



NORTHEAST FLORIDA REGIONAL COUNCIL
Board of Directors Meeting
March 3, 2022

MINUTES

The Northeast Florida Regional Council Board of Directors, pursuant to Chapter 120.525, F.S., held a hybrid meeting both in-person, at 100 Festival Park Avenue, Jacksonville, FL, and virtually via Zoom, on Thursday, March 3, 2022, at 10:00 a.m.

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

BAKER: Commissioner Jimmy Anderson **(in person)**
Commissioner James Bennett (via zoom)
Mr. Darryl Register **(in person)**

CLAY: Mr. Michael Bourre **(in person)**
Commissioner Betsy Condon (via zoom)
Commissioner Jim Renninger **(in person)**

DUVAL: Councilmember Randy DeFoor **(in person)**
Mayor Sean Lynch **(in person) (in person)**

FLAGLER: Commissioner Joseph Mullins **(in person)**
Mayor Catherine Robinson (via zoom)
Commissioner David Sullivan **(in person)**

NASSAU: Mr. John Drew (via zoom)
Mayor Michael Lednovich (via zoom)
Commissioner John Martin **(in person)**

PUTNAM: Commissioner Larry Harvey **(in person)**

ST. JOHNS: Commissioner Roxanne Horvath **(in person)**
Commissioner Paul Waldron (via zoom)
Commissioner Christian Whitehurst **(in person)**

EX-OFFICIO: Mr. Curtis Hart (DEO) **(in person)**
Mr. Brian Austin *for* Ms. Karen Taulbee (DOT) (via zoom)
Mr. Doug Conkey (SJRWMD) **(in person)**

Excused: Michael Griffis, Councilmember Joyce Morgan, Commissioner Jeff Rawls

Absent: Mayor Elaine Brown, Donald Holmes, Greg Strong (DEP)

Guests: Matthew Dews (Senator Rubio's Ofc.), and Howard Wannamaker (Clay County)

Staff Present: Eric Anderson, Monica Dominguez, Kate Haigh, Fara Ilami, Robert Jordan, Margo Moehring, Tyler Nolen, Elizabeth Payne, Jack Shad, Donna Starling, Leigh Wilsey and Sheron Forde

INVITATION TO SPEAK

President Harvey stated that members of the public are welcome to speak on any item before the Board and will also be recognized during public comment.

*CONSENT AGENDA

President Harvey asked if anyone would like to pull any item on the consent agenda for discussion. **Mr. Hart** stated that he has a conflict with COJ Adopted Amendment 21-17ESR as he is the owner of the property. A Form 8B was completed (attached).

President Harvey called for a motion on the consent agenda. Councilmember DeFoor motioned to approve the consent agenda; seconded by Commissioner Renninger. Motion carried.

OTHER REPORTS/ACTION ITEMS

Program Spotlight: Transportation Disadvantaged 101

Commissioner Bennett joined the meeting (via zoom)

Ms. Moehring provided a brief update on Transportation Disadvantaged (TD) legislative priorities for a \$6 million Innovation and Service Development grant proposal that is currently in both the House and Senate. However, an additional \$4 million for trip and equipment funding was not included.

Ms. Moehring provided a TD 101 presentation to inform the Members how the program and process works. She recognized Board Members Commissioners Anderson, Condon, Sullivan, Whitehurst, and Councilmember DeFoor as the Chairs of their County's Local Coordinating Board (LCB). The Council is the Designated Official Planning Agency for our region, responsible for the coordination of safe, cost effective and efficient transportation services to the Transportation Disadvantaged. The presentation highlighted the State of Florida's coordinated transportation system; the LCBs' structure, membership, and duties; as well as the collaboration with the Regional Transit Working Group that have resulted in regional services such as, regional fare collection best practices, regional transit action plan, and a coordinated mobility plan and executive summary. A brief discussion followed.

Transportation Disadvantaged Local Coordinating Boards Membership

Ms. Moehring stated that each of the Local Coordinating Boards recently approved their membership rosters. It is now before the Council who, as the Designated Official Planning Agency, is responsible for the appointment of the LCBs membership for the upcoming year for submittal to the Transportation Disadvantaged Commission.

President Harvey called for a motion. Commissioner Whitehurst motioned to approve the Transportation Disadvantaged Local Coordination Boards Membership; seconded by Commissioner Anderson. Motion carried.

Resolution 2022-01: Re-Designation of Nassau County Council on Aging as the Community Transportation Coordinator

Commissioner Mullins arrived.

