



NORTHEAST FLORIDA REGIONAL COUNCIL
Board of Directors Meeting
August 2, 2018

MINUTES

The Northeast Florida Regional Council held a meeting on Thursday, August 2, 2018 at 10:08 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: Michael Bourre

DUVAL: John Crescimbeni
Sean Lynch

FLAGLER: Catherine Robinson
David Sullivan
Helga Van Eckert

NASSAU: Len Kreger

PUTNAM: Buddy Goddard
Larry Harvey
Kelly Redford

ST.JOHNS: Roxanne Horvath
James Johns
Paul Waldron

EX-OFFICIO Curtis Hart
Scott Clem for Robert Parks
Geoff Sample
Russell Simpson for Greg Strong

Excused: Doug Conkey, Michael Griffis, Milissa Holland, Bill Gulliford and George Spicer

Absent: Elaine Brown, John Drew and Terrill Hill

Presenter: Craig Coffey, Flagler County Administrator

Guests: Josh Cucinella, David Rogers, and other members of the public.

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

President Anderson welcomed new Nassau County Board Member, Mr. John Martin, replacing Mr. Robert Spaeth.

*APPROVAL OF MINUTES

President Anderson called for a motion on the Minutes. Commissioner Harvey moved approval of the June 7, 2018 Meeting Minutes; seconded by Commissioner Johns. 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 reported on the actions taken by the Executive Committee at their July 5th meeting. The information was provided in the agenda packet.

Personnel, Budget and Finance Policy Committee

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

Chair Register stated the Committee makes the following officer nominations for FY 2018/2019, effective at the October meeting, Mayor Robinson for President, Vice Mayor Kreger for 1st Vice President, Mayor Lynch for 2nd Vice President, and Mr. Register for Secretary/Treasurer for consideration by the Board. **Mr. Register moved approval of the Committee's nominations; seconded by Mr. Bourre. Motion carried.**

Chair Register stated that the Committee reviewed the 12 resumes received for the CEO position that was advertised in several Planning association websites as well as the Florida Association of Counties and the Council website. The Committee is recommending six candidates to be interviewed by the Executive Committee at its September meeting: **Mr. Randy Deshazo, Dr. Mireidy Fernandez, Mr. William Homka, Ms. Margo Moehring, Ms. Elizabeth Payne and Mr. Benjamin Ziskal**; copies of the resumes were provided to the Board. If a consensus is reached, a recommendation will be made to the full Board on October 4th. Ms. Forde will conduct a reference check on each prior to the interviews. If any red flags are raised during the reference checks, staff will reconvene the Committee to reconsider for continuation to of the process. On behalf of the Committee, **Mr. Register motioned to move forward with the process and the six candidates selected by the Personnel & Finance Committee; seconded by Vice Mayor Kreger. Motion carried.**

President Anderson invited any Member wishing to attend to do so. The Executive Committee Members were asked to plan on being at the Council the full day.

OTHER REPORTS/ACTION ITEMS

Town of Beverly Beach Transmitted Amendment 18-1ESR

This item is for information only as staff of the Regional Council provided technical assistance to the Town in the preparation and submission of the amendment, which is the update to their water supply facility work plan.

Town of Pomona Park Transmitted Amendment 18-1ESR

This item is for information only as staff of the Regional Council provided technical assistance to the Town in the preparation and submission of the amendment, which is the addition of their water supply facility work plan to the Comprehensive Plan.

St. Johns County Adopted Amendment 18-1ESR

Ms. Moehring provided an overview of St. Johns County Adopted Amendment 18-1ESR, which proposes to change 524 acres of the Future Land Use Map from Rural/Silviculture to Residential-B, with a text amendment limiting development to a maximum of 999 residential units. The County was asked to take steps to address the impacts to transportation. A brief discussion followed.

President Anderson called for a motion. Vice Mayor Kreger moved to find the St. Johns County Adopted Amendment 18-1ESR consistent with the Strategic Regional Policy Plan; seconded by Commissioner Harvey. Motion carried.

St. Johns County Adopted Amendment 18-3ESR

Ms. Moehring provided an overview of St. Johns County Adopted Amendment 18-3ESR, which seeks to change 25.85 acres of the Future Land Use Map from Rural/Silviculture to Industrial, with a text amendment limiting allowable uses to either 100,000sf of light industrial with 57,000sf of that used for business and commerce park or up to 200,000sf of light industrial use.

