

NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL
MINUTES

Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites
Lake City, Florida

August 23, 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
Ken Cornell, Alachua County
Louie Davis, City of Waldo
Rick Davis, Madison County
Thomas Demps, Taylor County
Gene Higginbotham, Dixie County
Fletcher Hope, City of Archer
Robert Hutchinson, Alachua County
John Meeks, Levy County
Janice Mortimer, City of Starke
Tim Murphy, Columbia 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

EX-OFFICIO MEMBER REPRESENTATIVES
PRESENT

Ben Glass, Suwannee River
Water Management District
Dan Penniman, Florida Fish and
Wildlife Conservation Commission

COUNCIL ATTORNEY PRESENT

Jonathon Wershow

MEMBERS ABSENT

David Arreola, City of Gainesville
Rick Coleman, City of Newberry
Mike Deming, City of Perry
Linda Jones, City of High Springs
James Montgomery, Columbia County
Daniel Riddick, Bradford County
Gigi Simmons, City of Gainesville
James Tallman, Union County
Kenrick Thomas, Gilchrist County
Mike Williams, Madison County

OTHERS PRESENT

Diana Davis
Frank Davis
Steve Hofsetter
LJ Two Spirits Johnson
Stew Lilker
DeLoris Roberts

STAFF PRESENT

Steven Dopp
Scott Koons
Jean Strong
Tara Tucker

Executive Members names are bolded
Gubernatorial Members names are italicized

I. INVOCATION

Chair Davis called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with an invocation given by Commissioner Wilford.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Council and guests pledged allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

III. INTRODUCTIONS

Chair Davis stated there was a quorum of the Council, and welcomed and introduced Mayor Frank Davis, City of Live Oak; DeLoris Roberts, City Commissioner of the City of Hawthorne and former Council member; Steve Hofsetter, Natural Resource Program Manager, Alachua County Environmental Protection Department; LJ Two Spirits Johnson, member of the Columbia Hamilton Suwannee Transportation Disadvantaged Local Coordinating Board; Diana Davis, wife of Mayor Louie Davis from Waldo; and Stew Lilker from the Columbia County Observer.

IV. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Minutes - July 26, 2018
- B. Monthly Financial Report - July 2018
- C. Local Government Comprehensive Planning Services Agreement Fiscal Year 2018-19
- D. Hazardous Waste Monitoring Verification and Notification Service Agreements Fiscal Year 2018-19

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

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

V. APPROVAL OF REGULAR AGENDA

Chair Davis asked that item IX.B.3. Item #55 Union County Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment be added to the agenda.

ACTION: Commissioner Meeks made the motion, with a second by Councilman Bryant, to add item IX.B.3. Item # 55 Union County Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment. The motion carried unanimously.

Chair Davis asked that the agenda as amended be approved.

ACTION: Mayor Mortimer made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Demps, to approve the agenda as amended. The motion carried unanimously.

VI. CITIZEN COMMENTS

Stew Lilker, from the Columbia County Observer, spoke about the lack of a regional rural transportation system.

VII. GUEST SPEAKER - None

VIII. CHAIR'S REPORT

A. Introduction of New Member

Chair Davis welcomed new Council member Robert Hutchinson, County Commissioner, Alachua County.

B. Commissioner Meeks Receives Florida Association of Counties Presidential Advocacy Marlene Young Award

Chair Davis stated the Florida Association of Counties presented Levy County Commissioner John Meeks with the Marlene Young Presidential Advocacy Award during the 2018 Florida Association of Counties Annual Conference and Exposition held in Orlando. He stated Commissioner Meeks was awarded the honor for his commitment to protect home rule and serve Florida's counties as a leader and advocate during the 2018 Legislative Session. Chair Davis further stated that the Marlene Young Presidential Advocacy Award is presented to that county elected official who has shown extraordinary leadership and commitment to the mission of the Florida Association of Counties. Chair Davis congratulated Commissioner Meeks for this recognition and thanked him for his service to counties.

IX. COMMITTEE REPORTS -

A. Executive Committee - None

B. Clearinghouse Committee

Commissioner Adams, Clearinghouse Committee Vice-Chair, 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.

