

NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL
MINUTES

Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites
Lake City, Florida

April 28, 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
Charles Chestnut IV, Alachua County
Ken Cornell, Alachua County
Louie Davis, City of Waldo
Rick Davis, Madison County
Scarlet Frisina, Columbia County
William Hunter, Hamilton County
James Montgomery, Columbia County
Patricia Patterson, Taylor County
Daniel Riddick, Bradford County
DeLoris Roberts, City of Hawthorne
Larry Sessions, Suwannee 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

Barney Bennett, Florida Department
of Transportation

COUNCIL ATTORNEY PRESENT

Jonathan Wershow

MEMBERS ABSENT

Craig Carter, City of Gainesville
Jason Evans, High Springs
Jason Holifield, Dixie County
Doug Jones, City of Archer
Timothy Marden, City of Newberry
Garth Nobles, Jr., City of Live Oak
Lee Pinkoson, Alachua County
Carolyn Spooner, City of Starke
David Sullivan, City of Perry
James Tallman, Union County
Kenrick Thomas, Gilchrist County
Daniel Webb, Union County
Mike Williams, Madison County

OTHERS PRESENT

Leslie Ames
Sandra Buck-Camp
Diana Davis
Stew Lilker
John Meeks
Ginger Morgan
David Stegall
Noah Valenstein
Kim Worley

STAFF PRESENT

Steven Dopp
Carmelita Franco
Scott Koons
Jean Strong

Board Members names are bolded
Gubernatorial Members names are italicized

I. INVOCATION, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND INTRODUCTIONS

Chair Riddick called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. with an invocation given by Mayor Davis and a pledge of allegiance to the flag. Chair Riddick stated that there was a quorum of the Council.

Chair Riddick welcomed and introduced John Meeks, County Commissioner from Levy County; Kim Worley, City Manager from the City of Waldo; Noah Valenstein, Executive Director of the Suwannee River Water Management District; Sandra Buck-Camp, member of the Columbia, Hamilton, Suwannee Transportation Disadvantaged Local Coordinating Board; Ginger Morgan, Biology Scientist from Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission; David Stegall, citizen from Union County; Diana Davis, wife of Council member Louie Davis; and Stew Lilker from the Columbia County Observer.

II. GUEST SPEAKER - Leslie Ames, Project Manager
Suwannee River Water Management District

Scott Koons, Executive Director, introduced Leslie Ames, Project Manager from the Suwannee River Water Management District. Ms. Ames' remarks provided Council members an update on water projects of the Suwannee River Water Management District. Chair Riddick thanked Ms. Ames for her presentation.

Chair Riddick asked that Item IV.F. to authorize the Council to assist the Apalachee Regional Planning Council with evaluating a Statewide Hurricane Exercise pursuant to a purchase order for services for a fixed fee amount of \$8,000 and Item VI.B.3. #84 - Town of Fort White Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment which was received subsequent to the distribution of the Council meeting packet, be added to the agenda.

ACTION: Commissioner Wilford made the motion, with a second by Councilman Bryant, to add Item IV.F. to authorize the Council to assist the Apalachee Regional Planning Council with evaluating a Statewide Hurricane Exercise pursuant to a purchase order for services for a fixed fee amount of \$8,000 and Item VI.B.3. #84 - Town of Fort White Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment to the agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - March 24, 2016

Chair Riddick asked that the minutes of the March 24, 2016 meeting be approved as written.

ACTION: Commissioner Warren made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Budd, to approve the minutes of the March 24, 2016 meeting as written. The motion carried unanimously.

IV. CONSENT AGENDA -

- A. Monthly Financial Report - March 2016
- B. Agreement with Florida Division of Emergency Management for Local Emergency Planning Committee - Fiscal Year 2016-17
- C. Agreement with Florida Division of Emergency Management to Update Hazard Analyses - Fiscal Year 2016-17
- D. Hazard Analysis Services Agreement with Gilchrist County - Fiscal Year 2015-16
- E. Transportation Disadvantaged Local Coordinating Board Appointments

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 Warren made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Budd, to approve the items on the Consent Agenda as amended which is attached. The motion carried unanimously.

V. CHAIR'S REPORT - None

VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Executive Committee -

1. 125th Anniversary of the City of Dunnellon Resolution

Mr. Koons stated that the City of Dunnellon is celebrating their 125th Anniversary this year and he gave a brief history of the City.

