

NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL  
MINUTES

Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites  
Lake City, Florida

June 30, 2011  
7:30 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

**Stephen Bailey, Columbia County**  
Susan Bottcher, City of Gainesville  
Ben Boukari, Jr., City of Alachua  
*Thomas Collett, Alachua County*  
**Louie Davis, City of Waldo**  
Rusty DePratter, Columbia County  
Alphonso Dowdell, City of Perry  
**Roy Ellis, Madison County**  
*Sandra Haas, Suwannee County*  
**Donnie Hamlin, Lafayette County**  
Thomas Hawkins, City of Gainesville  
*Charles Maultsby, Taylor County*  
*James Montgomery, Columbia County*  
**Garth Nobles, Jr., City of Live Oak**  
Eleanor Randall, City of Hawthorne  
Daniel Riddick, Bradford County  
**Carolyn Spooner, City of Starke**  
**Kenrick Thomas, Gilchrist County**  
**Myra Valentine, City of Madison**  
**Stephen Witt, City of Lake City**

MEMBERS ABSENT

*Adeniyi Aderibigbe, Lafayette County*  
Susan Baird, Alachua County  
LaBarfield Bryant, City of Jasper  
Mike Byerly, Alachua County  
Todd Chase, City of Gainesville  
Paula DeLaney, Alachua County  
Schervin Henry, City of Gainesville  
Jason Holifield, Dixie County  
Jordan Marlowe, City of Newberry  
Ronny Morgan, Hamilton County  
Frank Ogborn, City of Archer  
Lee Pinkoson, Alachua County  
James Tallman, Union County  
**Lorene Thomas, Dixie County**  
Wesley Wainwright, Suwannee County  
Randy Wells, City of Gainesville  
Mark Wiggins, Taylor County  
Byran Williams, City of High Springs  
*Charles Williams, Hamilton County*  
Mike Williams, Madison County

OTHERS PRESENT

Hon. Gib Coerper, City of Alachua  
Diana Davis  
Hon. Gabe Green, City of Archer  
George Haas  
Eddie Martin  
Kyle Mitchell, Intern to Commissioner Bottcher  
Joseph Riddick

COUNCIL ATTORNEY PRESENT

Jonathan Wershow

STAFF PRESENT

Steve Dopp  
Scott Koons  
Carol Laine  
Jean Strong

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS PRESENT

Jordan Green, FL Dept. of Transportation  
Kraig McLane, St. Johns River Water  
Management District

**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 7:30 p.m., with an invocation given by Mr. Eddie Martin and the pledge of allegiance to the flag. He stated that there was a quorum of the Board and all Council members were able to vote.

Chair Davis introduced and welcomed Mayor Gib Coerper from the City of Alachua, Commissioner Gabe Green from the City of Archer, George Haas, husband of Council member Sandra Haas, former Council member Joseph Riddick and the Chair's wife, Diana Davis.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - May 26, 2011

Chair Davis asked that the minutes of the May 26, 2011 meeting be approved as written.

**ACTION: Ms. Haas made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Ellis, to approve the minutes of the May 26, 2011 meeting as written. The motion carried unanimously.**

III. CONSENT AGENDA - Community Development Block Grant Housing Rehabilitation  
Administrative Services Agreement - Bradford County

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

**ACTION: Commissioner Ellis 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 member, Commissioner Susan Bottcher from the City of Gainesville and Commissioner Bottcher's Intern, Mr. Kyle Mitchell.

B. Transportation Disadvantaged Program Resolution of Appreciation - Robert Little

Chair Davis asked that a Resolution of Appreciation for past services be approved for Robert Little, who served as the Veterans Representative on the Columbia County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board since September 2003.

**ACTION: Commissioner Bailey made the motion, with a second by Ms. Haas, to approve the Resolution of Appreciation for Robert Little. The motion carried unanimously.**

C. Resolutions of Appreciation - David Biddle  
David Dodge

Chair Davis asked that Resolutions of Appreciation for past services to the Council be approved for Mr. David Biddle, who served as a gubernatorial representative for Gilchrist County since January 2010 and Mr. David Dodge, who served as a gubernatorial representative for Bradford County since April 2001.

