

NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL
MINUTES

Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites
Lake City, Florida

January 27, 2011
7:30 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Stephen Bailey, Columbia County
Louie Davis, City of Waldo
Rusty DePratter, Columbia County
David Dodge, Bradford County
Alphonso Dowdell, City of Perry
Roy Ellis, Madison County
Sandra Haas, Suwannee County
Donnie Hamlin, Lafayette County
Jason Holifield, Dixie County
Eddie Martin, Alachua County
Charles Maultsby, Taylor County
James Montgomery, Columbia County
Ronny Morgan, Hamilton County
Garth Nobles, Jr., City of Live Oak
Andrew Smith, Union County
Carolyn Spooner, City of Starke
James Tallman, Union County
Kenrick Thomas, Gilchrist County
Lorene Thomas, Dixie County
Myra Valentine, City of Madison
Wesley Wainwright, Suwannee County
Byran Williams, City of High Springs
Charles Williams, Hamilton County
Mike Williams, Madison County
Stephen Witt, City of Lake City

OTHERS PRESENT

Taylor Brown, Trenton City Manager
LaBarfield Bryant, Jasper City Councilman
Diana Davis
Jordan Green, FL Dept. of Transportation
Faith Smith

MEMBERS ABSENT

Adeniyi Aderibigbe, Lafayette County
Susan Baird, Alachua County
David Biddle, Gilchrist County
Ben Boukari, Jr., City of Alachua
Mike Byerly, Alachua County
Thomas Collett, Alachua County
Paula DeLaney, Alachua County
Thomas Hawkins, City of Gainesville
Schervin Henry, City of Gainesville
Robert Krames, Alachua County
Ann Lessman, City of Jasper
Harry Nichols, City of Newberry
Warren Nielsen, City of Gainesville
Frank Ogborn, City of Archer
Lauren Poe, City of Gainesville
Lee Pinkoson, Alachua County
Eleanor Randall, City of Hawthorne
Daniel Riddick, Bradford County
Randy Wells, City of Gainesville

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS PRESENT

None

COUNCIL ATTORNEY PRESENT

Jonathan Wershow

STAFF PRESENT

Steve Dopp
Scott Koons
Carol Laine
Jean Strong

Board Members names are bolded
Gubernatorial Members names are italicized

I. INVOCATION, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND INTRODUCTIONS

Chair Louie Davis called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m., with an invocation given by Commissioner Myra Valentine and the pledge of allegiance to the flag. Chair Davis stated that there was a quorum of the Council and all Council members were able to vote.

Chair Davis introduced and welcomed Taylor Brown, City Manager for the City of Trenton, Councilman LaBarfield Bryant from the City of Jasper and Faith Smith, wife of Council member Andrew Smith.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - December 2, 2010

Chair Davis asked that the minutes of the December 2, 2010 meeting be approved as written.

ACTION: Mr. Martin made the motion, with a second by Mr. Smith, to approve the minutes of the December 2, 2010 meeting as written. The motion carried unanimously.

Chair Davis asked that Item V.B.4. - #50 - City of Fanning Springs Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment be added to the agenda.

ACTION: Mr. Smith made the motion, with a second by Mr. Martin, to add Item V.B.4. - #50 - City of Fanning Springs Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment to the agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

III. CONSENT AGENDA - Florida's Transportation Disadvantaged Program -
Board Membership Certifications - Bradford, Dixie, Gilchrist and
Union Counties

Chair Davis asked if there were any questions regarding the item on the Consent Agenda and requested that this item be approved.

ACTION: Mr. Martin made the motion, with a second by Mr. Maultsby, to approve the item on the Consent Agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

IV. CHAIR'S REPORT

A. Introduction of New Members

Chair Davis introduced and welcomed new Council members Commissioner Rusty DePratter, representing Columbia County and Commissioner Ronny Morgan, representing Hamilton County.

B. Resolutions of Appreciation

1. Rodney Long

Chair Davis asked that a Resolution of Appreciation for past services to the Council be approved for Commissioner Rodney Long, who served as a representative for Alachua County.

ACTION: Mr. Martin made the motion, with a second by Mr. Smith, to approve the Resolution of Appreciation for Commissioner Long. The motion carried unanimously.

2. Lewis Vaughn

Chair Davis asked that a Resolution of Appreciation for past services to the Council be approved for Commissioner Lewis Vaughn, who has served as a representative for Hamilton County since 1988.

