

NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

FULL COUNCIL

MINUTES

Holiday Inn Restaurant  
Lake City, Florida

February 22, 2001  
8:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

John Barrow, City of Gainesville  
Wilbur Bush, Gilchrist County  
Chuck Chestnut, City of Gainesville  
Gib Coerper, City of Alachua  
**Louie Davis, City of Waldo**  
John Driggers, Dixie County  
Roy Ellis, Madison County  
**Billy Ray Foister, Union County**  
**Lorata Franklin, Madison County**  
Steve Futch, City of Starke  
Gail Garrard, Lafayette County  
Sandra Haas, Suwannee County  
Pegeen Hanrahan, City of Gainesville  
Grady Hartzog, City of Newberry  
E.W. Hodges, Bradford County  
**Ray Kirkland, City of Lake City**  
**Judy McGhee, City of Madison**  
Kathryn McInnis, Dixie County  
**Dale McPherson, Alachua County**  
**James Montgomery, Columbia County**  
L. B. Nelson, City of Archer  
**Garth Nobles, Jr., City of Live Oak**  
**Emory Philman, Gilchrist County**  
Kathy Pults, City of High Springs  
Tom Robinson, Alachua County  
**Edd Sadler, Taylor County**  
Jim Tompkins, Hamilton County  
**Lewis Vaughn, Hamilton County**

GUESTS PRESENT

Ross Jackson  
Tim Strauser  
Jon Wershow

MEMBERS ABSENT

William Alexander, City of Perry  
**Stephen Blakewood, Alachua County**  
Mike Byerly, Alachua County  
Bill Coughlin, City of High Springs  
Mike Deming, Taylor County  
Dixie Donovan, Columbia County  
Steve Elder, Town of Micanopy  
Matthew Hawkins, City of Jasper  
Robert Hutchinson, Alachua County  
Ricky Jenkins, Union County  
**Eddie Martin, Hawthorne**  
William Nulls, Alachua County  
Dave Newport, Alachua County  
**Joe Riddick, Bradford County**  
Douglas Udell, Suwannee County

STAFF PRESENT

Robin Bames  
Steve Dopp  
Charles Justice  
Charles Kiester  
Scott Koons  
Marcy Wilson

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS PRESENT

Pat Reynolds, FDEP  
Dave Byrd, FDOT

**Board Members Names Bolded**

Noting that a quorum was present, the meeting was called to order at 8:03 p.m. by Chairman Kirkland.

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - January 25, 2001

Mayor Kirkland asked that the minutes of the January 25, 2001, meeting be amended to show that Commissioner Barrow was present at the meeting.

**ACTION: Commissioner Montgomery made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Chestnut, to approve the minutes of the January 25, 2001, meeting, with the correction showing Commissioner Barrow was present. The motion carried unanimously.**

Mayor Kirkland asked that 5 items be added to the agenda. Item II.A., Transportation Disadvantaged Program - Coordinating Board Membership Certifications; Item II.B. Amendment to County Hazardous Materials Emergency Response Plan Agreements; Clearinghouse Items, #67, Hamilton County Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendments; #68, City of Lake City Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment; and Item #69, City of Perry Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment.

**ACTION: Mr. Philman made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Futch, to approve amending the agenda to add the five items listed above. The motion carried unanimously.**

II. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Transportation Disadvantaged Program - Coordinating Board Membership Certifications;

B. Amendment to County Hazardous Materials Emergency Response Plan Agreements

**ACTION: Commissioner Chestnut made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Montgomery, to approve the two items listed on the Consent Agenda. The motion carried unanimously.**

III. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT - Mayor Kirkland introduced and welcomed a new member, Wilbur Bush representing Gilchrist County.

IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Executive Committee

1. Annual Grant Application to the U.S. Economic Development Administration

Mr. Justice reported that the Executive Committee recommends the Council approve the submission by the Chairman of an application to the U.S. Economic Development Administration (EDA) for a \$52,000 grant, and authorizing the Chairman to execute the contract when the grant is received.

**ACTION: Commissioner Montgomery made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Chestnut, to approve authorizing the chairman to submit a grant application to the U.S. EDA for \$52,000, and also authorizing the chairman to execute the grant when it is received. The motion carried unanimously.**

2. Grant Request Application to the U.S. Economic Development Administration for I-75 Corridor Project

Mr. Justice reported that staff believes considerable effort will be needed to organize businesses and local governments at various interchanges along I-75 for the purpose of satisfying the FDOT requirement that local governments be responsible for the maintenance of extraordinary landscaping which is proposed by the I-75 Corridor Plan. Mr. Justice noted that the Executive Committee recommends approving submission by the Chairman of an application to the U.S. Economic Development Administration for a \$50,000 grant, as well as authorizing the Chairman to execute the contract when the grant is received.

**ACTION: Mayor Davis made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Chestnut, to approve the recommendation of the Executive Committee. The motion carried unanimously.**

B. Clearinghouse Committee - Chairman's Report

Local Government Comprehensive Plan Amendments

#55 - City of Newberry Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendments (DCA No. 00-2)

#64 - Town of Micanopy Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendments (DCA Nos. 00-PS1 & 00-1)

#67 - Hamilton County Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendments (DCA No. 00-1) - (added to agenda)

Commissioner Hanrahan reported that the Committee had reviewed Item #55, Adopted Amendments from the City of Newberry; #64, Adopted Amendments from the Town of Micanopy; #67, adopted amendments from Hamilton County. She noted that the Committee found these comprehensive plans, as amended by their respective adopted amendments, to remain consistent with the regional plan. Commissioner Hanrahan reported that the Committee recommends forwarding this finding to the respective local governments and the Florida Department of Community Affairs as regional comment.