ACTION: Councilman Bryant made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Budd to approve a resolution recognizing the 125th Anniversary of the City of Dunnellon which is attached hereto and made part of these minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

2. County Government Month Proclamation

Mr. Koons stated that County Government Month is celebrated each April by counties across the country to raise public awareness and understanding about the roles and responsibilities of county government. He also presented a brief video on county government services.

ACTION: Commissioner Catron made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Patterson to adopt a proclamation which is attached to these minutes declaring April 2016 as County Government Month which is attached hereto and made part of these minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

3. Travel and Tourism Week May 1-7, 2016 Proclamation

Mr. Koons stated that the Original Florida Tourism Task Force was created as a task force of the Council 23 years ago. It is now a 12-county independent tourism marketing interlocal agreement organization. The mission of the Original Florida Tourism Task Force is to "promote the natural, historic, and cultural attractions of the north central Florida region to increase the number of visitors and extend their stay." Mr. Koons further stated that the week of May 1-7, 2016 is *National Travel and Tourism Week* as designated by the Travel Industry Association. He also stated that to support and celebrate the tourism industry, the Executive Committee recommends that the Council adopt a proclamation, which is attached hereto and made a part of these minutes, declaring the week of May 1-7, 2016 as Travel and Tourism Week in north central Florida.

ACTION: Commissioner Warren made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Budd to adopt the proclamation declaring the week of May 1-7, 2016 as Travel and Tourism Week in north central Florida which is attached hereto and made a part of these minutes. 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 the following local government comprehensive plan amendments which were included on the Council agenda for consideration.

#80 - Marion County Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment

#81 - City of Dunnellon Comprehensive Plan Draft 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 our next meeting.

#84 - Town of Fort White Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment

Mr. Montgomery stated that 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 adjacent local governments.

ACTION: Mr. Montgomery made the motion, with a second by Mayor Davis, to approve the Clearinghouse Committee recommendations concerning #80 - Marion County Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment; #81 - City of Dunnellon Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment; and #84 - Town of Fort White 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 changes to the maps of Natural Resources of Regional Significance. She stated that the Committee anticipates submitting the proposed amendments to the Council for its consideration at the October 2016 Council meeting.

D. Program Committee - 2016-17 Overall Program Design

Commissioner Davis reported that the Program Committee met earlier in the evening to review a draft of the Overall Program Design for the coming year. He stated that this document is to be use as the basis for the development of a budget and is also to give instructions to staff as to work which is to be done this year.

Commissioner Davis also stated that there are no changes proposed in the Overall Program Design which include new programs not previously discussed and/or approved by the Council. He also reported that except for editorial changes, the document is essentially the same as the current year edition.

Commissioner Davis stated that the Committee anticipates recommending the Overall Program Design to the Council for adoption at the May 26, 2016 Council meeting.

VII. EX-OFFICIO MEMBER REPORTS

Barney Bennett, Florida Department of Transportation, stated that the Department will be hosting a webinar entitled Performance Summit for Transportation Partners on May 10, 11 and 12, 2016.

Ginger Morgan from the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission stated that the Commission is available to assist landowners with the development of conservation plans.

VIII. CITIZEN COMMENTS - None

IX. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

A. 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 and the have a new format. 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 related to each of the Six Pillars. 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 April 2016 Scorecard™ included in the Council meeting packet.

B. Original Florida Tourism Task Force Update

Mr. Koons reported that the Council provides staff services to the Original Florida Tourism Task Force to assist them in implementing their work program and in order to increase tourism generated revenues in the north Florida region, Mr. Koons stated that The Original Florida Tourism Task Force implements campaigns to increase tourist visits to the Natural North Florida region. He also stated that earlier this year, the Task Force launched a revamped website which provides potential visitors information concerning events and festivals, attractions, accommodations, trails, themed itineraries. He also stated that the Task Force recently completed its second year of its travel show partnership with VisitFlorida. He further stated that the Task Force members attended travel shows in Atlanta, GA; Berlin, Germany; Chicago IL; Dallas, TX; Detroit, MI; London, England; Madison, WI; New York, NY; Philadelphia, PA; Toronto, Canada and Washington, D.C. In addition to these international and out-of-state domestic shows. Finally, Mr. Koons reported that Task Force members will be attending travel shows in Jacksonville, Tampa and The Villages later this year.