President Anderson called for a motion. Commissioner Harvey motioned to find the St. Johns County Adopted Amendment 18-3ESR consistent with the Strategic Regional Policy Plan; seconded by Commissioner Waldron. Motion carried.

A view from Flagler County Presentation

Mr. Craig Coffey, Flagler County Administrator, provided an overview of Flagler County's programs, projects and activities. Economic Development has helped with the creation of jobs as well. A brief discussion followed.

Policy Update

Ms. Moehring stated that the Regional Leadership Academy met in June in Clay County with a tour of NASJax at their Fleet Readiness Center Southeast. She reminded the members about nominations for the next year's class and to direct interested persons to her. The next session will be held on August 29th, in Baker County. The RCI Board will meet on September 24th and will consider the draft Regional Action Plan for Regional Tourism and then it will go to the Council in October. The Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) Committee will also meet on September 24th. Elevate Northeast Florida will launch on August 18th. The CEDS is expecting to align with Elevate Northeast Florida so that there is only one vision for the Region. Additionally RCI will consider action items based on where the need is.

Emergency Preparedness Programs Update

Ms. Payne provided an update on the Emergency Preparedness Programs activities, which included the Local Emergency Planning Committee, the Healthcare Coalition, local technical assistance, and the Training and Exercise Program.

Recovery/Resiliency Update

Mr. Aaron Glick, Post Disaster Economic Recovery Coordinator, provided an update on regional resiliency and recovery. He highlighted the role and responsibility of the Economic Recovery Coordinator, current projects, and available resources.

Florida Regional Councils Association Update

Commissioner Horvath and Ms. Moehring attended the June FRCA meetings and provided an overview of the meeting, highlighting DEO's 12-County Initiative, the Constitution Revision Proposal, HUD funding, Bio-Solids, individual Council activities, and heard comments from Lobbyist Ron Book on legislative funding.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

VOTING MEMBERS' REPORT

Mr. Register suggested a luncheon to honor Mr. Teeple for his 32+ years of service following the February Board meeting. Discussion followed. **Mr. Bourre recommended approval of a \$7,000 budget for a special luncheon in recognition of Brian Teeple and for staff to work out the details under a different venue; seconded by Mr. Register. Motion unanimously carried.**

Vice Mayor Kreger mentioned the success of the Nassau County Delegation in obtaining funding for the County. He suggested the Regional Council Members contact their respective delegations and ask for their support in seeking funding for Regional Council programs. He offered to go to the Nassau County Delegation on behalf of the Regional Council if needed.

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS' REPORTS

Florida Department of Economic Opportunity

Mr. Register shared information on the top 50 public and top 50 private companies in Florida, based on revenue. In the public ranking, our region had 5 on the list. In the private ranking, our region had seven on the list.

Florida Department of Environmental Protection

Mr. Simpson stated he had no report at this time.

Florida Department of Transportation

Mr. Clem stated he had no report at this time.

St. Johns River Water Management District

Mr. Sample shared information on the District's Blue School Grant Program, a grant of up to \$2,000, offered throughout the District. The deadline to apply is September 7th. More information can be found on the District's website.

PRESIDENTS REPORT

President Anderson stated he's received good comments from Board members regarding conversations they've had with Clay County Commissioners.

Commissioner Harvey stated that both he and Commissioner Goddard spoke with three Clay County commissioners while at the Florida Association of Counties conference and asked if they would sit down with the Regional Planning Council to have the conversation. They stated that the Commissioners indicated a willingness to do so, including Commissioner Rollins.

Commissioner Johns suggested the Clay County Commissioners be invited to the meetings in which there are Clay County items on the agenda.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

Ms. Payne reminded the Members that we are in the process of soliciting nominations for the Leadership Awards in December; the application is on the Council website. RLA nominations are being sought for next year, let Ms. Moehring know of any recommendations you may have. The Florida Regional Councils Association will meet again on August 17th. She reminded Members to stay prepared as we move into the more active part of hurricane season.

The Council signed three new contracts; 1) First Coast Disaster Council Exercise, 2) Technical Assistance in the Town of Baldwin, and 3) Continuation of Hazards Analysis work with the Local Emergency Planning Committee.


Highlights were provided for the Member's information.

Next Meeting Date: October 4, 2018 at 10:00 a.m.

Adjournment: 11:48 p.m.



Jimmy Anderson
President



Brian Teeple
Chief Executive Officer