**ACTION: Commissioner Valentine made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Ellis, to approve the Resolutions of Appreciation for Mr. David Biddle and Mr. David Dodge. The motion carried unanimously.**

Chair Davis asked that a Resolution of Appreciation for past services to the Council be approved for Mr. Eddie Martin, who served as a gubernatorial representative for Alachua County since December 2005.

**ACTION: Commissioner Spooner made the motion, with a second by Ms. Haas, to approve the Resolution of Appreciation for Mr. Eddie Martin. The motion carried unanimously.**

Mr. Scott Koons, Executive Director, then presented a 40-year certificate of service to Mr. Martin for his 40 years of dedicated service to the Council. He stated that Mr. Martin served the Council for 10 years as a citizen participant beginning in 1971, as a city commissioner representing the City of Hawthorne for 24 years and as a gubernatorial appointee representing Alachua County for 6 years until June 2011.

Mr. Martin then thanked the Council for the certificate of service and for allowing him to serve the Council and the north central Florida region.

## V. COMMITTEE REPORTS

### A. Executive Committee

Chair Davis stated that there were no items to report.

## VI. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Koons stated that the employee health insurance proposal was received from United Healthcare. He stated that United Healthcare has offered to continue health insurance coverage for the Council with an increase in premiums for the coming year beginning September 1, 2011 of 15.0 percent. He stated that a special meeting of the Executive Committee would be scheduled before the next regularly scheduled Council meeting to review health insurance alternative proposals and make a recommendation to the Council at the next meeting.

### A. St. Johns River Water Management District Jacksonville Consumptive Use Permit

Mr. Koons stated that on May 10, 2011, the St. Johns River Water Management District Governing Board, by a vote of 7-1, granted a 20-year consumptive use permit to the Jacksonville Electric Authority which combined 27 existing separate permits into a single permit. He stated that the 27 separate permits allowed up to 155 million gallons per day withdrawal of groundwater from the Floridan Aquifer. Currently, the Jacksonville Electric Authority withdraws 116 million gallons per day of groundwater. The new 20-year permit allows groundwater withdrawal of up to 142 million gallons per day.

Mr. Koons reported that between 2021-2031, water consumption could increase from 142 million gallons per day to 155 million gallons per day, if the Jacksonville Electric Authority meets certain specified water reclamation targets. The targets are 13.12 million gallons per day in 2021 and 43.76 million gallons per day by 2030. He stated that in 2010, the Jacksonville Electric Authority reclaimed 11.05 million gallons per day. In 2010, the Jacksonville Electric Authority generated 87 million gallons per day of treated wastewater.

Mr. Koons stated that if water reclamation targets are met, the Jacksonville Electric Authority will be able to increase its withdrawal to 155 million gallons per day. If water reclamation targets are exceeded, the Jacksonville Electric Authority will be able to increase withdrawal to 162 million gallons per day, being 46 million gallons per day or 40 percent more than currently being withdrawn from the Floridan Aquifer.

Mr. Koons stated that the Suwannee River Water Management District has raised questions concerning data used to justify the granting of the permit in a letter dated May 27, 2011 sent to the St. Johns River Water Management District. He stated that they have raised concerns about both existing and anticipated future adverse impacts to groundwater levels in the Floridan Aquifer and reduced spring flows in the Suwannee River Water Management District resulting from the groundwater withdrawn by the Jacksonville Electric Authority.

B. 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.

Mr. Koons reported 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 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. 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. The final transportation methodology meeting was held on September 8, 2010. 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 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.

Mr. Koons reported that on June 14, 2011, a meeting was held between the applicant and Council staff to discuss a proposed development of regional impact related Comprehensive

Plan amendment for the project. At the meeting, the applicant indicated that they anticipate submitting both the development of regional impact Comprehensive Plan amendment and the Application for Master Development Approval for sufficiency review next month.

