

NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL (NCFRPC)
MEETING NOTES (UNOFFICIAL)
DECEMBER 13, 2018

ALACHUA CITY COMMISSION MEETING
JANUARY 14, 2019

ROBERT W. WILFORD, COMMISSIONER
(ALACHUA CITY COMMISSION DELEGATE TO NCFRPC)

Commissioner Wilford Note: The North Central Florida Regional Planning Council (NCFRPC) is comprised of the following twelve counties: Alachua, Bradford, Columbia, Dixie, Gilchrist, Hamilton, Lafayette, Levy, Madison, Suwannee, Taylor, and Union.

Call to Order

Mayor Davis, City of Waldo, Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Quorum

A quorum was met in accordance with the Council's bylaws.

Invocation

Commissioner Wilford, City of Alachua, delivered the invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance

Attendees recited the pledge to the flag in honor of the United States of America.

Introduction of Guests

Mayor Davis recognized the guests in attendance.

Approval of Consent Agenda

The following consent agenda items were ***approved unanimously:***

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the October 25, 2018, meeting.

Financial Report for October 2018

Revenues and expenditures are within budget for the first month of the fiscal year. Both revenues and expenditures are at seven percent of the budget.

Agreement with Florida Division of Emergency Management for Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness for FY 18/19

The Florida Division of Emergency Management passes through funds from the U.S. Department of Transportation for hazardous materials training. The Council, on behalf of the North Central Florida Local Emergency Planning Committee, offers free hazardous materials response training to local government employees. This training includes basic awareness level instruction through more technical advanced training. The amount of the agreement for FY18/19 is **\$53,522.20**.

Approval of Regular Agenda

The regular agenda was **approved unanimously**.

Citizen Comments

Stew Lilker stated that: (1) the broadband agreement squanders \$58 million as there is no accountability for these funds, (2) there is a duplication of efforts in transportation services in the NCFRPC area of responsibility, and (3) He recommends that reports of involvement of NCFRPC board members and staff be included in the monthly meeting board packets in order to achieve greater transparency.

Guest Speaker, Whitney Gray, Administrator, Florida Resilient Coastlines, Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP)

Ms. Gray briefed the Council on the “Florida Resilient Coastlines Program” and distributed a brochure and the “*Florida Adaptation Planning Guidebook*.” She stated sea level rise is affecting Florida Communities especially along the coast and that DEP is committed to continuing efforts to ensure collaboration among local coastal communities. This is being done in order to address the increasingly complex effects of sea level rise including tidal “sunny day” flooding, habitat shifts, and erosion. Ms. Gray indicated that the cities of Clearwater and St. Augustine, as well as Escambia County, were selected as pilot communities to assess vulnerabilities to projected increases in coastal flooding and to establish strategies to make affected areas more resilient. She further indicated that the three main goals of DEP in combatting the effects of sea level rise are: (1) synergizing community resilience planning and natural resource protection tools, (2) providing funds and technical assistance to prepare Florida’s coastal communities for sea level rise, and (3) continuing to promote and ensure a coordinated approach to sea level rise planning among state, regional, and local agencies.

Chair Report - Mayor Davis, City of Waldo

Resolution of Appreciation for Larry Sessions, Commissioner, Suwannee County

Commissioner Sessions, was recognized for service on the Council since December 2014 for his commitment and concern for the growth and development in the North Central Florida Area. The resolution honoring Commissioner Sessions was **unanimously approved**.

Resolutions of Appreciation for Mr. Jason Holifield, Chair, Dixie County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Transportation Board, and Ms. Miriam Otera, Voting Member, Florida Department of Elder Affairs Representative, Gilchrist County

Mr. Holifield was recognized for his service since January 2013 and Ms. Otera was recognized for her service since January 2017. These resolutions were **unanimously approved**.

Committee Appointment

Commissioner Chestnut, Alachua County, was appointed by the Chair to serve on the Florida Regionals Councils Association (FRCA) Policy Board due to the resignation of Commissioner Sessions from the Council. The ratification of the Chair's action in appointing Commissioner Chestnut to the FRCA Policy Board was ***unanimously approved***.

Executive Committee Report

Mayor Davis, City of Waldo, Chair, presented the report and recommended approval of a resolution concerning "Management Alternatives for Human Waste Biosolids" in the North Central Florida region and to distribute said resolution to local government associations and state agencies. The FDEP recently announced the formation of a statewide "Biosolids Technical Advisory" committee to: (1) establish a better scientific understanding of potential nutrient impacts of the land application of biosolids, and (2) evaluate current biosolids management practices and potential opportunities for enhancements to protect Florida's water resources. The resolution was ***unanimously approved***.

