

NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL
MINUTES

Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites
Lake City, Florida

October 25, 2012
7:30 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Stephen Bailey, Columbia County
LaBarfield Bryant, City of Jasper
Thomas Collett, Alachua County
Louie Davis, City of Waldo
Alphonso Dowdell, City of Perry
Sandra Haas, Suwannee County
Donnie Hamlin, Lafayette County
James Montgomery, Columbia County
Ronny Morgan, Hamilton County
Garth Nobles, Jr., City of Live Oak
Daniel Riddick, Bradford County
Carolyn Spooner, City of Starke
Kenrick Thomas, Gilchrist County
Lorene Thomas, Dixie County
Wesley Wainwright, Suwannee County
Charles Williams, Hamilton County
Mike Williams, Madison County

STAFF PRESENT

Steve Dopp
Scott Koons
Carol Laine
Jean Strong

COUNCIL ATTORNEY PRESENT

Jon Wershow

Board Members names are bolded
Gubernatorial Members names are italicized

MEMBERS ABSENT

Susan Baird, Alachua County
Bob Barnas, City of High Springs
Mike Byerly, Alachua County
Jim Catron, City of Madison
Todd Chase, City of Gainesville
Paula DeLaney, Alachua County
Rusty DePratter, Columbia County
Roy Ellis, Madison County
Thomas Hawkins, City of Gainesville
Yvonne Hinson-Rawls, City of Gainesville
Jason Holifield, Dixie County
Jordan Marlowe, City of Newberry
Frank Ogborn, City of Archer
Lee Pinkoson, Alachua County
Lauren Poe, City of Gainesville
Eleanor Randall, City of Hawthorne
James Tallman, Union County
Randy Wells, City of Gainesville
Mark Wiggins, Taylor County
Robert Wilford, City of Alachua
Stephen Witt, City of Lake City

OTHERS PRESENT

Barney Bennett, Florida Dept. of Transportation
Tim Bennett, City of Madison
David Cobb, Florida Power and Light
Diana Davis
Buddy Haas

I. INVOCATION, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND INTRODUCTIONS

Chair Thomas called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m. with an invocation given by Commissioner Spooner and a pledge of allegiance to the flag. She stated that there was a quorum of the Board.

Chair Thomas welcomed and introduced Tim Bennett, City Manager from the City of Madison Barney Bennett, from the Florida Department of Transportation. She also introduced and welcomed Diana Davis, wife of Mayor Louie Davis, Buddy Haas, husband of Council member Sandra Haas and David Cobb, from Florida Power and Light.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - September 27, 2012

Chair Thomas asked that the minutes of the September 27, 2012 meeting be approved as written.

ACTION: Commissioner Wainwright made the motion, with a second by Mayor Davis to approve the minutes of the September 27, 2012 meeting as written. The motion carried unanimously.

III. CONSENT AGENDA

Chair Thomas stated there were no consent agenda items.

IV. CHAIR'S REPORT

Chair Thomas reported there were no new members to introduce.

V. PRESENTATION OF THE NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA ECONOMIC AND DISASTER RESILIENCY STUDY

A presentation of the North Central Florida Economic and Disaster Resiliency Study was given by Steven Dopp, Senior Planner of the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council. Mr. Dopp discussed that in August 2008, seven of the region's 11 counties, Alachua, Bradford, Dixie, Hamilton, Suwannee, Taylor and Union, sustained significant property damage caused by Tropical Storm Fay and were declared eligible for federal disaster relief funding. He stated in order to prepare the north central Florida region to rebound economically from future natural disasters and to aid in a more rapid recovery effort, the Council requested and received funding from the U.S. Department of Commerce, Economic Development Administration to conduct an economic and disaster resiliency study. He noted that the study documents existing conditions in the 11 counties in the north central Florida region and reviews the potential impacts of a catastrophic event with respect to the regional economy.

VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Executive Committee

1. Resolution Recognizing Service of Matthew Chase as Executive Director, National Association of Development Organizations

Mr. Koons stated that under the leadership of Matthew Chase, the National Association of Development Organizations grew to become a prominent advocate for the nation's regional development organizations and for the critical role they play in providing regional approaches and solutions to local challenges.

ACTION: Mayor Davis made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Spooner, to approve the attached resolution recognizing the service of Matthew Chase as Executive Director, National Association of Development Organizations. The motion carried unanimously.

2. Appointment of North Central Florida Areawide Development Co., Inc. Members

Mr. Koons reported that the articles of incorporation of the small business loan company, the North Central Florida Areawide Development Co., Inc., require that the Council make appointments of its members. These appointments are to be made on even numbered years for two-year terms.