Ms. Moehring stated that the Council, as the Designated Official Planning Agency, is responsible for recommending the Community Transportation Coordinator (CTC) in Nassau County to the Commission for Transportation Disadvantaged (CTD). She provided a brief overview of the Request for Proposal process that was conducted and its findings. Resolution 2022-01 recommends the re-designation of the Nassau County Council on Aging as the CTC for another five year period, effective July 1, 2022. The Council's recommendation will be forwarded to the CTD.

President Harvey called for a motion. Commissioner Martin motioned to approve Resolution 2022-01 to Re-designate Nassau County Council on Aging as the Community Transportation Coordinator; seconded by Councilmember DeFoor. Motion carried.

Motion carried.

Cecil Spaceport Presentation

Mr. Matt Bocchino, Cecil Airport & Spaceport Director, provided a presentation on Cecil Spaceport; a part of Cecil Airport system. The presentation highlighted a brief history of the site, its world class tenants, development partners, horizontal launch capability, focus on satellite launches, dedicated orbital and sub-orbital launch corridors and different types of launchers, generation orbit, and space perspective. He shared his strategic goals for Cecil Spaceport, which includes creating a mini economic engine within the JAA, attraction of new industries to the Region, and bringing international recognition to Jacksonville and the Region. He also shared some upcoming/ongoing projects such as MOCC buildout, airport and spaceport master plan, approach road and utilities, a second rocket motor test facility, and spaceport hangar doors. Critical projects include, approach road, re-entry license, relocate rocket motor test facility, spaceport hangar facility, and payload processing facility. He shared a brief overview of the space economy and trends, which estimates a potential economic impact of space economy by 2040 at \$1 trillion. Discussion followed.

Affordable Housing Committee Update

Mr. Bourre informed the Members that today's Committee meeting has been cancelled due to the upcoming series of workshops around the Region. He directed the Member's attention to the flyer provided in their packets for dates, times, and location of the workshops. The Members were invited to attend these workshops if they are available, as well as all the SHIP and SAIL Coordinators, local non-profits, lenders, and any interested parties who want to be a part of the conversation. Following these workshops will be a regional meeting as a culmination of these workshops.

Community Resilience Update

Ms. Ilami provided an overview of the community resiliency's first workshop, conducted in two sessions, where presentations were given on the need for resiliency, and current efforts. The workshop included breakout groups and the utilization of the polling software, Mentimeter for

participant input. She highlighted some of the outcomes of the workshop as 1) learned perspectives about the inputs, outputs, goals and the structure that a regional resiliency collaborative should have in Northeast Florida, and 2) gathered information about existing and planned resiliency work within the Region. She shared information on how the polling process worked during the workshop. The final summary of the workshop is 1) collaborating on action items, 2) shared research and solutions, 3) consistent data and mapping source, 4) technical assistance, 5) identify vulnerabilities, 6) regional resiliency plan, 7) education and outreach, and 8) engage marginalized communities. Ms. Ilami stated that a second set of workshops is scheduled for March 10th and 24th. The objectives for the second workshop are 1) to determine the best process to form a regional resiliency collaborative for Northeast Florida, 2) determine resiliency data gaps and needs that can inform future priorities and objectives.

Ms. Payne stated that, for elected officials, the mechanism to formalize a collaborative like this is often done through a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). The Council will be seeking an agreement among the local governments in the Region to commit to collaborating on the idea of resiliency. As most of our Members are elected officials, it is important that they weigh in with their thoughts and concerns related to their county in the early formative stages of the collaborative. This way those concerns can be addressed prior to going before their Board of County Commissioners and asking them to be a part of the MOU. A brief discussion followed.

2022 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy

Mr. Shad provided a status update on the rewrite of the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS), and reviewed the timeline. The CEDS Committee held its first meeting on February 17th, with monthly hybrid meetings to be held throughout the process to discuss issues and review drafts of the required elements. He stated that each meeting will discuss issues and review drafts of the required elements of the CEDS: summary background in March, SWOT analysis in April, resilience in May, strategic direction/action plan in June, and evaluation framework in July. The Committee will review the draft plan in August before being presented to the Board for approval in September of this year.

Legislative Update

Ms. Payne provided a legislative update on Bills that the Council is monitoring that include: SB 1940 Statewide Flooding and Sea Level Rise Resilience, SB 1238/HB 1019 Saltwater Intrusion Vulnerability Assessments, SB 962/HB 495 Taxation of Affordable Housing, SB 1170/HB 1553 SAIL & SHIP Changes, SB 282/HB 795 Peer Support for Mental Health and Substance Use Disorders, SB 1098/HB 835 Smart Region Zones, SB 1726 Office of Broadband, SB 1800/HB 1543 Broadband Infrastructure, and HB 685 Rural Development. Discussion followed.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

MEMBERS' REPORT / LOCAL & REGIONAL ISSUES DISCUSSION

President Harvey stated that Putnam County is looking into doing an ordinance on biosolids. This is in response to other area's sending their biosolids through to Putnam County.

