

NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL
FULL COUNCIL
MINUTES

Holiday Inn Restaurant
Lake City, Florida

December 4, 2003
7:30 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

William Alexander, City of Perry
Minnie Crevasse, Alachua County
Louie Davis, City of Waldo
Dixie Donovan, Columbia County
Roy Ellis, Madison County
Sandra Haas, Suwannee County
James King, Madison County
Craig Lowe, City of Gainesville
Eddie Martin, City of Hawthorne
Charles Maulsby, Taylor County
James Montgomery, Columbia County
Garth Nobles, Jr., City of Live Oak
Emory Philman, Gilchrist County
Tamara Robbins, City of Alachua
Edd Sadler, Taylor County
Lorene Thomas, Dixie County
Myra Valentine, City of Madison
Penny Wheat, Alachua County

STAFF PRESENT

Robin Barnes
Steve Dopp
Charles Justice
Scott Koons
Carol Laine

MEMBERS ABSENT

Rick Bryant, City of Gainesville
Ed Braddy, City of Gainesville
John Carlson, Alachua County
David Dodge, Bradford County
John Driggers, Dixie County
Steve Futch, City of Starke
Gail Garrard, Lafayette County
Mitchell Gentry, Gilchrist County
Grady Hartzog, City of Newberry
Matthew Hawkins, City of Jasper
John Hersey, Bradford County
Ricky Jenkins, Union County
Ray Kirkland, City of Lake City
L. B. Nelson, City of Archer
Lee Pinkoson, Alachua County
Paul L. Remzey Samarrai, Town of Micanopy
Douglas Udell, Suwannee County
Lewis Vaughn, Hamilton County

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS PRESENT

Bill Henderson representing Dave Byrd, DOT
Russell Simpson representing Marvin Miller, DEP

GUESTS PRESENT

Buddy Crevasse
Diana Davis
Rita Dopp
Jenny Laine
Jon Wershow

Board Members names are bolded

Chairman Davis called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m., and noted that there was not a quorum of the Council. Chairman Davis stated that there was a quorum of the Board and he announced that, due to the changes made to the organization policy, all Council members were able to vote.

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - October 23, 2003

Chairman Davis asked that the minutes of the October 23, 2003, meeting be approved as written.

ACTION: Commissioner Martin made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Sadler, to approve the minutes of the October 23, 2003, meeting as written. The motion carried unanimously.

II. CONSENT AGENDA - Transportation Disadvantaged Program

- A. Coordinating Board Membership Certifications - Columbia, Madison and Suwannee Counties
- B. Community Transportation Coordinator Annual Performance Evaluations - Bradford, Dixie, Gilchrist and Union Counties

Chairman Davis asked if there were questions regarding the items listed on the Consent Agenda, and requested that these items be approved.

ACTION: Commissioner Martin made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Sadler, to approve the items listed on the Consent Agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

III. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT - Louie Davis

Chairman Davis introduced and welcomed a new member from the City of Gainesville, Commissioner Craig Lowe, Mr. Bill Henderson and Mr. Jordan Green from the Florida Department of Transportation, Mr. Russell Simpson from the Florida Department of Environmental Protection and guests Rita Dopp and Jenny Laine.

IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Executive Committee
 - 1. Interbasin Transfer of Water

Mr. Justice introduced Mr. Scott Koons, Director of Regional and Local Government Programs, who gave a presentation of the review staff conducted on The Florida Council of 100 Report entitled, Improving Florida's Water Supply Management Structure. Mr. Koons discussed the finding and recommendations made by the Florida Council of 100 and

noted that the Report is seriously lacking in supporting documentation and ignores sound policies that have been in existence for many years concerning the way Florida manages its water supply. He concluded that the Planning Council continues to find the existing state policy of “local sources first” combined with the protection of minimum flows and levels for natural resource protection and future growth and economic development as the most appropriate approach to statewide water supply planning and consumption.

After the presentation, a recommendation was made to make the following changes to the Council’s Review of The Florida Council of 100 Report.

Page 5, Areas of Agreement - The Planning Council agrees that the districts have not yet fulfilled **all of** their requirements to establish minimum flows for surface waters and minimum levels for groundwater aquifers.

Page 6, Areas of Disagreement - Remove the statement, “Nor does the Planning Council necessarily oppose the transfer of water under certain circumstances,” and include the statement, As previously noted, Regional Policy 2.4.3 calls for conserving north central Florida Natural Resources of Regional Significance. Regional Goal 4.2 calls for maintaining an adequate supply of groundwater to meet the needs of a growing north central Florida. Regional Policy 4.2.1 calls for the state to adopt a policy which requires water shortage areas to seek other alternatives, such as desalination, prior to seeking water from north central Florida. Regional Goal 4.6 calls for maintaining both the quantity and quality of north central Florida surface water systems. These goals and policies, combined with other protective resource-specific policies contained in the regional plan...