ACTION: Councilman Dowdell made the motion, with a second by Councilman Bryant, to appoint Stephen Bailey, Columbia County, LaBarfield Bryant, Hamilton County, Thomas Collett, Alachua County, Louie Davis, Alachua County, Rusty DePratter, Columbia County, Alphonso Dowdell, Taylor County, Sandra Haas, Suwannee County, Curtis Hamlin, Lafayette County, Thomas Hawkins, Alachua County, James Montgomery, Columbia County, Garth Nobles, Jr., Suwannee County, Frank Ogborn, Alachua County, David Pieklik, Levy County, Lauren Poe, Alachua County, Eleanor Randall, Alachua County, Daniel Riddick, Bradford County, Kevin Sheilley, Marion County, Carolyn Spooner, Bradford County, James Tallman, Union County, Kenrick Thomas, Gilchrist County, Lorene Thomas, Dixie County, Wesley Wainwright, Suwannee County, Charles Williams, Hamilton County, Mike Williams, Madison County, and Stephen Witt, Columbia County for two-year terms to the North Central Florida Areawide Development Co., Inc. The motion carried unanimously.

3. Proclamation Declaring November 2012 as Florida Jobs Month

Mr. Koons reported the month of November 2012 is being designated by Governor Scott as Florida Jobs Month.

ACTION: Mr. Mike Williams made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Wainwright, to proclaim November 2012 as Florida Jobs Month in north central Florida by adopting the attached proclamation. The motion carried unanimously.

B. Clearinghouse Committee

Clearinghouse Committee Chair Sandra Haas, gave the Clearinghouse Committee report. She stated that the Clearinghouse Committee met earlier in the evening and reviewed one local government comprehensive plan amendment.

1. #1 - City of Live Oak Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment.

Chair Haas stated that regarding Item #1 - City of Live Oak Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment the Clearinghouse Committee finds that the comprehensive plan, as amended, does not create significant adverse impacts to Natural Resources of Regional Significance, regional facilities or adjacent local governments.

ACTION: Clearinghouse Chair Haas made the motion, with a second by Mr. Montgomery, to approve the Clearinghouse Committee recommendation concerning Item # 1, City of Live Oak Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment. The motion carried unanimously.

VII. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

A. Florida Regional Councils Association Monthly Report

Mr. Koons reported that the Florida Regional Councils Association is the statewide organization of the 11 regional planning councils. The Association strengthens Florida's regional planning councils, partners with government and the business community to enhance regional economic prosperity and improves the consistency and quality of regional planning councils programs to ensure they add value to state, regional and local initiatives. He stated that the accomplishments of the Association's Director of Intergovernmental Affairs, Sheri Coven, are reported each month at the Council meeting. He also highlighted several of the accomplishments listed in the September 2012 report that was included in the Council meeting packet.

B. Florida Chamber Foundation Scorecard™

Mr. Koons stated that the Florida Chamber Foundation has developed the Florida Scorecard™ to provide Florida leaders the metrics needed to secure Florida's future. The Florida Chamber Foundation's objective to developing a 20-year, statewide strategic plan requires a commitment to measuring our current status and progress toward the stated goals of the Six Pillars 20-year Strategic Plan. He further stated that the Scorecard reports metrics for each of the Six Pillars benchmarked to the other 49 states. The Six Pillars are Talent Supply and Education, Innovation and Economic Development, Infrastructure and Growth Leadership, Business Climate and Competitiveness, Civic and Governance Systems and Quality of Life and Quality Places. He added that the Scorecard™ is presented each month at the Council meeting. He reviewed the October 2012 Scorecard™ that was included in the Council meeting packet.

C. National Association of Development Organizations Innovation Awards

Mr. Koons reported that the National Association of Development Organizations is a Washington, D.C.-based association that promotes programs and policies that strengthen local governments, communities and economies through regional cooperation, program delivery and comprehensive strategies. The Association's Innovation Awards program recognizes regional development organizations and partnering organizations for improving the economic and community competitiveness of our nation's regions and local communities.

Mr. Koons stated that the Association recently awarded the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council two 2012 Innovation Awards. The first award was for the North Central Florida Economic and Disaster Resiliency Study and the second award was for the North Central Florida Strategic Regional Policy Plan. The 2012 slate of awardees included 64 projects representing 52 National Association of Development Organizations members from 22 states.

D. North Florida Water Supply Partnership

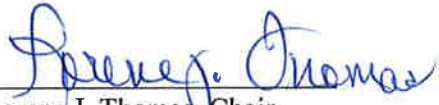
Mr. Koons reported that in September 2011, the St. Johns River Water Management District, the Suwannee River Water Management District and the Florida Department of Environmental Protection entered into an agreement that formalizes the coordination of water resource management in north Florida. He added that the Stakeholder Advisory Committee, which was formed in May 2012, serves as an advisory body to offer viewpoints from stakeholder groups to the St. Johns River and Suwannee River Water Management Districts and the Florida Department of Environmental Protection to help address the water supply issues of north Florida. He stated that the Stakeholder Committee representatives closely coordinate with the constituencies they represent, as well as being responsive to the interested public.