Clearinghouse Committee Report

Commissioner Adams, Lafayette County, Chair, presented the report and stated that the Committee recommends the following "Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendments" be approved for: City of Alachua, City of Gainesville, Dixie County, and Town of Inglis. Motion was ***approved unanimously***.

Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy Committee Report

Susan Ramsey, North Central Florida Regional Director, Florida Economic Development Council, presented the report and stated that NCFRPC is designated by the U.S. Economic Development Administration as an "Economic Development District" and has fulfilled this responsibility since 1978. The purpose of the strategy is to: (1) analyze the regional economy, (2) serve as a guide for establishing regional goals and objectives, (3) develop and implement a regional plan of action, and (4) identify investment priorities and funding sources. The Committee met on December 6, 2018, to review activities conducted during the past year to support the goals and objectives of the strategy. A motion was ***unanimously approved*** regarding this past year's activities.

Program Committee Report - No report.

Nominating Committee Report

Lorene Thomas, Dixie County Gubernatorial Appointee, Chair, indicated the committee met on November 26, 2018, and recommends that the Council approve the following individuals to serve in the indicated positions for the remainder of the Council's 2018/2019 program year: (1) Secretary-Treasurer - Commissioner Charles Chestnut, Alachua, County, and (2) Executive Committee Member - Commissioner Thomas Demps, Taylor County. Motion ***approved unanimously***.

Regional Planning Committee Report - No report.

Middle and Lower Suwannee River and Withlacoochee River Task Force

Ken Cornell, Commissioner, Alachua County, presented the report and indicated the task force met yesterday and is in the process of developing a strategic plan regarding raw sewage spillage by the City of Valdosta into Florida's waterways.

Ex-Officio Member Reports

Reports were made by representatives from the Florida Department of Transportation, Suwannee River Water Management District, and Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission.

Florida Department of Economic Opportunity (FDEO) - No report.

Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) - No report.

Southwest Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) - No report.

St. Johns River Water Management District (SJRWMD) - No report.

Executive Director Report

Mr. Koons briefed the council on the following items:

Florida Regional Councils Association (FRCA) Monthly Activity Report

Mr. Koons indicated that FRCA is the statewide organization which is comprised of ten Regional Planning Councils (RPC's). The mission of FRCA is to strengthen Florida's RPC's and its partners with government and the business community to enhance regional economic prosperity and improve the consistency and quality of regional planning councils to ensure they add value to state, regional, and local initiatives. Denise Imbler, FRCA Statewide Coordinator, advises and supports NCFRPC in fulfilling its mission. Mr. Koons summarized FRCA's activities for October and November.

Florida Chamber Foundation Scorecard

Mr. Koons reminded council members that the Florida Chamber Foundation developed the Florida Scorecard to provide state leaders with the metrics needed as a tool to secure Florida's future. In performing this task, the Florida Chamber's primary objective is to develop a 20-year statewide strategic plan which requires an ongoing commitment to measuring the state's current status toward accomplishing the stated goals of the "Six Pillars" which were established to measure trends and progress. The "Six Pillars" incorporate the strategic thinking of a diverse range of stakeholders including the Century Commission for a Sustainable Future, Florida Council of 100, Enterprise Florida, Florida State University, Workforce Florida, 1000 Friends of Florida, and others. The "Six Pillars" are:

- Talent Supply and Education.
- Innovation and Economic Development.
- Infrastructure and Growth Leadership.
- Business Climate and Competitiveness.
- Civic and Government Systems.
- Quality of Life and Places.

Mr. Koons summarized the "State of Florida Metrics" for December 2018.

Legislative Report

Mr. Koons indicated that the legislative session is scheduled to convene on March 5, 2019, and adjourn on May 3, 2019. The legislative interim committee schedule is:

- Week of December 11, 2018.
- Week of January 7, 2019.
- Week of January 22, 2019.
- Week of February 4, 2019.
- Week of February 11, 2019.
- Week of February 19, 2019.

Florida Job Growth Grant Fund

Mr. Koons indicated that pursuant to *“Section 288.101, Florida Statutes,”* this grant fund was designed as an economic development program to build on Florida’s success and economic prosperity since 2010. It will provide \$85 million for public infrastructure and job training projects which support growth and economic development in Florida’s diverse industries. Recently, Columbia County received a grant in the amount of \$10,200,000 for the construction of a wastewater treatment facility which will serve the North Florida Mega Industrial Park, nearby correctional facilities, Florida Gateway Airport, Florida Gateway College, and other areas east of Lake City.

