

NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL  
MINUTES

Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites  
Lake City, Florida

February 25, 2016  
7:30 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Anthony Adams, Lafayette County  
**LaBarfield Bryant, City of Jasper**  
Harvey Budd, City of Gainesville  
Beth Burnam, Hamilton County  
Jim Catron, City of Madison  
**Louie Davis, City of Waldo**  
**Rick Davis, Madison County**  
Scarlet Frisina, Columbia County  
Doug Jones, City of Archer  
*James Montgomery, Columbia County*  
**Garth Nobles, Jr., City of Live Oak**  
**Patricia Patterson, Taylor County**  
**Daniel Riddick, Bradford County**  
Larry Sessions, Suwannee County  
**Carolyn Spooner, City of Starke**  
James Tallman, Union County  
*Lorene Thomas, Dixie County*  
Helen Warren, City of Gainesville  
**Robert Wilford, City of Alachua**  
Stephen Witt, City of Lake City

NON-VOTING DELEGATE PRESENT

None

EX-OFFICIO MEMBER REPRESENTATIVES  
PRESENT

Bill Henderson Florida Department  
of Transportation

COUNCIL ATTORNEY PRESENT

Jon Wershow

STAFF PRESENT

Steven Dopp  
Carmelita Franco  
Scott Koons  
Jean Strong

**Board Members names are bolded**

MEMBERS ABSENT

Craig Carter, City of Gainesville  
**Charles Chestnut IV, Alachua County**  
Ken Cornell, Alachua County  
Jason Evans, High Springs  
Jason Holifield, Dixie County  
*William Hunter, Hamilton County*  
Timothy Marden, City of Newberry  
Lee Pinkoson, Alachua County  
DeLoris Roberts, City of Hawthorne  
David Sullivan, City of Perry  
**Kenrick Thomas, Gilchrist County**  
*Daniel Webb, Union County*  
*Mike Williams, Madison County*

OTHERS PRESENT

Sandra Buck-Camp  
Jim Bush  
Bradley Cater  
David Cobb  
Diana Davis  
Dale Goss  
Teresa Goss  
Patrick Juliano  
Frieda Kassetas  
Ralph Kitchens  
Tammy Lake  
Stew Lilker  
Merrilee Malwitz-Jipson  
Marshall Moper  
Ginger Morgan  
Ken Owen  
Sara Owen  
Terry Phelan  
Fayanne Spritzer  
Steven Spritzer  
William Spritzer  
David Stegall  
Jim Tatum  
Charles Trowbridge  
Linda Trowbridge  
Noah Valenstein  
Barbara Wiggins  
*Gubernatorial Members names are italicized*

I. INVOCATION, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND INTRODUCTIONS

Chair Riddick called the meeting to order at 7:36 p.m. with an invocation given by Commissioner Spooner and a pledge of allegiance to the flag. Chair Riddick stated that there was a quorum of the Council.

Chair Riddick welcomed and introduced Bradley Carter, County Manager from Bradford County; Sara Owen, Account Supervisor for the City of Lake Butler; Patrick Juliano, Regional Manager representing Chief Financial Officer Jeff Atwater; Sandra Buck-Camp and Ralph Kitchens, members of the Columbia, Hamilton, Suwannee Transportation Disadvantaged Local Coordinating Board; Ginger Morgan, Biology Scientist from Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission; Jim Bush and David Cobb, from Florida Power and Light; Merrilee Malwitz-Jipson, Terry Phelan and Jim Tatum from Save Our Santa Fe River; Dale and Teresa Goss, citizens from Lake City; Frieda Kassetas, citizen; Tammy Lake, citizen; Marshall Moper, citizen from Lake City; Ken Owen, citizen from Lake Butler; Fayanne and William Spitzer, citizens; Steven Spritzer, citizen from Starke; David Stegall, citizen from Starke; Charles and Linda Trowbridge, citizens from Fort White; Barbara Wiggins, citizen from Lake Butler; Diana Davis, wife of Council member Louie Davis; and Stew Lilker from the Columbia County Observer.

Chair Riddick asked that Item VI. B.7. #68 - City of Live Oak Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment which was received subsequent to the distribution of the Council meeting packet, be added to the agenda.

**ACTION: Councilman Bryant made the motion, with a second by Mayor Davis, to add Item VI.B.7. - #68 City of Live Oak Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment to the agenda. The motion carried unanimously.**

II. GUEST SPEAKER - Noah Valenstein, Executive Director  
Suwannee River Water Management District

Scott Koons, Executive Director, introduced Noah Valenstein, Executive Director from the Suwannee River Water Management District. Mr. Valenstein's remarks provided Council members an overview of the Suwannee River Water Management District's mission, programs and projects focusing on enhancing partnerships, planning for an adequate water supply and managing water resources throughout the north central Florida region. Chair Riddick thanked Mr. Valenstein for his presentation.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - January 28, 2016

Chair Riddick asked that the minutes of the January 28, 2016 meeting be approved as written.

