

NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL
MINUTES

Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites
Lake City, Florida

June 20, 2013
7:30 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Susan Baird, Alachua County
LaBarfield Bryant, City of Jasper
Jim Catron, City of Madison
Charles Chestnut IV, Alachua County
Karen Cossey, Union County
Rick Davis, Madison County
Sandra Haas, Suwannee County
Donnie Hamlin, Lafayette County
Robert Hutchinson, Alachua County
James Montgomery, Columbia County
Garth Nobles, Jr., City of Live Oak
Patricia Patterson, Taylor County
Lee Pinkoson, Alachua County
Eleanor Randall, City of Hawthorne
Carolyn Spooner, City of Starke
Kenrick Thomas, Gilchrist County
Robert Wilford, City of Alachua
Charles Williams, Hamilton County

NON-VOTING DELEGATE

Ginger Travers, City of High Springs

STAFF PRESENT

Michael DePalma
Steve Dopp
Carmelita Franco
Scott Koons
Carol Laine

MEMBERS ABSENT

Stephen Bailey, Columbia County
Bob Barnas, City of High Springs
Beth Burnam, Hamilton County
Todd Chase, City of Gainesville
Don Cook, City of Perry
Louie Davis, City of Waldo
Rusty DePratter, Columbia 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
Lauren Poe, City of Gainesville
Daniel Riddick, Bradford County
Lorene Thomas, Dixie County
Wesley Wainwright, Suwannee County
Randy Wells, City of Gainesville
Mike Williams, Madison County
Stephen Witt, City of Lake City

OTHERS PRESENT

Timothy Bennett, City of Madison
Brian Delburn, Florida Dept. of Transportation
Jordan Green, Florida Dept. of Transportation
Buddy Haas
Carlos Herd, Suwannee River
Water Management District
Roni Jordan, Florida Dept. of Env. Protection
Ralph Kitchens, Columbia County Transportation
Disadvantaged Coordinating Board
Meg Niederhofer
Russell Simpson, Florida Dept. of Env. Protection
William Steele, Suwannee Valley Transit Authority

Board Members names are bolded

Gubernatorial Members names are italicized

I. INVOCATION, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND INTRODUCTIONS

Chair Nobles called the meeting to order at 7:31 p.m. with an invocation given by Mr. Montgomery and a pledge of allegiance to the flag. Chair Nobles stated that there was a quorum of the Board of Directors.

Chair Nobles welcomed and introduced Timothy Bennett, City Manager for the City of Madison, Ralph Kitchens, a member of the Columbia County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board, William Steele from the Suwannee Valley Transit Authority and Buddy Haas, husband of Council member Sandra Haas.

Chair Nobles asked that Item VI.B.1., #62 - Town of Micanopy Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment, be added to the agenda.

ACTION: Commissioner Catron made the motion, with a second by Ms. Haas to add Item VI.B.1., #62 - Town of Micanopy Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment, to the agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - May 23, 2013

Chair Nobles asked that the minutes of the May 23, 2013 meeting be approved as written.

ACTION: Commissioner Pinkoson made the motion, with a second by Councilman Bryant to approve the minutes of the May 23, 2013 meeting as written. The motion carried unanimously.

III. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Monthly Financial Report - April 2013
- B. Purchase Order with Northeast Florida Regional Council to Assist with Developing a Vulnerable Population Template

Chair Nobles asked if there were any questions regarding the items on the Consent Agenda and requested that these items be approved.

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

IV. CHAIR'S REPORT

- A. 2013-14 Committee Appointments

Chair Nobles asked that the appointments to the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy Committee, Finance Committee, Clearinghouse Committee, Nominating Committee, Program Committee, Regional Planning Committee and Representatives to the Florida Regional Councils Association be approved as recommended by the Chair.

ACTION: Councilman Bryant made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Patterson, to approve the appointments to the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy Committee, Finance Committee, Clearinghouse Committee, Nominating Committee, Program Committee, Regional Planning Committee and Representatives to the Florida Regional Councils Association as recommended by the Chair. The motion carried unanimously.

B. Certificate of Service for Council Employee - Michael DePalma - 5 Years

Scott Koons, Executive Director, introduced Michael DePalma, who joined the Council staff on May 13, 2008. Mr. DePalma serves as a Geographic Information Systems Planner in the Local Government Comprehensive Planning Program. Chair Nobles presented a five-year Certificate of Service and a five-year service pin to Mr. DePalma. Mr. Koons and Chair Nobles thanked him for his years of dedicated service to the Council.

V. NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA STRATEGIC REGIONAL POLICY PLAN PRESENTATION

Mr. Koons introduced Steven Dopp, Senior Planner for the Council. Mr. Dopp presented a PowerPoint slide show on the North Central Florida Strategic Regional Policy Plan which was adopted May 23, 1996 and most recently amended on October 27, 2011. Mr. Dopp stated that the Policy Plan is a long-range guide for the physical, economic and social development of the north central Florida region which identifies regional goals and policies. He also stated that the regional plan serves as a basis for the review of the resources and facilities found in local government comprehensive plans originating in the region. He then reviewed the five strategic regional issue areas of the regional plan: Affordable Housing, Economic Development, Emergency Preparedness, Natural Resources of Regional Significance and Regional Transportation. Chair Nobles thanked Mr. Dopp for his presentation.

VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Executive Committee - Columbia, Hamilton and Suwannee County
Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating
Board Appointments

Mr. Koons stated that the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged designated Columbia, Hamilton and Suwannee Counties as a combined designated service area under Florida's Transportation Disadvantaged Program effective July 1, 2013. He added that the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged also established a multi-county Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board for Columbia, Hamilton and Suwannee Counties. Mr. Koons reported that according to Rule 41-2.012 of the Florida Administrative Code, the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council, serving as the Designated Official Planning Agency, is responsible for appointing the chair, members and alternates to the Columbia, Hamilton, Suwannee County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board. Applications were solicited for member and alternate positions on the Columbia, Hamilton, Suwannee County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board. He stated that based upon these applications, the Executive Committee recommended the appointment of the chair, and member and alternate appointees for the Columbia, Hamilton, Suwannee Transportation

Disadvantaged Coordinating Board as listed in the Council packet. After further discussion, the following action was taken.

ACTION: Commissioner Pinkoson made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Cossey to appoint the chair, and voting and alternate members to the Columbia, Hamilton, Suwannee County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board as recommended by the Executive Committee. The motion carried unanimously.

B. Clearinghouse Committee - Item #62 - Town of Micanopy Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment (added to agenda)

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.

#62, Town of Micanopy Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment (added to agenda)

Ms. Haas stated that the Clearinghouse Committee found that the local government comprehensive plan, as amended, does not create significant adverse impacts to Natural Resources of Regional Significance, regional facilities or adjacent local governments. Ms. Haas stated that the Clearinghouse Committee recommended forwarding these findings to the Town and the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity as regional comment.

ACTION: Ms. Haas made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Chestnut, to approve the Clearinghouse Committee recommendation concerning Item #62, Town of Micanopy Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment (added to agenda). The motion carried unanimously.

VII. EX-OFFICIO MEMBER REPORTS

Jordan Green, Rural Area Transportation Development Engineer, Florida Department of Transportation District 2, reported that the Department's budget was approved by the Legislature in the amount of \$9.5 billion. He also stated that meetings are being scheduled with the state legislative delegation and aides to discuss transportation issues.

Russell Simpson, Ombudsman, Florida Department of Environmental Protection, stated that the Department is in the process of streamlining the regulatory permitting process. He stated that assistance can be obtained by contacting his office. He also stated that the Department will be holding a Brownfields Workshop for northeast Florida communities and stakeholders at the University of North Florida in Jacksonville on July 12, 2013.

Carlos Herd, Water Supply Division Director, Suwannee River Water Management District gave a PowerPoint presentation on the results of the minimum flows and levels for the Lower Santa Fe River and the Ichetucknee River and their associated springs. He explained that the minimum flow is the minimum amount of water needed to maintain the health of the rivers and springs. He stated that the next step in the process is voluntary peer review by the University of Florida Water Institute. He stated that the first five sections of the minimum flows and levels report are on the

District's website. He added that public comment can also be provided through the District's website.

VIII. 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 to the Council. He also highlighted several of the accomplishments listed in the 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 develop 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 reviewed the June 2013 Scorecard™ that was included in the Council meeting packet.

C. North Florida Regional 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 and establishes the North Florida Regional Water Supply Partnership. He stated that ensuring sustainable water supplies and protecting north Florida's waterways and natural systems is a collaborative effort among the water management districts, Florida Department of Environmental Protection, local elected officials and area stakeholders.

Mr. Koons reported that the Partnership met on May 20, 2013 in Lake City and were provided with minimum flows and levels for the Lower Santa Fe River and the Ichetucknee River as well as their springs, voted to support the use of the District's groundwater modeling methodology and assumptions and were updated by District staff on the status of the regional groundwater model.

D. Original Florida Tourism Task Force Update

Mr. Koons stated 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 goal of the Task Force is to enhance the economy of the area, image and quality of life through expanded revenues and employment opportunities.

Mr. Koons then presented a video prepared by the Original Florida Tourism Task Force promoting the natural, historic and cultural attractions of the area to increase the number of visitors and to extend their stay in the region. He stated that the video is available for viewing online at www.naturalnorthflorida.com.

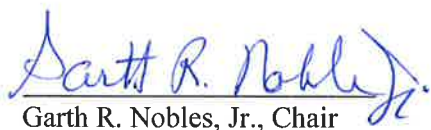
E. Annual City-County Managers Meeting - June 21, 2013

Mr. Koons advised Council members that the annual regional city-county manager meeting hosted by the Council would be held at the Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites, 213 Southwest Commerce Boulevard in Lake City on June 21, 2013.

F. 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, 2013.

Chair Nobles informed the Council that the next Council meeting will be held on July 25, 2013 at the Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites in Lake City. The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.


Garth R. Nobles, Jr., Chair

7/25/13

Date