

NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL
MINUTES

Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites
Lake City, Florida

January 25, 2018
7:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Anthony Adams, Lafayette County
Patricia, Bouie, City of Hawthorne
Robert Brown, Hamilton County
LaBarfield Bryant, City of Jasper
James Catron, City of Madison
Charles Chestnut IV, Alachua County
Rick Coleman, City of Newberry
Louie Davis, City of Waldo
Thomas Demps, Taylor County
Gene Higginbotham, Dixie County
Fletcher Hope, City of Archer
John Meeks, Levy County
Garth Nobles, Jr., City of Live Oak
Daniel Riddick, Bradford County
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

William Whitelock, City of High Springs

EX-OFFICIO MEMBER REPRESENTATIVES
PRESENT

Sean Greene, Florida Fish and
Wildlife Conservation Commission
Roni Jordan, Florida Department of
Environmental Protection
Lauri Shubert, Florida Department of
Transportation
Hugh Thomas, Suwannee River
Water Management District

MEMBERS ABSENT

David Arreola, City of Gainesville
Harvey Budd, City of Gainesville
Ken Cornell, Alachua County
Rick Davis, Madison County
Mike Deming, City of Perry
William Hunter, Hamilton County
Robert Hutchinson, Alachua County
James Montgomery, Columbia County
Janice Mortimer, City of Starke
Tim Murphy, Columbia County
James Tallman, Union County
Kenrick Thomas, Gilchrist County
Daniel Webb, Union County
Mike Williams, Madison County

OTHERS PRESENT

Cindy Boyette
Sandra Buck-Camp
Duane Cannon
Diana Davis
Ben Glass
LJ Two Spirits Johnson
Daniel Penniman
Judy Rice

COUNCIL ATTORNEY PRESENT

None

STAFF PRESENT

Steven Dopp
Scott Koons
Jean Strong
Tara Tucker

Executive Members names are bolded
Gubernatorial Members names are italicized

I. INVOCATION, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND INTRODUCTIONS

Chair Thomas called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with an invocation given by Commissioner Wilford and the pledge of allegiance to the flag. Chair Thomas stated that there was a quorum of the Council.

II. INTRODUCTIONS

Chair Thomas welcomed and introduced Duane Cannon, Assistant County Manager, Dixie County; Judy Rice, City Clerk, City of Newberry; Cindy Boyette, Coordinator, Strategic Intermodal System Florida Department of Transportation, District 2; Daniel Penniman, Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, North Central Region; LJ Two Spirits Johnson and Sandra Buck-Camp, members of the Columbia, Hamilton, Suwannee Transportation Disadvantaged Local Coordinating Board; and Diana Davis, wife of Council member Louie Davis.

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chair Thomas asked that the agenda be approved.

ACTION: Commissioner Wilford made the motion, with a second by Councilman Bryant, to approve the agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

IV. PRESENTATION ON PUBLIC SAFETY AND REGULATORY COMPLIANCE IN NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA

Scott Koons, Executive Director, gave a presentation on the Public Safety and Regulatory Compliance in North Central Florida. Chair Thomas thanked Mr. Koons for his presentation.

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - December 14, 2017

Chair Thomas asked that the minutes of the December 14, 2017 meeting be approved as written.

ACTION: Councilman Bryant made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Meeks, to approve the minutes of the December 14, 2017 meeting as written. The motion carried unanimously.

VI. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Monthly Financial Report - November 2017 and December 2017
- B. Agreement with Florida Division of Emergency Management for Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness - Fiscal Year 2017-18
- C. Transportation Disadvantaged Program Local Coordinating Board Appointment

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

- #8 - Union County Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment
- #9 - City of Alachua Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment
- #10 - Town of LaCrosse Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment
- #11 - City of Hawthorne Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment

Commissioner Adams stated that the Committee finds that local government comprehensive plans as amended are not anticipated to result in significant adverse impacts to regional facilities, Natural Resources of Significance or adjacent local governments. He stated that the Committee recommends forwarding these findings to the respective local governments and the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity.

ACTION: **Commissioner Adams made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Demps, to approve the Committee recommendations concerning Item #8 - Union County Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment; Item #9 - City of Alachua Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment; Item #10 - Town of LaCrosse Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment; and #11 - City of Hawthorne Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment. The motion carried unanimously.**

IX. EX-OFFICIO MEMBER REPORTS

Lauri Shubert, Florida Department of Transportation, District 2, stated that the District has accepted Small County Road Assistance Program, Small County Outreach Program and County Incentive Grant Program applications.

Hugh Thomas, Suwannee River Water Management District, introduced Ben Glass, who is the Agriculture and Environmental Project Manager for the District. He stated that the District had received applications for the 2018 springs and river projects.

Roni Jordan, Florida Department of Environmental Protection, stated that the Northeast District is available to assist local governments and individuals concerning permit applications and Department regulatory compliance issues.

X. CITIZEN COMMENTS

LJ Two Spirits Johnson, citizen, Columbia County, suggested that the public comments section of the Council agenda should be moved to the beginning of the agenda.

XI. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

A. Florida Regional Councils Association Monthly Activity Report

Mr. Koons reported that the Florida Regional Councils Association is the statewide organization of the ten 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 Association strives to accomplish these goals by carrying out the activities listed in the December 2017 activities report included in the Council meeting packet.

B. Florida Regional Councils Association Policy Board Meeting Report

Mr. Koons reported that Chair Thomas, Immediate Past-Chair Rick Davis and he attended the semi-annual meeting of the Florida Regional Councils Association Policy Board held in Tallahassee on January 12, 2018. He reported that the Policy Board heard presentations from Leslie Wollack, Executive Director, National Association of Regional Councils; Tony Carvajal, Executive Vice-President, Florida Chamber Foundation; Lee Constantine, Seminole County Commissioner; Susan Harbin, Senior Associate Director, Florida Association of Counties; and David Cruz, Legislative Advocate, Florida League of Cities.

Mr. Koons stated that the Policy Board also heard reports on various projects of regional planning councils throughout the state and received the 2016-17 Florida Regional Councils Association Annual Report. He stated that the Policy Board also heard a legislative report from its legislative advocate, adopted a 2018 Legislative Agenda, and agreed to become a partner of the Resiliency Florida Partnership. In addition, he reported that the Policy Board reviewed a financial report, approved a certified public account agreement to prepare assembled financial statements and elected officers for the remainder of 2017-18 and appointed a Nominating Committee for 2018-19.

C. 2016-17 Florida Regional Councils Association Annual Report

Mr. Koons stated that the 2016-17 Annual Report for the Florida Regional Councils Association was included in the Council packet. Mr. Koons reported that the following members of the Council currently serve on the Florida Regional Councils Association Policy Board, Rick Davis, Immediate Past Chair; Lorene Thomas, Chair and Robert Wilford, Secretary/Treasurer. He also stated that activities of the Council are featured on pages 5, 7, 10 and 11 of the report.


D. 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 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 January 2018 Scorecard™ included in the Council meeting packet.

E. Legislative Report

Mr. Koons reported that the 2018 Legislative Session convened on January 9, 2018 and is scheduled to adjourn on March 9, 2018. He reported on bills of interest to regional planning councils and local governments being considered during the 2018 Legislative Session.

Chair Thomas informed the Council that the next Council meeting will be held on February 22, 2018. The meeting was adjourned at 7:49 p.m.


Lorene J. Thomas, Chair

2/22/18
Date