C. 2010-11 Member Certificates of Outstanding Attendance

Mr. Koons stated that an essential component of the ability of the Council to conduct its business is the regular attendance of members at Council meetings. He reported that a Council Member Attendance Recognition Program was established by the Council to recognize the commitment of those Council members actively engaged in the organization by regularly attending Council meetings. Mr. Koons then awarded Certificates of Outstanding Attendance to Commissioner Roy Ellis, Madison County, Councilman Alphonso Dowdell, City of Perry, Eddie Martin, Alachua County, gubernatorial appointee, James Montgomery, Columbia County gubernatorial appointee and Mayor Garth Nobles, Jr., City of Live Oak in recognition of their attendance at every scheduled Council meeting during Program Year 2010-11.

D. Executive Director's Cup

Mr. Koons stated that in furtherance of the Council's Council Member Attendance Recognition Program and to encourage attendance at Council meetings, an Executive Director's Cup is awarded each year to recognize the perfect attendance by either county, city or gubernatorial members during a program year. Mr. Koons then co-awarded the Program Year 2010-11 Executive Director's Cup to city members Councilman Alphonso Dowdell, City of Perry and Mayor Garth Nobles, Jr., City of Live Oak and gubernatorial members Eddie Martin, Alachua County and James Montgomery, Columbia County.

E. Original Florida Tourism Task Force Familiarization Tour

Mr. Koons stated that the Council provides staff services to the Original Florida Tourism Task Force to assist them in implementing their work program. In order to increase tourism generated revenues in the north Florida region, the Original Florida Tourism Task Force implements campaigns to increase tourist visits to the Natural North Florida region. He stated that the Original Florida Tourism Task Force conducted a culinary themed press familiarization tour on June 13-16, 2011. The tour highlighted the local culinary treasures of counties in the region.

He further stated that journalists sampled different local specialties at each location along the route, from Madison to Monticello to Tallahassee. Along the way, the writers learned about local foods with tours of the Bea Sweet Watermelon Packers, Tuten Farms and O'Tooles Herb Farm in Madison County, tours of Green Meadows Blueberry Farm and Golden Acres Farm and a farm to table dinner at Avera-Clark House in Jefferson County a tour of Mission San Luis Winery and a wine tasting along with a tour of Bradley's Country Store in Leon County, as well as experiencing the fine culinary opportunities the region has to offer.

F. Florida Department of Community Affairs Growth Management Workshop

Mr. Koons stated that six workshops have been scheduled in place of the annual Florida Department of Community Affairs Growth Management Implementation Workshop held in June of each year. He reported that one of the workshops, co-sponsored by the Council and the Withlacoochee Regional Planning Council, was held on June 27, 2011 from 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, Doyle Conner Building, 1911 Southwest 34th Street (State Road 121), Gainesville, Florida. He further reported that Secretary Buzzett and Department staff discussed the 2011 Legislative Session and its impact on the Florida Department of Community Affairs and the State's growth management programs at the workshop held in Gainesville.

G. 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 July 8, 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 R.O. Ranch Equestrian Park in Lafayette County and will be hosted by Lafayette County and co-sponsored by the Council. He stated that the guest speakers participating in the workshop are Eric Black from the Florida Forest Service, Terry Demott, Senior Land Resource Coordinator of the Suwannee River Water Management District, Brian Kauffman, Facilities Director of the R.O. Ranch Equestrian Park and Sandra Joseph, Senior Planner, North Central Florida Regional Planning Council.

H. Regional Directory

Mr. Koons stated that, pursuant to Council authorization, staff prepared a regional directory of local governments in the region and state and federal agencies. He reported that earlier this week, the 2011 Regional Directory was mailed to local, regional, state and federal officials, and planning and related agencies. He added that a downloadable version of the 2011 Regional Directory in pdf format is also available on the Council website at [www.ncfrpc.org](http://www.ncfrpc.org).

I. Financial Disclosure Report Filing

Mr. Koons reminded all gubernatorial appointees to the Council to file their financial disclosure forms with the supervisor of elections in their respective counties by July 1, 2011.

Chair Davis informed the Council that the next Council meeting will be held on July 28, 2011 at the Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites in Lake City. The meeting was adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

  
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Louie Davis, Chair

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7/28/11  
Date