**ACTION: Commissioner Patterson made the motion, with a second by Councilman Bryant, to approve the minutes of the January 28, 2016 meeting as written. The motion carried unanimously.**

IV. CONSENT AGENDA -

Chair Riddick asked that Item D. Transportation Disadvantaged Program Planning Grant Resolution - Fiscal Year 2016-17 be removed from the Consent Agenda and placed on the regular agenda under Chair's Report.

**ACTION:** Commissioner Wilford made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Spooner, to remove Item D. Transportation Disadvantaged Program Planning Grant Resolution - Fiscal Year 2016-17 from the Consent Agenda and place it on the regular agenda under Chair's Report. The motion carried unanimously.

- A. Monthly Financial Report - January 2016
- B. Purchase Order with the South Florida Regional Council for Coastal Flood Hazard Resiliency Training
- C. Purchase Order with the Dixie, Gilchrist and Levy County Departments of Health to Plan and Conduct a Mass Immunization Tabletop Exercise

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

**ACTION:** Commissioner Catron made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Patterson, to approve the items on the Consent Agenda as amended. The motion carried unanimously.

#### V. CHAIR'S REPORT

- A. Transportation Disadvantaged Program Planning Grant Resolution - Fiscal Year 2016-17 (from Consent Agenda)

After discussion concerning the Transportation Disadvantaged Program Planning Grant Resolution - Fiscal Year 2016-17, the following action was taken by the Council.

**ACTION:** Ms. Thomas made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Spooner to approve the Transportation Disadvantaged Program Planning Grant Resolution - Fiscal Year 2016-17. The motion carried with 19 ayes and one nay.

#### VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Executive Committee - Employee Pension Plan Trust Trustees

Mr. Koons reported that Marlie Sanderson, Director of Transportation and Assistant Executive Director, retired as an employee of the Council on February 3, 2016 and as a result of his retirement, he also resigned as a trustee of the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council Employee Pension Plan Trust effective February 3, 2016. Mr. Koons further stated that it is necessary for the Council to appoint a trustee to fill the currently vacant position and it is recommended that the Council accept the resignation of Marlie Sanderson as a trustee on the Employee Pension Plan Trust effective February 3, 2016 and appoint Steven Dopp, Senior Planner, as a trustee of the Employee Pension Plan Trust effective March 1, 2016.

**ACTION:** Commissioner Spooner made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Patterson, to accept the resignation of Marlie Sanderson as a trustee of the North Central Florida Regional Council Employee Pension Plan Trust effective February 3, 2016 and appoint Steven Dopp as a trustee of the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council Employee Pension Plan Trust effective March 1, 2016. The motion carried unanimously.

B. Clearinghouse Committee

Mr. Montgomery, gave the Clearinghouse Committee report. He stated that the Clearinghouse Committee met earlier in the evening and reviewed seven local government comprehensive plan amendments. He stated that the seven items included the following local government comprehensive plan amendments.

- #60 - City of Belleview Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment
- #61 - City of Chiefland Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment
- #63 - Marion County Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment
- #65 - Alachua County Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment
- #66 - Alachua County Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment
- #67 - City of Alachua Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment

Mr. Montgomery stated that subsequent to the distribution of the Council meeting packets, the Council received the following late-arriving item which requires action prior to the next meeting.

- #68 - City of Live Oak Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment

Mr. Montgomery stated that with regards to the local government comprehensive plan amendments, the Committee finds that the local government comprehensive plans, as amended, are not anticipated to result in significant adverse impacts to regional facilities, Natural Resources of Regional Significance or adjoining local governments.

Mr. Montgomery stated that the Committee reviewed proposed amendments to the Clearinghouse Procedures and the proposed amendments reflect changes to state legislation concerning various Council review functions. He also stated the changes to the Clearinghouse Procedures would also add Levy and Marion Counties to the geographic area subject to review comments by the Committee.

**ACTION:** Mr. Montgomery made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Davis, to approve the Clearinghouse Committee recommendations concerning #60 - City of Belleview Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment; #61 - City of Chiefland Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment; #63 - Marion County Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment; #65 - Alachua County Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment; # 66 - Alachua County Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment; #67 - City of Alachua Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment; and #68 - City of Live Oak Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment. The motion carried unanimously.

C. Regional Planning Committee - Evaluation and Appraisal Report Based Amendments  
North Central Florida Strategic Regional Policy Plan

Commissioner Burnam, Regional Planning Committee Chair, reported that the Committee met earlier in the evening to continue the process of preparing amendments to the North Central Florida Strategic Regional Policy Plan. She stated that the preparation of the amendments is guided by the regional plan Evaluation and Appraisal Report recently adopted by the Council.