ACTION: Commissioner Hamlin made the motion, with a second by Mr. Smith, to approve the Resolution of Appreciation for Commissioner Vaughn. The motion carried unanimously.

3. Ronald Williams

Chair Davis asked that a Resolution of Appreciation for past services to the Council be approved for Commissioner Ronald Williams, who served as a representative for Columbia County.

ACTION: Mr. Smith made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Bailey, to approve the Resolution of Appreciation for Commissioner Williams. The motion carried unanimously.

C. Transportation Disadvantaged Program Resolution of Appreciation - Lisa Spikes

Chair Davis asked that a Resolution of Appreciation for past services be approved for Lisa Spikes, who served as the Florida Agency for Health Care Administration Medicaid representative on the Madison County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board since July 2000.

ACTION: Mr. Martin made the motion, with a second by Mr. Smith, to approve the Resolution of Appreciation for Lisa Spikes. The motion carried unanimously.

D. Committee Appointments

Chair Davis stated that due to two vacancies on the Program Committee, appointments to this committee need to be made at this time. Chair Davis asked that the Council ratify the appointment of Harry Nichols and Wesley Wainwright to serve as members of the Program Committee for the remainder of the 2010-11 program year.

ACTION: Mr. Martin made the motion, with a second by Mr. Dodge, to ratify the appointment of Harry Nichols and Wesley Wainwright to the Program Committee for the remainder of the 2010-11 program year. The motion carried unanimously.

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Executive Committee

1. Removal of Surplus Property from List of Capital Assets

Mr. Scott Koons, Executive Director, reported that the items listed below are computer hardware of out-dated technology, with related equipment. Mr. Koons

stated that the Executive Committee recommended that this hardware be declared surplus property and that approval be given to dispose of this equipment in accordance with Council policy, which will result in transporting it to the Leveda Brown Hazardous Waste Collection Center in Alachua County.

Inventory #1341 Calcomp Digitizer, Serial # H7735
Inventory #1366 Power Base for Digitizer, Serial #25729
Inventory #3039 HP DJ 750C Plotter, Serial #ESA6644813
Inventory #3070 Cisco 1601 Router, Serial #JAB03144OXU
Inventory #3125 Dell Dimension 9100 Computer, Serial #HCS1N81
Inventory #3126 Dell Dimension 9100 Computer, Serial #8QS1N81
Inventory #3130 Dell Dimension 5150 Computer, Serial #19B1J91
Inventory #3131 Dell Dimension 5150 Computer, Serial #H8B1J91
Inventory #3132 Dell Dimension 5150 Computer, Serial #D8B1J91

ACTION: **Commissioner Spooner made the motion, with a second by Mr. Smith, to declare the above listed items as surplus property and to approve the disposal of this equipment in accordance with Council policy. The motion carried unanimously.**

2. Proclamation Concerning Hazardous Materials Awareness Week

Mr. Koons stated that the North Central Florida Local Emergency Planning Committee has the job of increasing the safety of our communities from chemical releases. He added that public outreach and education are important to increasing chemical safety in our communities. He stated that the Florida Division of Emergency Management has designated the week of February 13-19, 2011, as Hazardous Materials Awareness Week. Mr. Koons stated that the Executive Committee recommended that the Council proclaim the week of February 13-19, 2011 as Hazardous Materials Awareness Week by adopting the Hazardous Materials Awareness Week Proclamation, which is attached to these minutes and made a part thereof.

ACTION: **Mr. Smith made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Spooner, to proclaim the week of February 13-19, 2011 as Hazardous Materials Awareness Week throughout the north central Florida region by adopting the Hazardous Materials Awareness Week Proclamation, which is attached to these minutes and made a part thereof. The motion carried unanimously.**

3. Executive Director Appointed Member of SouthEast Regional Directors Institute of Peers

Chair Davis reported that the Florida Regional Councils Association Executive Directors Advisory Committee recently appointed our executive director, Scott Koons, as a member of the SouthEast Regional Directors Institute Council of Peers. He stated that Mr. Koons and two other executive directors from Florida will serve along with executive directors of other regional planning councils from across the 12-state southeastern region. He stated that the SouthEast Regional Directors Institute is a voluntary professional development association for regional council executive directors in the southeastern United States which provides technical assistance to regional council executive directors, their councils and their state associations. He further stated that the SouthEast

Regional Directors Institute is governed by a Council of Peers, the policy body for the organization responsible for identifying professional development training needs of executive directors and providing oversight of the administration of the organization.