#53, City of Alachua Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment

#54, City of Chiefland Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment

Commissioner Adams stated that the following item which was received following the distribution of the Council meeting packets, and added to the agenda required action prior to the next meeting and was also reviewed by the Clearinghouse Committee earlier in the evening.

#55, Union County Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment

Commissioner Adams stated with regards to these items, the Committee found that the local government comprehensive plans as amended, were not anticipated to result in significant adverse impacts to regional

facilities, Natural Resources of Regional Significance, or adjacent local governments. He stated that the Committee recommended 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 Cornell to approve the Committee recommendations concerning Item #53 - City of Alachua Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment; #54 - City of Chiefland Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment; and item #55 - Union County Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment. The motion carried unanimously.

C. Regional Planning Committee - North Central Florida Strategic Regional Policy Plan
Evaluation Appraisal Report-based Amendments
Administrative Rule Public Hearing

Commissioner Warren, Chair of the Regional Planning Committee, stated that in October 2016 the Council voted to begin the adoption process for the proposed Evaluation and Appraisal Report-based amendments to the North Central Florida Strategic Regional Policy Plan and noted the Committee recommends that the Council conclude the adoption process at this time.

Commissioner Warren stated that the amendment process has been a long one. She further stated the Regional Planning Committee first began work on the Evaluation and Appraisal Report-based amendments in January 2015 when it began preparing the Evaluation and Appraisal Report of the regional plan. Commissioner Warren stated the Council approved the report in December 2015. She also stated this report served as the basis for the Evaluation and Appraisal Report-based amendments to the regional plan which the Committee has been working on since that time.

Commissioner Warren stated that the Council will next hold a public hearing duly noticed in the Florida Administrative Register pursuant to Chapter 120, Florida Statutes, this evening, regarding the adoption of the Evaluation and Appraisal Report-based amendments to the regional plan. She further stated the Committee recommends that the Council conclude the adoption process for the proposed Evaluation and Appraisal Report-based amendments to the regional plan by adopting the proposed amendments, authorizing staff to amend Rule 29C-9, Florida Administrative Code, to recognize the amended regional plan, dated June 2018, which was previously sent to the Joint Administrative Procedures Committee.

Commissioner Warren reported that the Committee recommended that the Council forward a copy of the rule, the amended regional plan, and its associated maps to the Speaker of the House, the President of the Senate, the Executive Office of the Governor, state agencies, regional agencies, and local governments within the region as per Rule 27E-5.007(3), Florida Administrative Code.

Mr. Koons stated that a staff presentation would be given followed by the floor being opened for public comments. He recommended that the Council could take one of the following actions at the conclusion of the public hearing.

1. Adopt the proposed Evaluation and Appraisal Report-based amendments to the regional plan as recommended by the Committee;
2. Adopt the proposed Evaluation and Appraisal Report-based amendments to the regional plan with modifications or changes; or

3. Take no action on the proposed Evaluation and Appraisal Report-based amendments to the regional plan this evening, refer the proposed amendments back to the Committee in order for staff to review any comments concerning the proposed amendments made during the public hearing this evening, and recommend changes to the amendments for consideration by the Committee.

Chair Davis opened the public hearing. He introduced Steven Dopp, Senior Planner, who gave a PowerPoint presentation concerning the proposed Evaluation and Appraisal Report-based amendments to the regional plan. Mr. Dopp reviewed the history of the regional plan which was first adopted by the Council on May 23, 1996 and since amended on August 28, 1997, February 27, 2003 and October 27, 2011. He then reviewed the proposed amendments to the regional plan contained within the Affordable Housing, Economic Development, Emergency Preparedness, Natural Resources of Regional Significance and Regional Transportation elements.

Mr. Koons entered the following exhibits into record of the public hearing. Exhibit 1 - North Central Florida Strategic Regional Policy Plan Evaluation and Appraisal Report, dated September 2015; Exhibit 2 - Evaluation and Appraisal Report-based Amendments to the North Central Florida Strategic Regional Policy Plan, dated June 2018; and Exhibit 3 - PowerPoint Presentation presented by Mr. Dopp entitled, Proposed Amendments to North Central Florida Strategic Regional Policy Plan, dated August 23, 2018.

Chair Davis opened the floor for public comments. No public comments were received concerning the proposed amendments to the regional plan. Chair Davis closed the public hearing.