President Harvey stated that the Office of Broadband will be asking local governments to create local technology planning teams. Putnam County will be modeling theirs after Union County's

efforts. The planning will be based on the unserved and under-served areas. He provided an overview of Union County's process. He encouraged the Members to go back to their technology planning team and have them review Union County's process. He shared an effort Putnam County will be doing that will involve the schools, utilizing students, saying how important it is to have high speed internet. It will be placed on their website should anyone wish to view and maybe use for their county.

Commissioner Martin provided an open invitation for car enthusiasts this weekend at Amelia Island. The event used to be called the Amelia Island Concours d'Elegance, but is now called the Amelia.

Commissioner Whitehurst stated that St. Johns County will be placing the sales tax increase on their ballot in November and held the first reading of the ordinance on March 1st.

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS' REPORTS

Department of Economic Opportunity

Mr. Darryl Register shared information from an article in Area Development magazine entitled 'Automation will strengthen your labor force.' With the concern of automation replacing people, the article noted that within the next seven to ten years, automation will displace 75 million jobs globally. It went on to say that, at the same time, it will be creating 130 million new roles for people to fill. However, this will require a process to accompany this for reskilling and upskilling employees. Therefore, the myth of automation replacing workers and leave them unemployed is false provided that businesses focus on helping to upskill employees so they can continue to work in the new automated society.

Florida Department of Transportation

Mr. Austin stated that FDOT has no agency report at this time.

St. Johns River Water Management District

Mr. Conkey stated that April is Water Conservation month in Florida. Sample proclamations is being provided for support consideration by local governments.

President Harvey invited members of the public to introduce themselves.

Mr. Howard Wannamaker, County Manager for Clay County, introduced himself and informed the Members of the TPC job fair on the weekend, of which Clay County will be taking part in.

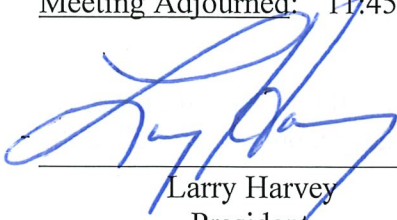
Mr. Matthew Dews, of Senator Marco Rubio's local office, introduced himself and offered the Senator's assistance/support with any federal issues the counties and Board Members may need, specifically with federal grants.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT


Ms. Payne directed the Members attention to the Overdose Summit flyer as a reminder of the event on March 31st at World Golf Village. While free to attend, registration is required. **Hurricane season** in coming with the Council conducting exercises in the Region; JEA and St. Johns County. The Council has a new hire beginning on March 7th to assist with the Healthcare Coalition program. The 2022 Regional Leadership Academy class begins on March 30th in Flagler County.

Next Meeting Date: May 5, 2022

Meeting Adjourned: 11:45 a.m.



Larry Harvey
President



Elizabeth Payne
Chief Executive Officer

<div> <div>FORM 8B</div> <div>MEMORANDUM OF VOTING CONFLICT FOR</div> <div>COUNTY, MUNICIPAL, AND OTHER LOCAL PUBLIC OFFICERS</div> </div>	
<div> <div>LAST NAME—FIRST NAME—MIDDLE NAME</div> <div>HART CURTIS L</div> </div>	<div> <div>NAME OF BOARD, COUNCIL, COMMISSION, AUTHORITY, OR COMMITTEE</div> <div>Northwest Florida Regional Council</div> </div>
<div> <div>MAILING ADDRESS</div> <div>8051 TARA LANE</div> </div>	<div> <div>THE BOARD, COUNCIL, COMMISSION, AUTHORITY OR COMMITTEE ON WHICH I SERVE IS A UNIT OF:</div> <div> <input type="checkbox"/> CITY <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COUNTY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER LOCAL AGENCY </div> </div>
<div> <div>CITY</div> <div>JACKSONVILLE</div> </div>	<div> <div>COUNTY</div> <div>DUVAL</div> </div>
<div> <div>DATE ON WHICH VOTE OCCURRED</div> <div>3-3-2022</div> </div>	<div> <div>NAME OF POLITICAL SUBDIVISION:</div> <div></div> </div>
	<div> <div>MY POSITION IS:</div> <div> <input type="checkbox"/> ELECTIVE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> APPOINTEE </div> </div>

WHO MUST FILE FORM 8B

This form is for use by any person serving at the county, city, or other local level of government on an appointed or elected board, council, commission, authority, or committee. It applies to members of advisory and non-advisory bodies who are presented with a voting conflict of interest under Section 112.3143, Florida Statutes.