Retirement of Steven Dopp, Senior Planner, Regional Planning

Mr. Koons indicated that Mr. Dopp is retiring after 34 years of service on the Council.

Declining Health of Dwayne L. Mundy, Public Safety and Regulatory Compliance Program Director

Mr. Koons indicated that Mr. Mundy, an employee of 30 years on the Council, is in the hospital with colon cancer and his prognosis is guarded.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Council will be held on January 24, 2019, at the Holiday Inn Hotel and Suites in Lake City beginning at 7:00 p.m. Committee meetings, if applicable, will precede the Council meeting beginning at 6:00 p.m.

Adjournment

Mayor Davis adjourned the meeting at 8:05 p.m.

North Central Florida Regional Planning Council (NCFRPC) Mission Statement

To improve the quality of life of the Region’s citizens by enhancing public safety, protecting regional resources, promoting economic development, and providing technical services to local governments.

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 Sandra Joseph, Senior Planner, Local Government Comprehensive Planning (Extension 111)
 Lauren Yeatter, AICP, Senior Planner, Geographic Information Systems (Extension 113)
 Carmelita Franco, Planning Administrative Assistant, Local Government Comprehensive Planning (Extension 125)
 Jean Strong, Executive Assistant to the Executive Director (Extension 134)
 Tara Tucker, Secretary II (Extension 100)

Alachua County Representation on NCFRPC

David Arreola, Commissioner, City of Gainesville
 Patricia Bouie, Commissioner, City of Hawthorne
 Charles Chestnut, IV, Commissioner, Alachua County Board of County Commissioners
 Rick Coleman, Commissioner, City of Newberry
 Ken Cornell, Commissioner, Alachua County Board of County Commissioners
 Louie Davis, Mayor, City of Waldo
 Fletcher Hope, Commissioner, City of Archer
 Robert Hutchinson, Commissioner, Alachua County Board of County Commissioners
 Linda Jones, Vice Mayor, City of High Springs
 Gigi Simmons, Commissioner, City of Gainesville
 Helen Warren, Commissioner, City of Gainesville
 Robert Wilford, Commissioner, City of Alachua

Florida Regional Councils Association (FRCA) Mission Statement

Fosters regional strategies, solutions, and partnerships to support economic growth and improve quality of life; promotes a standard of excellence in the delivery of regional planning council programs and technical professional assistance and expertise; and, advocates for the role of regional planning councils as the state's primary organizations to address problems that are of greater-than-local concern.

There are ten (10) regional planning councils in Florida which serve the state's sixty-seven (67) counties. They are:

<u>Council</u>	<u>Number of Counties Served</u>	<u>Headquarters</u>
West Florida Regional Planning Council (WFRPC)	7	Pensacola
Apalachee Regional Planning Council (ARPC)	9	Tallahassee
North Central Florida Regional Planning Council (NCFRPC)	12	Gainesville
Northeast Florida Regional Planning Council (NEFRPC)	7	Jacksonville
East Central Florida Regional Planning Council (ECFRPC)	8	Altamonte Springs
Central Florida Regional Planning Council (CFRPC)	5	Bartow
Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council (TBRPC)	6	Pinellas Park
Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council (SWFRPC)	6	Fort Myers
Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council (TCRPC)	4	Stuart
South Florida Regional Planning Council (SFRPC)	3	Hollywood

Membership on regional planning councils consists of one-third of the total representatives being gubernatorial appointees with the remainder being member local government appointees. Two-thirds of council representatives must be locally-elected officials. Regional councils provide a large variety of services to benefit its local governments in addition to coordinating regional planning and review activities. Services include:

technical planning assistance, grant and loan planning assistance, transportation planning assistance, hazardous waste monitoring, emergency response planning assistance, and economic development activities.

COMMISSIONER WILFORD NCFRPC APPOINTMENTS (CURRENT AND PAST)

Vice Chair (Current)

Secretary/Treasurer (Past)

Executive Committee (Current)

Finance Committee (Chair - Past)

Program Committee (Chair - Current)

Regional Planning Committee (Past)

Florida Regional Councils Association (FRCA - NCFRPC Delegate - Current)

North Central Florida Areawide Development Company (ADCO - NCFRPC Delegate - Current)