No action was needed on this item.

B. Clearinghouse Committee

Clearinghouse Committee Chair Sandra Haas stated that the Clearinghouse Committee met on January 10, 2011 with a quorum present to review two local government comprehensive plan amendments for which the comment deadline occurred prior to the next regularly-scheduled Council meeting. She noted that a copy of the Committee comments were included in the Council meeting packet.

#42 - Madison County Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment

#45 - City of Newberry Comprehensive Plan Draft Evaluation and Appraisal Report

Ms. Haas further reported that the Clearinghouse Committee met earlier in the evening with a quorum present and reviewed two local government comprehensive plan amendments and two local government comprehensive plan adopted evaluation and appraisal reports. She further stated that these items were grouped for purposes of presentation.

#49 - Town of Brooker Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment

#50 - City of Fanning Springs Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment (added to agenda)

Ms. Haas stated that the Clearinghouse Committee found the local government comprehensive plans consistent with the regional plan. She stated that the Clearinghouse Committee recommended forwarding the findings contained in the staff reports to the respective local governments and the Florida Department of Community Affairs as regional comment.

ACTION: Ms. Haas made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Spooner, to approve the Clearinghouse Committee recommendations concerning Item #49, Town of Brooker Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment and Item #50, City of Fanning Springs Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment (added to agenda). The motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Haas stated that the Clearinghouse Committee reviewed the following two local government comprehensive plan adopted evaluation and appraisal reports.

#40 - City of Jasper Comprehensive Plan Adopted Evaluation and Appraisal Report

#43 - City of Fanning Springs Comprehensive Plan Adopted Evaluation and Appraisal Report

Ms. Haas reported that the Clearinghouse Committee found the local Comprehensive Plans, if amended as recommended by the evaluation and appraisal reports, would remain consistent with the regional plan. She stated that the Clearinghouse Committee recommended forwarding the findings contained in the staff reports to the respective local governments and the Florida Department of Community Affairs as regional comment.

ACTION: Ms. Haas made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Spooner, to approve the Clearinghouse Committee recommendations concerning Item #40, City of Jasper Comprehensive Plan Adopted Evaluation and Appraisal Report and Item #43 - City of Fanning Springs Comprehensive Plan Adopted Evaluation and Appraisal Report. The motion carried unanimously.

C. Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy Committee - Amendments to
Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy - 2008-12

Mr. Koons stated that since 1978, the Council has been designated by the U. S. Economic Development Administration as an Economic Development District. He stated that the Council is responsible for developing and adopting a Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy. He further stated that the purpose of the strategy is to analyze the regional economy and serve as a guide for establishing regional goals and objectives, developing and implementing a regional plan of action and identifying investment priorities and funding sources.

Mr. Koons reported that the Council has established a Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy Committee. The Committee is responsible for the development and maintenance of the strategy and making recommendations concerning the strategy to the Council for adoption. He reported that based upon the recommendation of the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy Committee, the Council adopted the current Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy in September 2007 and amended the Strategy in January 2010. He said that the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy Committee met on September 14, 2010 and October 19, 2010, to review activities conducted during the past year to support the goals and objectives of the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy. He said that based on that review, the Committee has prepared the draft amendments to the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy which were approved by the Council at its October 28, 2010 meeting.

Mr. Koons stated that prior to adoption and submission of the amendments to the U. S. Economic Development Administration, a 30-day period of public comment was required. The public comment period ended on December 13, 2010 with no comments received. He stated that the Committee recommended that the Council adopt the amendments to the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy and submit the adopted amendments to the U. S. Economic Development Administration.

ACTION: Mr. Smith made the motion, with a second by Mr. Martin, to adopt the amendments to the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy - 2008-12, dated October 28, 2010, as recommended by the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy Committee and approve the submission of the adopted amendments to the U. S. Economic Development Administration. The motion carried unanimously.

D. Finance Committee

1. Accept Fiscal Year 2009-10 Audit Report

Chair Davis introduced Mr. James Montgomery, Vice-Chair of the Finance Committee. Mr. Montgomery reported that the Finance Committee met earlier in the evening with the auditor and reviewed the Fiscal Year 2009-10 Annual Audit as prepared by Powell and Jones, Certified Public Accountants. He stated that the audit conforms with both federal regulations and the rules of the Auditor General of the State of Florida and the Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement 34 requirements and that there were no findings or concerns reported by the auditor. Mr. Montgomery stated that the Finance Committee recommended acceptance and approval of the FY 2009-10 Audit.