Your responsibilities under the law when faced with voting on a measure in which you have a conflict of interest will vary greatly depending on whether you hold an elective or appointive position. For this reason, please pay close attention to the instructions on this form before completing and filing the form.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLIANCE WITH SECTION 112.3143, FLORIDA STATUTES															
<p>A person holding elective or appointive county, municipal, or other local public office MUST ABSTAIN from voting on a measure which would inure to his or her special private gain or loss. Each elected or appointed local officer also MUST ABSTAIN from knowingly voting on a measure which would inure to the special gain or loss of a principal (other than a government agency) by whom he or she is retained (including the parent, subsidiary, or sibling organization of a principal by which he or she is retained); to the special private gain or loss of a relative; or to the special private gain or loss of a business associate. Commissioners of community redevelopment agencies (CRAs) under Sec. 163.356 or 163.357, F.S., and officers of independent special tax districts elected on a one-acre, one-vote basis are not prohibited from voting in that capacity.</p> <p>For purposes of this law, a "relative" includes only the officer's father, mother, son, daughter, husband, wife, brother, sister, father-in-law, mother-in-law, son-in-law, and daughter-in-law. A "business associate" means any person or entity engaged in or carrying on a business enterprise with the officer as a partner, joint venturer, coowner of property, or corporate shareholder (where the shares of the corporation are not listed on any national or regional stock exchange).</p>															
*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
ELECTED OFFICERS:															
<p>In addition to abstaining from voting in the situations described above, you must disclose the conflict:</p> <p>PRIOR TO THE VOTE BEING TAKEN by publicly stating to the assembly the nature of your interest in the measure on which you are abstaining from voting; <i>and</i></p> <p>WITHIN 15 DAYS AFTER THE VOTE OCCURS by completing and filing this form with the person responsible for recording the minutes of the meeting, who should incorporate the form in the minutes.</p>															
*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
APPOINTED OFFICERS:															
<p>Although you must abstain from voting in the situations described above, you are not prohibited by Section 112.3143 from otherwise participating in these matters. However, you must disclose the nature of the conflict before making any attempt to influence the decision, whether orally or in writing and whether made by you or at your direction.</p> <p>IF YOU INTEND TO MAKE ANY ATTEMPT TO INFLUENCE THE DECISION PRIOR TO THE MEETING AT WHICH THE VOTE WILL BE TAKEN:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> You must complete and file this form (before making any attempt to influence the decision) with the person responsible for recording the minutes of the meeting, who will incorporate the form in the minutes. (Continued on page 2) 															

APPOINTED OFFICERS (continued)

- A copy of the form must be provided immediately to the other members of the agency.
- The form must be read publicly at the next meeting after the form is filed.

IF YOU MAKE NO ATTEMPT TO INFLUENCE THE DECISION EXCEPT BY DISCUSSION AT THE MEETING:

- You must disclose orally the nature of your conflict in the measure before participating.
- You must complete the form and file it within 15 days after the vote occurs with the person responsible for recording the minutes of the meeting, who must incorporate the form in the minutes. A copy of the form must be provided immediately to the other members of the agency, and the form must be read publicly at the next meeting after the form is filed.

DISCLOSURE OF LOCAL OFFICER'S INTEREST

I, Curtis L. Hunt, hereby disclose that on 3-3, 2022.

(a) A measure came or will come before my agency which (check one or more)

- ☒ inured to my special private gain or loss;
- ☒ inured to the special gain or loss of my business associate, _____;
- _____ inured to the special gain or loss of my relative, _____;
- _____ inured to the special gain or loss of _____, by whom I am retained; or
- _____ inured to the special gain or loss of _____, which is the parent subsidiary, or sibling organization or subsidiary of a principal which has retained me.

(b) The measure before my agency and the nature of my conflicting interest in the measure is as follows:

Quaker Amendment 21-17 ESTD.

If disclosure of specific information would violate confidentiality or privilege pursuant to law or rules governing attorneys, a public officer, who is also an attorney, may comply with the disclosure requirements of this section by disclosing the nature of the interest in such a way as to provide the public with notice of the conflict.

3-7-22
Date Filed

[Signature]
Signature

NOTICE: UNDER PROVISIONS OF FLORIDA STATUTES §112.317, A FAILURE TO MAKE ANY REQUIRED DISCLOSURE CONSTITUTES GROUNDS FOR AND MAY BE PUNISHED BY ONE OR MORE OF THE FOLLOWING: IMPEACHMENT, REMOVAL OR SUSPENSION FROM OFFICE OR EMPLOYMENT, DEMOTION, REDUCTION IN SALARY, REPRIMAND, OR A CIVIL PENALTY NOT TO EXCEED \$10,000.