



NORTHEAST FLORIDA REGIONAL COUNCIL
Board of Directors Meeting
October 4, 2018

MINUTES

The Northeast Florida Regional Council held a meeting on Thursday, October 4, 2018 at 10:06 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: Doug Conkey

DUVAL: John Crescimbeni
Sean Lynch

FLAGLER: Catherine Robinson
David Sullivan
Helga Van Eckert

NASSAU: John Drew
Len Kreger
John Martin

PUTNAM: Buddy Goddard
Kelly Redford

ST.JOHNS: Roxanne Horvath
Paul Waldron

EX-OFFICIO *Scott Clem for* Robert Parks
Geoff Sample

Excused: Michael Bourre, Bill Gulliford, Curtis Hart, Larry Harvey, Terrill Hill, James Johns and George Spicer

Absent: Elaine Brown, Milissa Holland and Greg Strong

Guests: Jackie Smith, Tia Keith, Liz Peak, Cheryl Freeman and other members of the public.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

President Anderson called for a motion on the Minutes. Vice Mayor Kreger moved approval of the August 2, 2018 Meeting Minutes; seconded by Commissioner Goddard. Motion carried.

Installment of New Officers

New officers for FY 2018/2019 were installed as follows: Mayor Catherine Robinson – President, Vice Mayor Len Kreger – 1st Vice President, Mayor Sean Lynch – 2nd Vice President and Darryl Register – Secretary/Treasurer.

Passing of the Gavel

Outgoing President Anderson passed the gavel to incoming President Robinson. He expressed his appreciation for the opportunity to serve and thanked staff for their assistance over the past year. President Robinson presented outgoing President Anderson with a gavel plaque on behalf of the Board and staff, thanking him for his service, dedication and leadership over the past year.

FY 2018-2019 Committee Member Appointments

President Robinson presented the Committee Member appointments for the FY18/19; effective following this meeting.

FY 2018-2019 Board/Committee Meeting Schedule

The meeting schedule for the FY18/19 was provided.

INVITATION TO SPEAK

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) Committee

Ms. Moehring stated that the committee meets annually and is currently in the fifth year of a five-year plan. She stated that in order to address the requirements of the CEDS, it is necessary to review it annually and set a 30-day public comment period to allow comments on any proposed changes. This year, there are no proposed changes to the plan; however, there are some minor changes to the projects list with including a modification to the description of the regional tourism project reflecting there is now a regional action in Northeast Florida. These changes will be posted on the website through November 5th. A final revision to the CEDS plan will be brought to the Board at the December 6th meeting.

President Robinson called for a motion. Commissioner Anderson motioned to approve a 30-day public comment period for proposed changes to the CEDS plan from October 5th through November 5th; seconded by Vice Mayor Kreger. Motion carried.

Executive Committee

Chair Anderson reported on the actions taken by the Executive Committee at their September meeting as provided in the agenda packet.

Chief Executive Officer Recommendation

Chair Anderson stated that the Committee interviewed the finalist for the CEO position and recommends Ms. Elizabeth Payne for the position along with a negotiated contract for the Board's consideration.

President Robinson called for a motion. Commissioner Horvath motioned to approve the Committee's recommendation to hire Ms. Elizabeth Payne for the position of CEO of the Northeast Florida Regional Council beginning March 1, 2019; seconded by Mr. Register. Motion carried.

Personnel, Budget and Finance Policy Committee

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

Chair Register stated that the intent of the resolution is to add the Deputy Chief Executive Officer (DCEO) to the Council's standing resolution granting the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) and Chief Financial Officer (CFO) signature authority to execute documents and sign checks. With Ms. Payne's approval as the incoming CEO on March 1, 2019, she is being added as the DCEO to participate with Mr. Teeple in executing documents and signing checks in the months leading up to March 1st. After review and discussion, the Committee approved an amended resolution that does not include mention of the CEO or CFO. It grants the DCEO signature authority, the same as the CEO and CFO, that will expire on March 1, 2019. At this time, it is unknown if there will be a DCEO after March 1, 2019. Therefore, rather than having to come back to the Board to remove the authority from the DCEO, the Committee believed it best to have this resolution expire on March 1, 2019. On behalf of the Committee, **Mr. Register moved approval of the amended Resolution 2018-11 providing signatory authority only for the Deputy Chief Executive Officer through February 2019; seconded by Councilman Crescimbeni. Motion carried.**

OTHER REPORTS/ACTION ITEMS

City of Jacksonville Beach Transmitted Amendment 18-1ESR

Mr. Teeple provided an overview of the City of Jacksonville Beach Transmitted Amendment 18-1ESR, which proposes a text amendment adopting the required water supply facilities work plan and modifying related objectives and policies.

President Robinson called for a motion. Vice Mayor Kreger moved approval of City of Jacksonville Beach Transmitted Amendment 18-1ESR; seconded by Commissioner Waldron. Motion carried.