ACTION: Mr. Montgomery made the motion, with a second by Mr. Dodge to accept and approve the Fiscal Year 2009-10 Annual Audit as prepared by Powell and Jones, Certified Public Accountants. The motion carried unanimously.

2. Authorize Payment of Auditor

Mr. Montgomery further reported that the Finance Committee recommended that final payment be made to the auditor, Powell and Jones, Certified Public Accountants for the preparation of the FY 2009-10 Audit.

ACTION: Mr. Montgomery made the motion, with a second by Mr. Martin to make final payment to the auditor, Powell and Jones, Certified Public Accountants for the preparation of the FY 2009-10 Audit. The motion carried unanimously.

E. Nominating Committee

Chair Davis introduced Commissioner Myra Valentine, Chair of the Nominating Committee. Commissioner Valentine reported that the Nominating Committee met on January 21, 2011 to make, for the Council's consideration, recommendations regarding the Secretary-Treasurer position and an Executive Committee member to serve for the remainder of the 2010-11 program year. The Nominating Committee recommendations for the Secretary-Treasurer and Executive Committee Member-at-Large positions were, as follows.

Secretary-Treasurer - Roy Ellis, Madison County
Executive Committee Member-at-Large - Lorene Thomas, Dixie County

Commissioner Valentine reported that these recommendations resulted in a vacancy on the Board of Directors. She stated that the Nominating Committee recommendation for the Board of Directors position was, as follows.

Board of Directors - Ronny Morgan, Hamilton County

Chair Davis then opened the floor for nominations from Council members. There were no nominations made from the floor.

ACTION: Commissioner Valentine made the motion, with a second by Mr. Martin, to close the nominations and elect the nominees to the Executive Committee and the Board of Directors as recommended by the Nominating Committee. The motion carried unanimously.

VI. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

A. Legislative Report

Budget

Mr. Koons reported that the Florida Department of Community Affairs budget request for Fiscal Year 2011-12 submitted to the Governor includes an appropriation request of \$2.5 million for all 11 regional planning councils. This is the same level of funding provided in Fiscal Year 2010-11 appropriation. The estimated Council's share of the appropriation would be approximately \$179,000.

Florida Department of Community Affairs

Mr. Koons stated that last year the Legislature continued the two-year agency sunset review of the Department to this legislative session. He added that the sunset process will either reauthorize the Department as presently constituted, reorganize the duties and responsibilities of the Department, or abolish the Department. He reported that Governor Scott appointed Billy Buzzett as the new Secretary of the Florida Department of Community Affairs. Mr. Buzzett has 25 years experience in engineering, law, and land development. Graduating with a degree in civil engineering, he practiced for several years before receiving his law degree. After graduating from law school, Mr. Buzzett worked in private practice and then worked for the Florida Legislature and as Assistant General Counsel to Governor Martinez.

Growth Management

Mr. Koons reviewed the three bills filed in the Senate to address the ongoing Senate Bill 360 litigation. Senate Bill 174, growth management, Senate Bill 176, affordable housing and Senate Bill 172, security cameras. He stated that if passed, these three bills would cover the existing law in Senate Bill 360 in the event that the State loses the pending lawsuit. He stated that Senator Bennett, Chair of the Senate Community Affairs Committee, has filed Senate Bill 174, which re-enacts provisions relating to dense urban land areas with a density of 1,000 persons per square mile and exempts these areas from the development review process.

Regulatory Reform

Mr. Koons reviewed the report issued by Governor Scott's Regulatory Reform Transition Team on December 20, 2010. He stated that the report contained several recommendations concerning growth management. He stated that the Team recommended shifting the policy paradigm from growth management to growth leadership by substantively reworking Chapters 163 and 380, Florida Statutes and creating a new framework for inducing responsible economic growth rather than stopping it, deconstructing the Florida Department of Community Affairs by refocusing discrete components as part of a newly created, more muscular State economic development

organization; and let cities be cities by eliminating State oversight of local comprehensive planning.