Page 7, Areas Lacking Supporting Documentation and Analysis - Paragraph 2 - add quotation marks around the word “conflict” and reword the last sentence to read, “This part of the Report should be expanded to identify and discussed the **alleged** “conflict”. Paragraph 4 - Reword the last sentence to read, “Additional documentation is needed in the Report regarding the **alleged** failure of the current water supply planning and delivery structure before the Planning Council can support the creation of a state water supply commission.

ACTION: Commissioner Wheat made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Montgomery to approve the changes noted above to the Review of the Florida Council of 100 Report prepared by staff. The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Montgomery then commented on the Senate Natural Resources Committee Workshop he attended in Chiefland on November 17, 2003.

ACTION: Commissioner Wheat made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Montgomery to adopt the Resolution of the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council Regarding the Florida Council of 100 Report Entitled, Improving Florida's Water Supply Management Structure, the Creation of a State-wide Water Authority, the Privatization of Water Rights, and the Interbasin Transfer of Water from the North Central Florida Region. The motion carried unanimously.

A copy of the resolution is attached to, and thereby made a part of these minutes.

2. Participation in Regional Domestic Security Exercise
 - a. Contract with Northeast Florida Regional Planning Council to Provide Support for Regional Domestic Security Task Force Full-Scale Exercise
 - b. Subcontract with Apalachee Regional Planning Council to Assist with Full-Scale Exercise

Mr. Justice stated that the Regional Planning Council was selected to be the lead agency in providing local planning support to the North Florida Regional Domestic Security Task Force (RDSTS) including Madison, Taylor, Hamilton, Suwannee, Lafayette, Dixie and Columbia Counties in our region and Jefferson, Leon, Wakulla, Gadsden, Liberty and Franklin Counties in the Apalachee Regional Planning Council (ARPC). He stated that this assistance will be to help develop and implement the annual full-scale terrorism exercise. Mr. Justice stated that the Executive Committee recommended that the Chairman be authorized to enter into an agreement with the Northeast Florida Regional Planning Council (NFRPC) to receive a total of \$145,000 for which support will be given in carrying out a regional domestic security exercise; and further, that authority be given to enter into a subcontract with the ARPC in order to receive assistance in fulfilling the responsibilities assumed under the agreement with NFRPC.

ACTION: Commissioner Sadler made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Martin, to authorize the Chairman to enter into an agreement with the Northeast Florida Regional Planning Council (NFRPC) to receive a total of \$145,000 for which support will be given in carrying out a regional domestic security exercise; and further, that authority be given to enter into a subcontract with the ARPC in order to receive assistance in fulfilling the responsibilities assumed under the agreement with NFRPC. The motion carried unanimously.

3. Reorganization of the North Central Florida Areawide Development Co., Inc. (ADCO)

Mr. Justice reported that the role of ADCO has changed significantly as a result of Florida First Capital Finance Corporation (FFCFC) taking over its loan responsibilities effective October 1, 2003. He stated that it is no longer necessary to have members of the organization to be other than Council members and that it is more appropriate that only Council members be included as ADCO members. Mr. Justice stated that the Executive Committee recommended that action be taken to remove all previously appointed ADCO members and reappoint the 18 members present at the meeting plus an additional 7 members to ADCO as follows: Ed Braddy, John Carlson, David Dodge, Ray Kirkland, Louis Vaughn, Gail Garrard and Matthew Hawkins.

ACTION: Commissioner Sadler made the motion, with a second by Mr. Philman, to remove all previously appointed ADCO members and reappoint the 18 members present at the meeting plus those members listed above. The motion carried unanimously.

B. Clearinghouse Committee

Local Government Comprehensive Plan Amendments

Chairman Philman reported that the Clearinghouse Committee met without a quorum and reviewed one Committee-level item which requires Council action. He stated that the recommendation being put forth was an unofficial Committee recommendation.

#7 - City of Madison Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment (DCA No. 030-1)

Chairman Philman stated that, concerning the City of Madison Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment, the Clearinghouse Committee concluded that the proposed amendment would not adversely impact adjacent local governments, regional facilities, or natural resources of regional significance. Chairman Philman recommended forwarding this finding to the City of Madison and the Florida Department of Community Affairs as regional comment.

ACTION: Chairman Philman made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Martin, to approve the Clearinghouse Committee recommendation. The motion carried unanimously.

V. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

A. Legislative Report

Mr. Justice reported that some of the members of the Planning Council that have previously met with the legislators will be holding meetings during the coming months with other regional planning councils and the legislators. He stated that he will report on any developments at the next meeting.

B. Monitoring Potential Developments of Regional Impacts

Mr. Justice stated for the past several years there was a requirement in the state contract that the Florida Department of Community Affairs (DCA) be notified of any possible Developments of Regional Impact (DRI). He stated that last year the provision was removed from the contract. Mr. Justice stated that the Executive Committee recommended that the Council direct staff to continue to contact DCA and the local governments concerned and inform them of any potential DRIs.

ACTION: Commissioner Wheat made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Robbins, that the Council direct staff to continue to contact DCA and the local governments concerned and inform them of any potential DRIs. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Justice reported that a member of the Florida Housing Coalition will give a presentation at the January 22, 2004 meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Chairman

Date