Nassau County Transmitted Amendment 18-2ESR

Mr. Teeple provided an overview of Nassau County Transmitted Amendment 18-2ESR, which proposes two changes: 18-009 amending the Conservation, Future Land Use and Capital Improvement Elements and 18-015 amending the Future Land Use Element and Map for the White Oak Plantation Limited Development Overlay. Brief discussion followed.

President Robinson called for a motion. Vice Mayor Kreger moved approval of Nassau County Transmitted Amendment 18-2ESR; seconded by Mayor Lynch. Motion carried.

Nassau County Transmitted Amendment 18-3ESR

Mr. Teeple provided an overview of Nassau County Transmitted Amendment 18-3ESR, which proposes a Future Land Use Map change for 56.17 acres from Mixed Use to Agriculture. Discussion followed.

President Robinson called for a motion. Vice Mayor Kreger moved approval of Nassau County Transmitted Amendment 18-3ESR; seconded by Mr. Martin. Motion carried.

City of Jacksonville Transmitted Amendment 18-4ESR

Ms. Teeple provided an overview of the City of Jacksonville Transmitted Amendment 18-4ESR, which seeks to change 120.86 acres of the Future Land Use Map from light industrial Community/General Commercial use.

President Robinson called for a motion. Mr. Register moved approval of the City of Jacksonville Transmitted Amendment 18-4ESR; seconded by Mayor Lynch. Motion carried.

City of Jacksonville Adopted Amendment 18-1ESR

Mr. Teeple provided an overview of the City of Jacksonville Adopted Amendment 18-1ESR, which seeks to change 53.84 +/- acre of the Future Land Use Map from Public Building and Facilities to Low Density Residential for the purpose of constructing 216 multi-family clustered residential units through the use of a Planned Unit Development. Brief discussion followed.

President Anderson called for a motion. Vice Mayor Kreger motioned to find the City of Jacksonville Adopted Amendment 18-1ESR consistent with the Strategic Regional Policy Plan; seconded by Mr. Drew. Motion carried.

City of Jacksonville Adopted Amendment 18-2ESR

Mr. Teeple provided an overview of the City of Jacksonville Adopted Amendment 18-2ESR, seeking to change 14.26 +/- acres of the Future Land Use Map from Low Density Residential to Recreation and Open Space; bringing a pre-existing nonconforming use into compliance so that the existing use can continue, expand and renovate structures, and be granted a Certificate of Use. Brief discussion followed.

President Anderson called for a motion. Vice Mayor Kreger motioned to find the City of Jacksonville Adopted Amendment 18-2ESR consistent with the Strategic Regional Policy Plan; seconded by Commissioner Anderson. Motion carried.

Regional Tourism Regional Action Plan

Ms. Moehring stated that Mr. Thad Crowe, Regional Community Institute (RCI) Committee Chair of the Economic Development Committee on Regional Tourism was unable to attend and asked that she present the Regional Action Plan on Regional Tourism. She stated that one of the RCI's core values is that it only recommends actions that are doable and agreed upon with a commitment for implementation by it and its partners. Ms. Moehring then provided an overview of the Regional Action Plan. The Board is asked to approve the Regional Action Plan, making it a regional policy to be worked on. Discussion followed.

Mr. Register, Mr. Conkey, Commissioner Anderson, and Vice Mayor Kreger shared their comments in support of the Plan.

Mr. Teeple addressed a concern that has risen based on newspaper articles on Elevate Northeast Florida's consultant recommending that we identify ourselves as the 'Greater Jacksonville Region' or something along those lines. The consultant believed that in both national and international marketing campaigns 'Northeast Florida' wasn't a place that resonated with anyone. It is believed that due to the Jaguars and exposure in London and other places, Jacksonville has greater name recognition than Northeast Florida. However, the consultant has been asked to provide more data indicating that there is a difference in using the moniker 'the Greater..... Region' and that this is important in the aspect of marketing our region.

President Robinson called for a motion. Mr. Register motioned to approve the Regional Tourism Regional Action Plan; seconded by Commissioner Anderson. Motion carried.

Resolution 2018-12: Community Planning Month

Mr. Teeple presented Resolution 2018-12 recognizing October as Community Planning Month.

President Robinson called for a motion. Mr. Register motioned to approve Resolution 2018-12 recognizing October as Community Planning Month; seconded by Vice Mayor Kreger. Motion carried.

Regional Transit Coordinating Committee Update

Mr. Teeple provided an overview and update on the Regional Transit Coordinating Committee (RTCC). The RTCC eventually become a committee of the Regional Transportation Commission (RTC). The RTC's mission was to develop a plan and identify funding. It is likely the RTC will sunset in November 2018 and the RTCC will be without a home. Staff believes as the Regional Council has been involved with the RTCC since its inception, it would not be a significant increased financial burden if the RTCC were to become a part of the Council. Staff recommends that the Board authorize staff, if asked by the RTCC, provide a home for the RTCC and develop communication/reporting mechanisms to the NEFRC Board. Discussion followed.