Mr. Koons further reported that the Team recommended combining the Florida Department of Community Affairs, the Florida Department of Transportation and the Florida Department of Environmental Protection into a single Florida Department of Growth Leadership through legislative action in 2011. He stated that the Team recommended integrating other agencies as determined by mission and evaluation, such as regional planning councils, water management districts and Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission through legislative action in 2012.

B. Gubernatorial Executive Orders

Mr. Koons reported that immediately after being sworn in as Florida's 45th governor, Governor Scott signed executive orders to freeze regulations and require state agencies to verify legal immigration status. He also established a new ethics policy and affirmed his commitment to diversity in employment.

Executive Order No. 11-01 freezes all new regulations and establishes the Office of Fiscal Accountability and Regulatory Reform.

Executive Order No. 11-02 requires state agencies to use the E-Verify system to verify employment eligibility of state employees and contractors.

Executive Order No. 11-03 establishes the Governor's policy on ethics and open government.

Executive Order No. 11-04 reaffirms the Governor's commitment to diversity in government.

C. Foley Master Development of Regional Impact Status Report

Mr. Koons stated that on November 5 and November 12, 2009, a pre-application conference was held with the applicant and review agencies for the master development of regional impact to begin the review process. The Foley Timber and Land Company intend to submit an application for Master Development Approval for the Foley Master Development of Regional Impact. The project is located in Taylor County and is designed to implement the Taylor County Vision 2060. The revised development is anticipated to consist of 32,710 residential dwelling units, 2,686,400 square feet of retail commercial, 1,318,900 square feet of office, 650,000 square feet of industrial/warehousing, 1,250 hotel rooms, a 600-bed hospital and educational/institutional uses.

Mr. Koons stated that transportation methodology meetings were held with the applicant and review agencies on December 1, 2009 and December 17, 2009. Following the December 17, 2009 transportation methodology meeting, the County had received from the Florida Department of Community Affairs the Objections, Recommendations and Comment Report concerning the County Evaluation and Appraisal Report amendments which include portions of the Taylor County Vision 2060. He stated that based upon the Objections, Recommendations and Comment Report, the applicant had requested that future transportation methodology meetings not be scheduled until the County responds to the objections raised by the Florida Department of Community Affairs in the Objections, Recommendations and Comment Report. The County recently responded to

the Objections, Recommendations and Comment Report and adopted Evaluation and Appraisal Report amendments. He stated that the final transportation methodology meeting was held on September 8, 2010 and that the Master Development Agreement among the applicant, County and Council concerning the review process was approved by the Council on October 28, 2010.

Mr. Koons further reported that on December 8, 2010, in accordance with the transportation methodology, a meeting attended by the applicant, County representatives, state agencies and Council staff was held to review pass-by trips, background traffic and modeling for trip distribution and assignment of project trips. He stated that the applicant has indicated that they anticipate submitting the Application for Master Development Approval for sufficiency review within the next few months.

D. Suwannee River Water Management District Water Supply Planning Coordination

Mr. Koons stated that the Council adopted an Evaluation and Appraisal Report of the North Central Florida Strategic Regional Policy Plan in October 2008 and in January 2010, the Council transmitted proposed amendments to the North Central Florida Strategic Regional Policy Plan based upon the Evaluation and Appraisal Report to state agencies, regional agencies and local governments for review and comment. He reported that the Council received comments from the St. Johns River Water Management District raising objections to the proposed interbasin transfer of water policy of the North Central Florida Strategic Regional Policy Plan. He stated that the water supply assessment completed by the Suwannee River Water Management District identified the Upper Santa Fe Basin as a Water Supply Planning Region. In addition, the water supply assessment has identified three river basins in the north central Florida region as proposed Water Supply Planning Regions - the Lower Santa Fe River Basin, Alapaha River Basin and the Upper Suwannee River Region.

Mr. Koons stated that since over 90 percent of the geographic area of the north central Florida region is located within the Suwannee River Water Management District, at its October 28, 2010 meeting, the Council authorized the Chair, Executive Director and Council Attorney to meet with the Suwannee River Water Management District Governing Board to make a presentation concerning the roles and responsibilities of regional planning councils, and to coordinate policy concerning the interbasin transfer of water and that on November 9, 2010, the Chair, Executive Director and the Council Attorney met with the Suwannee River Water Management District Governing Board in Cedar Key to present the roles and responsibilities of regional planning councils, review the goals and policies concerning natural resources of regional significance as outlined in the North Central Florida Strategic Regional Policy Plan and discuss the proposed interbasin transfer of water policy. He added that on January 11, 2011, Council staff also attended the Suwannee River Water Management District Governing Board meeting in Live Oak where the Governing Board adopted a policy concerning interbasin transfer of water.

