Commissioner Sullivan. Motion Carried.**

Chair Register stated the Committee reviewed and approved the February 2018 Financial Report for consideration by the Board and, on behalf of the Committee, **moved approval of the February 2018 Financial Report; seconded by Commissioner Horvath. Motion carried.**

Chair Register stated the Committee reviewed the FY 17/18 proposed amended budget, which shows an increase from approximately \$1.3 to \$2.4 million that is mainly due to an increase in state and federal contracts. On behalf of the Committee, **Mr. Register moved approval of the FY 17/18 proposed budget amendment; seconded by Commissioner Johns. Motion carried.**

OTHER REPORTS/ACTION ITEMS

As the Executive Committee did not meet in March 2018, comprehensive plan amendments were reviewed via the alternate review process. The following amendments, provided for information only, were approved and submitted to their respective local governments and the State of Florida: Baker County Adopted Amendment 17-1ESR, St. Johns County Transmitted Amendment 18-1ESR and Adopted Amendment 17-4ESR, City of Palm Coast Transmitted Amendment 18-1ESR, City of St. Augustine Transmitted Amendment 18-1ESR, City of Jacksonville Adopted Amendments 15-3ESR, 17-4ESR, 17-5ESR and 17-6ESR.

St. Johns County Transmitted Amendment 18-2ESR

Mr. Teeple provided an overview of the St. Johns County Transmitted Amendment 18-2ESR, which seeks to amend the Future Land Use Map from Rural/Silviculture (R/S) to Residential-B, with a text amendment limiting the beginning of any development until 2026. A brief discussion followed.

President Anderson called for a motion. Commissioner Harvey moved approval of the staff review report on St. Johns County Transmitted Amendment 18-2ESR; seconded by Commissioner Spicer. Motion carried.

St. Johns County Transmitted Amendment 18-3ESR

Mr. Teeple presented the St. Johns County Transmitted Amendment 18-3ESR, which proposes to change the Future Land Use Map Designation from Rural/Silviculture (R/S) to Industrial (I), with a Text Amendment to limit the Allowable Uses.

President Anderson called for a motion. Commissioner Kreger moved approval of the staff review report on St. Johns County Transmitted Amendment 18-3ESR; seconded by Commissioner Waldron. Motion carried.

City of Palm Coast Adopted Amendment 17-3DRI

Mr. Teeple stated that this text amendment makes changes to the City's Infrastructure, Conservation and Coastal Management, and Intergovernmental Coordination Elements of the Comprehensive Plan. The purpose is to comply with Florida Statutes that requires local governments to adopt/update a Water Facilities Work Plan within 18 months after the adoption of a Water Supply Plan by the Water Management District of jurisdiction.

President Anderson called for a motion. Commissioner Harvey moved to find the City of Palm Coast Adopted Amendment 17-3DRI consistent with the Strategic Regional Policy Plan; seconded by Mayor Holland. Motion carried.

Resolution 2018-01

Mr. Teeple presented Resolution 2018-01 supporting the St. Johns River Water Management District's designation of the month of April as water conservation month.

President Anderson called for a motion. Commissioner Bennett moved to approve Resolution 2018-10 designating April as Water Conservation month; seconded by Commissioner Waldron. Motion carried.

Approval of TD Local Coordinating Boards Rosters

Ms. Moehring presented the current Transportation Disadvantaged Local Coordinating Board membership rosters for Baker, Clay, Flagler, Nassau, Putnam and St. Johns Counties for approval. She stated that those members whose appointments were ending this year were extended another two years.

President Anderson called for a motion. Commissioner Kreger moved to approve the Transportation Disadvantaged Local Coordinating Board membership rosters; seconded by Mr. Register. Motion carried.

Resolution 2018-02

Ms. Moehring presented proposed Resolution 2018-02 granting the Council CEO signatory authority, for the duration of his tenure with the Council, to file the Transportation Disadvantaged Trust Fund Grant applications with the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged.

President Anderson called for a motion. Mr. Register moved to approve Resolution 2018-02; seconded by Commissioner Harvey. Motion carried.

Resolution 2018-03

Mr. Teeple presented Resolution 2018-03 recognizing Mr. Robert Spaeth for his years of service on the NEFRC Board.

President Anderson called for a motion. Mr. Drew motioned to approve Resolution 2018-03; seconded by Commissioner Kreger. Motion carried.

Town of Baldwin Presentation

Mayor Sean Lynch provided a brief overview of the Town of Baldwin and its residents. He shared a concern that the Town is dealing with involving the CSX trains. Trains routinely stop and block roads in the Town for extended periods. The Town supports legislation to not allow this to happen in the future.

Policy Update

Ms. Moehring stated that the Regional Leadership Academy Class of 2018 convened in March in Putnam County. The next session will be held in St. Johns County and will include a farm tour. She reminded the Members that the Regional Community Institute's issue this year is Regional Tourism. A meeting is scheduled for February 21st at 3pm to begin discussion on this issue. Fiscal Year 18/19 is an action year on previous recommendations. P2R2 will meet on April 6th and will be working on an Op Ed regarding sea level rise. The Affordable Housing Committee will meet next on June 7th at 8:30am.

Vice Mayor Kreger stated that the tourist development funds do not contribute to the provision of infrastructure to support tourism. While Fernandina Beach has a referendum that passed the TDC of 10% for beach maintenance, there are many other costs that are included in State law that are not included in the charters of the TDC. He believes this needs to be addressed to support the infrastructure needs of tourists.

Mr. Conkey stated that he would like to see what the definition is in Northeast Florida; historical tourism, eco-tourism, etc. What are the top five or ten things, how big is it, what is the impact to the economy.