MOTION: Commissioner Warren made the motion, with a second by Mayor Mortimer that the Council adopt, pursuant to Chapter 120, Florida Statutes, the proposed Evaluation and Appraisal Report-based amendments to the North Central Florida Strategic Regional Policy Plan as recommended by the Regional Planning Committee, adopt Resolution No. 2018-20 adopting the proposed amendments, forward a copy of the rule, the amended plan, and its associated maps to the Speaker of the House, the President of the Senate, the Executive Office of the Governor, state agencies, regional agencies, and local governments within the region as per Rule 27E-5.007(3), Florida Administrative Code.

AMENDMENT TO THE MOTION:

Commissioner Cornell moved to amend the motion to add Priority 3 Regional Ecological Greenways within the region to the Regional Ecological Greenways Natural Resources of Regional Significance Map of the regional plan with a second by Commissioner Hutchinson. The amendment to the motion was defeated with 4 yeas and 17 nays.

ACTION: The motion by Commissioner Warren with a second by Mayor Mortimer to adopt pursuant to Chapter 120, Florida Statutes, the proposed Evaluation and Appraisal Report-based amendments to the North Central Florida Strategic Regional Policy Plan, as recommended by the Regional Planning Committee, adopt Resolution No. 2018-20 adopting the proposed amendments, forward a copy of the rule, the amended plan, and its associated maps to the Speaker of the House, the President of

the Senate, the Executive Office of the Governor, state agencies, regional agencies, and local governments within the region as per Rule 27E-5.007(3), Florida Administrative Code, passed with 19 yeas and 2 nays.

X. EX-OFFICIO MEMBER REPORTS

Ben Glass, Suwannee River Water Management District, stated that the District has awarded six river grants and anticipates two more rounds of river grant funding to be available this fiscal year. He further stated that the springs grants will be considered for final action by Florida Joint Legislative Budget Commission on September 13, 2018. Mr. Glass also stated that some river gauges on the Santa Fe River are near flood stage levels.

Mr. Koons, reporting on behalf of Barney Bennette, Florida Department of Transportation, District 2, announced that the Department will be hosting the 3rd Annual Local Agency Transportation Summit in Lake City at the District 2 office on October 10, 2018. He stated the purpose of the Summit is to provide information concerning transportation programs, funding sources for local agencies, specific program information, making multiple funding sources work for a whole project and discussing local road safety plans.

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 July 2018 activities report included in the Council meeting packet. He reviewed the activities listed in the July 2018 report.

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 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 August 2018 Scorecard™ included in the Council meeting packet.

Chair Davis informed the Council that the next Council meeting will be held on September 27, 2018. The meeting was adjourned at 8:13 p.m.



Louie Davis, Chair

9/27/2018

Date

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-20

A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL ADOPTING EVALUATION AND APPRAISAL REPORT-BASED AMENDMENTS TO THE NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA STRATEGIC REGIONAL POLICY PLAN, DATED JUNE 2018; REPEALING ALL RESOLUTIONS IN CONFLICT; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 186.504, Florida Statutes, the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council is the regional planning council for the region that includes Alachua, Bradford, Columbia, Dixie, Gilchrist, Hamilton, Lafayette, Levy, Madison, Suwannee, Taylor and Union Counties; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 186.507, Florida Statutes, regional planning councils are required to prepare, adopt and maintain a strategic regional policy plan to address affordable housing, economic development, emergency preparedness, natural resources of regional significance and regional transportation; and

WHEREAS, regional planning councils are required to prepare an evaluation and appraisal report of their strategic regional policy plan at least every five years and amend said plan based upon said report.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council hereby adopts Evaluation and Appraisal Report-based Amendments to the North Central Florida Strategic Regional Policy Plan, dated June 2018 and said amendments are hereby incorporated by reference and made a part hereof; and

RESOLVED, FURTHER, that all resolutions or portions of resolutions in conflict with this resolution are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict; and

RESOLVED, FURTHER, that this resolution shall become effective upon adoption.

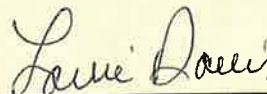
DULY ADOPTED by the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council this 23rd day of August 2018.

NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA
REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

Attest:



Scott R. Koons, Executive Director



Louie Davis, Chair