Commissioner Bennett, Chair of the Regional Transportation Commission, stated that the Commission has been in existence for approximately five years. One of the provisions that were put in the Statute was for the Commission to fulfill specific goals or else sunset. A majority of those goals were accomplished. However, the RTC has not been successful with one of the requirements of getting the four core counties to pass resolutions to adopt the plan for the RTC to continue, nor did they agree to continue funding for the agency. Therefore, the RTC will most likely sunset next month. However, he believes the funds remaining should be returned to the counties that have provided those funds to the RTC and not directed to the RTCC.

President Robinson called for a motion. Mr. Register motioned to authorize staff, if asked by the RTCC, to provide a home for the RTCC and develop communication/reporting mechanisms to the NEFRC Board of Directors; seconded by Commissioner Horvath. Motion carried.

Florida Regional Councils Association Update

Commissioner Horvath and Ms. Payne provided an overview of the August FRCA meetings, highlighting FRCA's legislative agenda and specific Regional Council programs. All Regional Councils were asked to support a biosolids resolution spearheaded by the Treasure Coast Regional Council. It is hoped that this Council will approve the resolution and then the Members would bring it back to their cities and counties to get them to support it as well with those coming back to this Board.

Mr. Teeple provided background information of wastewater and one of its by-products and the various uses in Florida. This resolution asks State and the local governments to understand the issue, prioritize the reduction and eventual elimination of the land application of human waste biosolids. Secondly, asks the State to develop a pilot project program to help local utilities to find new ways of dealing with biosolids. Discussion followed.

Mr. Griffis, Commissioner Anderson and Mayor Lynch expressed their concern that this could become an unfunded mandate in the future.

President Robinson called for a vote. Vice Mayor Kreger motioned to approve Resolution 2018-13; seconded by Councilman Crescimbeni. Motion carried.

Policy Update

The Members were provided a nomination card for the upcoming 2019 Regional Leadership Academy class to nominate candidates. Also provided was an FDOT flyer that referenced the Ocean Island Trails and Scenic Byways. Ms. Moehring stated that on November 17th the super scenic yard sale will take place along 72+ miles.

Ms. Moehring discussed the upcoming review of the Strategic Regional Policy Plan (SRPP), which will include consideration of an agricultural element. She provided an overview of the linkages between First Coast Vision, Elevate Northeast Florida, Comprehensive Economic Development (CEDS) Plan, and the SRPP. She highlighted the work plan and timeline for the updates to the CEDS and SRPP in the upcoming year. She stated that staff is recommending keeping the Board updated on activities going forward to allow input on engaging communities.

Staff would report to the Board in April 2019 on performance measures on all the Plans followed by an assessment in May of 2019. She inquired of the Board whether a committee should be created to take on these activities or to just have staff report to the Board on the activities taking place in the work plan.

Commissioner Horvath made a motion not to create a committee for the updates of the Plans, but to have staff report to the Board/Executive Committee on the performance measures instead; seconded by Ms. Van Eckert. Motion carried.

Post Disaster Economic Recovery Coordinator Update

Mr. Aaron Glick provided an overview and update on the activities pertaining to Post Disaster Economic Recovery. He highlighted current projects and available resources.

Attendance Record

The Board meeting attendance record was provided for the Members review. This record, inclusive of any corrections, will be provided to the appointing body and the Governor's office.

Legislative Update

Mr. Teeple stated that the 2019 Legislative Session will begin March 5, 2019 and scheduled to conclude on May 30, 2019. The Council's Legislative Committee will meet following this meeting to review the Regional priorities received to date.

Council Contracts

No report at this time.

Elected Officials Regional Leadership Awards Luncheon

Ms. Payne reminded the Members of the upcoming event following the Board meeting on December 6th. Award nomination forms are due by October 12th, and are included in the agenda packet along with an invitation and sponsorship forms.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

VOTING MEMBERS' REPORT

None.

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS' REPORTS

Florida Department of Economic Opportunity

Mr. Register shared information on a survey ranking States in 11 categories related to economic development. Florida ranked #10 of the top states for doing business. The states in the southeast that ranked ahead of Florida were: GA #1, AL #3, TN #4, SC #5, NC #6, LA #7 and MS #8.

Florida Department of Transportation

Mr. Clem stated he had nothing to report.

St. Johns River Water Management District

Mr. Sample reported on the WMD governing board meeting on September 25th, in which they approved their budget that included up to \$3.5 million for the REDI communities, \$3 million in legislative funds for the Doctors Lake nutrient projects and \$8.13 million in legislative funds for the Black Creek water resource development project.

PRESIDENTS REPORT

President Robinson stated that during her year as president, she will continue the good efforts started by past President Anderson in seeking Clay County's reinstatement as a member of the Regional Council, keeping the finger on the pulse of legislative unfunded mandates. Also she recognizes the transition of Mr. Teeple retiring and Ms. Payne stepping in to the position and looks forward to working with her and her staff.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

Nothing new to report.

Next Meeting Date: December 6, 2018 at 10:00 a.m.

Adjournment: 12:15 p.m.



Catherine Robinson
President



Brian Teeple
Chief Executive Officer