Mr. Koons stated that the Regional Planning Committee of the Council met earlier in the evening to discuss the proposed amendment to the North Central Florida Strategic Regional Policy Plan concerning the interbasin transfer of water. He then introduced Mr. Jonathan Wershow, Council Attorney, who was in attendance at the Regional Planning Committee meeting.

Mr. Wershow stated that the Regional Planning Committee met earlier in the evening and reviewed the objections to the Council's proposed interbasin transfer of water policy by the St. Johns River Water Management District and the policy adopted by the Suwannee River Water Management District. He stated that the Regional Planning Committee will be recommending to the Council adoption of a policy concerning the interbasin transfer of water in response to comments received from the St. Johns River Water Management District and the Suwannee River Water Management District.

E. Florida Regional Councils Association Policy Board Update

Mr. Koons reported that he and Vice-Chair Martin attended the semi-annual meeting of the Florida Regional Councils Association Policy Board held in Tallahassee on January 14, 2011. He reported that Amy Baker, Coordinator, Florida Office of Economic & Demographic Research addressed the Policy Board and reported on the economic downturn and the outlook for Florida's economy. Kathy Neil, Director of Policy Planning, Florida Department of Transportation reported on the recently completed 2060 Florida Transportation Plan. Fred Abousleman, Executive Director, National Association of Regional Councils reported on Regionalism: A National Perspective.

Mr. Koons also reported that other speakers included John Wayne Smith, Legislative Director, Florida Association of Counties and Casey Cook, Membership Programs Administrator, Florida League of Cities. Mr. Koons stated that Ron Book, Executive Director of the Florida Regional Councils Association gave a report concerning state legislative matters focusing on state budget issues. He reported that the Policy Board reviewed the financial statements of the Association and made appointments to the Nominating Committee.

F. North Central Florida Rural Planning Network Meeting

Mr. Koons reported that a meeting of the North Central Florida Rural Planning Network will be held on January 28, 2011. The North Central Florida Rural Planning Network includes the 10 rural counties of the north central Florida region and Baker, Jefferson, Levy and Putnam Counties. Mr. Koons stated that the meeting will be held at the Lake City Price Creek Water Treatment Plant in Lake City and will be hosted by Columbia County and co-sponsored by the Council. He stated that the guest speakers participating in the workshop are Carlos Herd, Senior Hydrogeologist, Suwannee River Water Management District, and Kraig McLane, Governmental Affairs Manager, St. Johns River Water Management District.

Chair Davis informed the Council that the next Council meeting will be held on February 24, 2011 at the Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites in Lake City. The meeting was adjourned at 8:21 p.m.



Louie Davis, Chair

2/24/11

Date

PROCLAMATION

DECLARING FEBRUARY 13-19, 2011 AS HAZARDOUS MATERIALS AWARENESS WEEK

WHEREAS, the safe use of hazardous materials is essential to citizens, business, industry and local governments to maintain economic stability and the public health; and

WHEREAS, the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council recognizes the importance of protecting our communities from both accidental and deliberate releases of hazardous materials and joins the North Central Florida Local Emergency Planning Committee, and numerous municipalities, counties and school boards, in publicly promoting community hazardous materials safety; and

WHEREAS, it is essential for local governments, regional planning councils and local emergency planning committees to work together to increase community safety by encouraging emergency responders to attend free training on how to safely respond to releases of hazardous materials; and

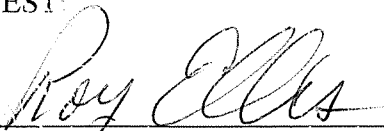
WHEREAS, citizens need to know that local governments, businesses, emergency responders and emergency planners are working together to ensure that our communities are as prepared as possible for both accidental and deliberate releases of hazardous materials.

NOW, THEREFORE, the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council hereby declares the week of February 13-19, 2011 as Hazardous Materials Awareness Week throughout the north central Florida region.


DULY ADOPTED AND PROCLAIMED this 27th day of January 2011.

ATTEST:

SEAL



Roy Ellis, Secretary-Treasurer



Louie Davis, Chair