**ACTION: Commissioner Hanrahan made the motion, with a second by Mr. Philman, to approve the recommendation of the Clearinghouse Committee. The motion carried unanimously.**

#68 - City of Lake City Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment - (added to agenda)

#69 - City of Perry Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment - (added to agenda)

Commissioner Hanrahan reported that the Committee had also reviewed draft amendments #68, from the City of Lake City; and #69, draft amendments from the City of Perry. She noted that the Committee found the City of Lake City and the City of Perry proposed amendments do not adversely affect natural resources of regional significance, regional facilities, or adjacent local governments, and recommends forwarding this finding to the cities of Lake City and Perry as well as the Florida Department of Community Affairs as regional comment.

**ACTION: Commissioner Hanrahan made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Chestnut to approve the recommendation of the Clearinghouse Committee. The motion carried unanimously.**

#63 - Madison County Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendments (DCA No. 00-1ER)

Commissioner Hanrahan reported that the last item reviewed by the Committee was #63, Madison County Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendments, and the committee found the plan, as amended, inconsistent with the regional plan. She reported that the Committee noted three issues for which the county plan is inconsistent with the regional plan, and cited the Committee recommendations on how to make the county plan consistent with the regional plan. These issues and associated recommendations are as follows:

**Issue #1. Removal of Environmentally Sensitive Area Future Land Use Map Classifications and Associated Policies.**

This action can be made consistent with the regional plan by either:

1. Retaining the Environmentally Sensitive Area land use classification and its associated policies, as well as retaining the ESA classification on the County's Future Land Use Map for those Natural Resources of Regional Significance currently classified as ESA on the County's Future Land Use Map; or
2. Adding a policy to the County's Future Land Use Element which prohibits high intensity agricultural operations within Natural Resource Management Areas, adding policy language to the County's Conservation Element which identifies Hixtown Swamp, San Pedro Bay, as well as the 100-year floodplains of the Aucilla, Suwannee, and Withlacoochee rivers as Natural Resource Management Areas, and including a map of Natural Resource Management Areas within the County plan's map series.

**Issue #2. The county plan's High Aquifer Recharge Area map is inconsistent with the regional plan's map of Areas of High Recharge Potential to the Floridan Aquifer.**

Consistency with the regional plan for this issue can be achieved by:

1. Replacing references to "prime aquifer recharge areas" with the references to, "Areas of High Aquifer Recharge Potential to the Floridan Aquifer designated by the Suwannee River Water Management District," in County plan Objective IV.4, Policy IV.5.2, and Policy V.2.11; and
2. Replacing the County plan's map of generalized groundwater recharge areas (Illustration A-IX of the County plan) with a map of Areas of High Recharge Potential to the Floridan Aquifer as published by the Suwannee River Water Management District.

**Issue #3. The county plan does not include a map of Stream-to-Sink Recharge Areas.**

Consistency with the regional plan for this issue can be achieved by including a generalized map of stream-to-sink recharge areas within its comprehensive plan based on stream-to-sink watershed maps published by the Suwannee River Water Management District.

Commissioner Hanrahan reported that the Committee recommends forwarding these findings as official Council comment to Madison County and the Florida Department of Community Affairs.

**ACTION: Commissioner Hanrahan made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Sadler to approve the recommendation of the Clearinghouse Committee. The motion carried unanimously.**

C. Regional Planning Committee - Chairman's Report

Mr. Foister reported that the Council had forwarded its Evaluation and Appraisal Report on the regional plan to the Executive Office of the Governor. He noted that Florida Administrative Code requires the Council to submit to the state its EAR-based regional plan amendments by the end of the year, and the Regional Planning Committee had met to establish a schedule for the preparation of an amendment package to the regional plan.

Mr. Foister reported that the Committee had also reviewed proposed amendments to the regional plan's Affordable Housing Element, as well as amending two existing policies to emphasize the development of affordable housing units within urban areas.

No action was required on this item.

V. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

A. State Growth Management Study Commission

Mr. Justice went into some detail regarding the final report produced by the Growth Management Study Commission. He pointed out some of the more widely discussed provisions, and noted that the entire report was on-line if anybody wanted to read it thoroughly.

B. Discussion of Creation of Southeastern (U.S.) Regional Commission

Mr. Justice reported that a number of regional planning councils in seven southeastern states were discussing the possibility of asking Congress to create a regional authority in these states as a way of fighting poverty and stimulating economic development. He indicated that more information would be provided within a few weeks.

Mr. Justice reported that the Program Committee would meet in March, just prior to the Council meeting. He noted that a draft OPD would be sent out to members before the meeting.

Mr. Justice reported that the Regional Hazardous Materials Response Team had applied for and received two grants. A \$188,000 grant to buy trailers that could respond to chemical spills, as well as a trailer that could go to each county and do haz mat training. They also received \$68,000 to expand the hazardous materials plan and GIS capability. Mr. Justice reported that this regional haz mat team was one of only a handful in the country.

Mayor Kirkland announced that the next meeting of the Council was scheduled to be held at the Best Western Grand in Gainesville on March 22, 2001.

With no further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 8:34 p.m.

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Chairman

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