Mr. Koons also reported that the Stakeholder Advisory Committee met on September 24, 2012 in Lake City. At that meeting, the Committee heard updates on groundwater modeling and minimum flow and level process and recovery strategies and reviewed the work plan for the regional water supply plan. The Committee also received a briefing on north Florida hydrogeology. He added that the next meeting of the Stakeholder Advisory Committee will be on October 29, 2012.

F. Florida Leaders Organized for Water

Mr. Koons reported that on October 8, 2012, the eighth meeting of the Florida Leaders Organized for Water was held in Lake City. He stated that the Board of Directors heard a presentation by Dr. Helen Miller, Mayor of White Springs, concerning proposed water resources legislation. He added that the Board of Directors approved the legislative proposal. Finally Mr. Koons stated that Council members Commissioner Lee Pinkoson from Alachua County and Commissioner Wesley Wainwright from Suwannee County are serving as representatives for their respective counties to the organization.

Chair Thomas informed the Council that the next Council meeting will be held on December 13, 2012 at the Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites in Lake City. The meeting was adjourned at 8:36 p.m.



Lorene J. Thomas, Chair

12/13/12

Date

PROCLAMATION

DECLARING NOVEMBER 2012 AS FLORIDA JOBS MONTH

WHEREAS, the economic climate in Florida is one that encourages job creation and economic development; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity has recently completed the Five-Year Florida Strategic Plan for Economic Development, July 2012 to June 2017, in cooperation with regional planning councils, economic development organizations and the private sector, establishing goals, objectives and strategies to advance the vision of making Florida the nation's top performing economy and being recognized as the world's best place to live, learn, work and do business; and

WHEREAS, the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council, designated an economic development district by the U.S. Department of Commerce, Economic Development Administration, is responsible for developing and updating a comprehensive economic development strategy; and

WHEREAS, the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council, on September 27, 2012, adopted the five-year update of the North Central Florida Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy 2013-2017, establishing goals, objectives and strategies to enhance and diversify the economy of north central Florida; and

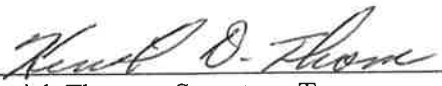
WHEREAS, Governor Rick Scott is designating the month of November 2012 as Florida Jobs Month throughout the State of Florida.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council that the month of November 2012 is hereby proclaimed as **Florida Jobs Month** throughout the north central Florida region.

DULY ADOPTED AND PROCLAIMED this 25th day of October 2012.

ATTEST:

SEAL



Kenrick Thomas, Secretary-Treasurer



Lorene J. Thomas, Chair

RESOLUTION NO. 2012-06

**RECOGNIZING SERVICE OF
MATTHEW CHASE**

**AS
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR,
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATIONS**

WHEREAS, the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council, a regional development organization, is a Platinum Member of the National Association of Development Organizations;

WHEREAS, Matthew Chase held positions in the National Association of Development Organizations as Legislative Director from 1997 to 2000, as Deputy Executive Director from 2000 to 2003 and as Executive Director from 2003 to 2012;

WHEREAS, under the leadership of Matthew Chase, the National Association of Development Organizations grew to become a prominent advocate for the regional development organizations throughout the nation and for the critical role they play in providing regional approaches and solutions to local challenges;

WHEREAS, Matthew Chase has fought tirelessly over the years to retain the U.S. Economic Development Administration in the federal budget by sharing the successes, lessons learned and noteworthy practices of economic development districts across the nation;

WHEREAS, the foresight of Mathew Chase has led to National Association of Development Organizations partnerships with the National Association of Counties, the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials and the Federal Highway Administration; and

WHEREAS, Matthew Chase resigned as Executive Director of the National Association of Development Organizations on September 14, 2012 and accepted a position as Executive Director of the National Association of Counties.

NOW, THEREFORE, the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council hereby recognizes the outstanding contributions of Matthew Chase to the advancement of regional development organizations in Florida and throughout the nation.

DULY ADOPTED AND PROCLAIMED this 25th day of October 2012.

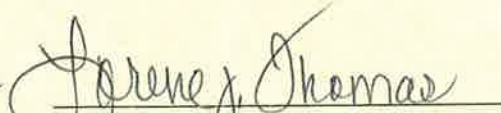
Attest:

NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA
REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

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Kenrick Thomas.
Secretary-Treasurer



Lorene J. Thomas
Chair