Coalition Surge Tool Exercise Presentation

Mr. Anderson provided an overview of the Healthcare Coalition's Surge Tool Exercise, which was designed to test a coalition's ability to work, with short notice, in a coordinated way to find appropriate destinations for patients using a simulated evacuation of at least 20 percent of a coalition's staffed acute care bed capacity. He highlighted the phases of the exercise, and participants. The gaps were identified along with lessons learned. This will be an annual exercise going forward. A brief discussion followed.

Healthcare Coalition's 'Stop the Bleed' Presentation

Ms. Payne provided a presentation on the Healthcare Coalition's 'Stop the Bleed' program; a campaign that aims to raise awareness of life saving strategies and provide public access to bleeding control tools already used by first responders and the military. She highlighted how the program works and local implementation of the program. The Healthcare Coalitions in Region 3 are providing Stop the Bleed kits to every school district in the 18 counties it covers. A sample kit was circulated for the Members to view. The Coalition is also partnering with local trauma centers to provide training classes such as train-the-trainer. A brief discussion followed.

NEFRC 2017 Annual Report

The Members were provided with the Council's 2017 Annual Report publication with the new Mission Statement included. A brief highlight of the contents was provided.

Legislative Session Update

Mr. Teeple provided an overview of the 2018 Legislative Session, which included the number of Bills filed, passed and amended. He stated that the Legislature passed an \$88.7 billion budget, which was \$3.8 billion more than the previous year. He highlighted some of the Bills passed, i.e., HB1151 Development of Regional Impact, eliminates the process; HB405 linear facilities, gives the Public Service Commission sole authority to locate transmission lines underground; HB631 Establishment of recreational customary use. Also highlighted was an Amendment to Chapter 7 of Florida Statute, that was offered on the last day of Session regarding county boundaries, which was subsequently withdrawn. Brief discussion followed.

Florida Regional Councils Association Update

Mr. Teeple provided the Members with a copy of the FRCA Annual Report publication that highlights the activities of the Association over the past year.

Council Contracts Update

The Council has renewed the contract with JEA for exercises. The Council also contracted with Nassau County for development of a fiscal analysis tool which will be shared with other local governments. The Request for Proposal will be advertised shortly.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

VOTING MEMBERS' REPORT

Councilman Gulliford shared the results to date of the opioid pilot program in the City of Jacksonville. The program is in its fourth month at the St. Vincent hospital emergency room in Riverside and has expanded to the Hospital's south side campus. Clay County will be conducting a similar pilot program as well. To date, 63 people are in the program, 10 initially refused service with two eventually agreeing to participate. During this time period, there have been only two overdoses and no deaths. He stated that the program has exceeded their expectations. The actual cost is considerably lower than the cost projections. It is hoped this program will expand to seven emergency rooms in Jacksonville. There has been a definite decline in first responders responding to overdose cases. Jacksonville is willing to share with other local governments who are interested in learning more about this program. He invited anyone interested in learning more about the program to contact him.

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS' REPORTS

Florida Department of Economic Opportunity

Mr. Register reported on an article, 'Manufacturing Jobs an Economic Driver.' The National Association of Manufacturers indicated that manufacturing jobs accounts for \$2.18 trillion in the US economy. Florida is 12th in the nation; however, it has the highest gain in the US.

Florida Department of Environmental Protection

Russell Simpson stated there was nothing new to report.

Florida Department of Transportation

Ms. Karen Taulbee stated that this was possibly one of the largest years for transportation earmarks. However, the Department is struggling with ways to cover those earmarks, which all comes out of the same pot of State funds. While they are trying to cover those earmarks, it may mean that some projects will need to move out a year or two or longer unfortunately.

St. Johns River Water Management District

Mr. Sample thanked the Council for the Water Conservation Resolution. He highlighted an Environmental Resource Permit recently issued for phase two of the First Coast Expressway; a 31 mile segment from Blanding Blvd. in Clay County to I-95 in St. Johns County and will include a major bridge over the St. Johns River and 75 stormwater ponds. It will also include mitigation credits to offset 504 acres of wetland impacts for dredge and fill activities.

PRESIDENTS REPORT

President Anderson stated that summer dress code will begin in June. He informed the Members that it's never too early to make nominations for the Regional Leadership Awards program.

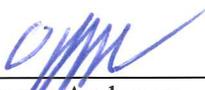
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

Mr. Teeple introduced three new staff members: Ms. Leigh Wilsey, Sr. Regional Planner; Mr. Aaron Glick, Post Disaster Economic Development Coordinator; and Mr. Sayre Brennan, Sr. Regional Planner. We look forward to working with them.

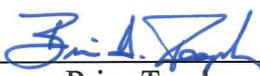
Mr. Teeple reminded the Members that Financial Disclosures are coming up and will work with the Board's Gubernatorial Appointees in completing their forms. Elected Officials will do so through their local governments. Ms. Jackie Smith of Congressman Rutherford's office, who is in attendance, was recognized. Members will be provided with an opportunity, through JTA, to ride their easy mile gen2 autonomous vehicle on a test tract following our meeting on June 7th. Elevate Northeast Florida will be conducting site visits in each of our seven counties next week. Members were sent a survey and are encouraged to take the survey. The Council will be participating in the WJCT's Be My Neighbor Day again this year highlighting Hurricane Preparedness. This event will take place on May 5th. Staff is working with production staff at WJCT to do a blurb on the 'Stop the Bleed' project as well as to film a training session with the ability to deploy it electronically to schools and local trauma centers.

Next Meeting Date: June 7, 2018 at 10:00 a.m.

Adjournment: 12:07 p.m.



Jimmy Anderson
President



Brian Teeple
Chief Executive Officer