Commissioner Burnam further stated that earlier in the evening, the Committee reviewed proposed amendments to the Economic Development Element. She reported that the Committee will prepare proposed amendments to the various elements of the regional plan over the course of the year. She stated that the Committee anticipates submitting the proposed amendments to the Council for its consideration at the October 2016 Council meeting.

#### VII. EX-OFFICIO MEMBER REPORTS

Bill Henderson, Florida Department of Transportation, stated that the next I-75 Relief Task Force meeting will be held February 26, 2016 at the Trinity Methodist Church in Gainesville.

#### VIII. CITIZEN COMMENTS - Comments were made by the following individuals:

Charles Trowbridge of White Springs stated that he opposed the location of concentrated agricultural feed operations in Columbia County.

Marshall Morper of Lake City stated that he opposed fracking and concentrated agricultural feed operations for chickens in Columbia County.

Merrilee Malwitz-Jipson from Save Our Santa Fe River stated that she intends to request the state to designate the Santa Fe River as an Area of Critical State Concern.

Stew Lilker from the Columbia County Observer stated that he objected to the use of 2010 Census data in the proposed update of the Economic Development Element of the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council Strategic Regional Policy Plan.

#### IX. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

##### A. Florida Regional Councils Association Policy Board

Mr. Koons stated that Secretary-Treasurer Lorene Thomas and he attended the semi-annual meeting of the Florida Regional Councils Association Policy Board held in Tallahassee on January 27, 2016. He further stated that the Policy Board heard presentations from the Honorable Jack Latvala, District 20, Senate Appropriations Chairman; the Honorable Kristin Jacobs, State Representative, District 96; Amy Baker, Coordinator, Florida Office of Economic and Demographic Research; Jerry Parrish, Chief Economist and Director of Research, Florida Chamber Foundation; Eric Poole, Assistant Legislative Director, Florida Association of Counties; and David Cruz, Legislative Advocate, Florida League of Cities.

Mr. Koons also stated that the Policy Board adopted the 2016 Legislative Agenda and adopted recommendations from the Path Forward Committee focusing on enhanced communications with stakeholders. He further stated that the Policy Board also reviewed a financial report and made appointments to the Nominating Committee for Program Year 2016-17.

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 February 2016 Scorecard™ included in the Council meeting packet.

C. Legislative Report

Mr. Koons reported on bills of interest to regional planning councils and local governments being considered during the 2016 Legislative Session. He noted that a development of regional impact bill, Senate Bill 7000 by the Senate Community Affairs Committee, is a glitch bill addressing changes made by the Legislature to the development of regional impact process last year. He also reported on Senate Bill 1190 and House Bill 1361 that address developments of regional impact and sector plans.

Mr. Koons also reported that the House Bill 1173, by Representative Perry, addresses private property rights. Finally, he reported that House Bill 59 relating to agritourism has been passed by the Legislature and Senate Bill 552 concerning water policy has passed by the Legislature and has been signed by the Governor.

D. North Florida Regional Water Supply Partnership

Mr. Koons stated that the North Florida Regional Water Supply Partnership Stakeholder Advisory Committee met on January 25, 2016. He reported that the Committee heard presentations from water management district staff on the status of North Florida Southeast Georgia groundwater model and the development of the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services agricultural irrigation efficiency cost estimate.

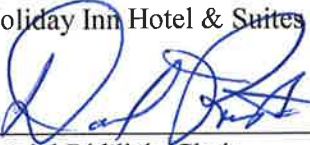
E. National Association of Development Organizations Innovation Awards

Mr. Koons stated 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. He stated that the Association's Innovation Awards program recognizes regional development organizations and partnering organizations for improving the economic and community competitiveness of local communities throughout a region.

Mr. Koons reported that the Association recently awarded the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council two 2015 Innovation Awards. He further stated that the 2015 slate of awardees includes over 100 projects representing Association members from 32 states.

Mr. Koons stated that the Association recognized the Council, in conjunction with the Original Florida Tourism Task Force for preparing an online region-wide bicycle trails map as well as 11 county bicycle trails maps. In addition, Mr. Koons reported the Association also recognized the Council, in conjunction with the other ten regional planning councils in Florida, for updating its Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy on a coordinated basis. He stated that the five-year updated Comprehensive economic development strategy documents represent the first time a coordinated approach has been used in the preparation of the documents by all 11 regional planning councils, serving as economic development districts. Mr. Koons finally reported that the strategies use a common format, the Florida Chamber Foundation's Six Pillars of Florida's Future Economy common nomenclature, as well as common data and economic analyses.

Chair Riddick informed the Council that the next Council meeting will be held on March 24, 2016 at the Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites in Lake City. The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

  
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Daniel Riddick, Chair

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