



Central Florida Regional Planning Council

June 8, 2011

Sebring Airport Authority, Board Room

128 Authority Lane

Sebring

9:30 a.m.

Meeting Minutes

Chairman Pat Huff called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. Attorney Norman White led the Council in prayer. The Council Pledged Allegiance to the Flag. Roll was called and the following members were present.

CFRPC Chairman, City Commissioner Pat Huff, Ridge League of Cities, Bartow
CFRPC Vice-Chairman, Commissioner Minor Bryant, Hardee County
Commissioner Buddy Mansfield, DeSoto County
Jackie Tucker, DeSoto County Gubernatorial Appointee
Commissioner Bryant Culpepper, Okeechobee County
City Councilman Clayton Williams, Okeechobee
Bill Keene, Okeechobee County Gubernatorial Appointee
Commissioner Todd Dantzler, Polk County
City Councilwoman, Edith Yates, Lakeland

Members absent:

City Councilman Scott Stanley, Sebring
Andy Tuck, Highlands County School Board Member and Gubernatorial Appointee
Commissioner Barbara Stewart, Highlands County
Dr. Marshall Goodman, Polk County Gubernatorial Appointee
Linda Pilkington, Polk County Gubernatorial Appointee
City Commissioner JP Powell, Winter Haven
Jason Green, DeSoto County Planning Director, Ex-officio
Mark Hill, Highlands County Development Services Director, Ex-officio
Bill Royce, Okeechobee County Planning Director, Ex-officio
Tom Deardorff, Polk County Director of Growth Management, Ex-officio
Gina Reynolds, Florida Rural Economic Development Initiative, Ex-officio
Missie Barletto, South Florida Water Management District, Ex-officio

AGENDA ITEM #1 COUNCIL ADMINISTRATION

A. May 11, 2011 Council Meeting Minutes

Chairman Pat Huff asked if there were any corrections, additions, or deletions to the May 11, 2011, Council Meeting Minutes.

MOTION

There being none, Bryant Culpepper moved to approve the Council Meeting Minutes as submitted. Jackie Tucker seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

B. May Finance Report

Eva Hall, Administrative/Finance Director, presented the May 2011 Finance Report.

Council Members accepted the May 2011 Finance Report as presented.

AGENDA ITEM #2 UPDATE ON AVON PARK AIR FORCE RANGE ACTIVITIES BY COMMANDER MCLAUGHLIN

Showing a PowerPoint presentation, Helen Sears, Project Manager for the Joint Land Use Study (JLUS) and Lt. Col. Charles E. McLaughlin, Commander for the Avon Park Air Force Range, updated the Council on Range activities, status of the completed Joint Land Use Study and associated grant activities. Discussion followed.

AGENDA ITEM #3 STATUS OF COMPREHENSIVE PLANS AND DEVELOPMENTS OF REGIONAL IMPACT (DRIs)

Jennifer Codo-Salisbury presented a summary of comprehensive plans' EAR-based amendments for jurisdictions within the region. The majority have completed their updates and the others are working to complete their updates. Okeechobee is on a different amendment schedule and will be working on their EAR amendment next year. Highlands County adopted their update last year and was found by the State to be out of compliance. A settlement agreement was reached and a remedial amendment was planned to be taken before the Highlands County Commission on June 21, 2011.

Ms. Codo-Salisbury distributed a summary sheet and reviewed each of the current and anticipated Developments of Regional Impact (DRIs) in the region.

AGENDA ITEM #4 BROADBAND GRANT AGREEMENT

Pat Steed gave a brief history of the grant application process. She stated that staff began work to obtain this grant in April, 2010. It was determined that three Regional Planning Councils would work together in preparation for a Broadband Demand Planning Process and Tool Kit. The funding is through the State from a federal grant. The Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council will take the lead and be the direct contract with the State. The Southwest Florida RPC and the Central Florida RPC will enter into agreements with Tampa Bay RPC to work together as a team. Ms Steed reviewed each RPC's work activities, which were included in the members' meeting material. She requested the Council authorize her to sign the agreement at such time as it is received. The contract work is scheduled to begin July 1, 2011, and continue for 24 months. Discussion followed.

MOTION

Minor Bryant moved to authorize the Executive Director to enter into the Broadband Agreement with the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council. Edie Yates seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM #5 FY 2010/11 REVISED BUDGET AND 2011/12 PROPOSED BUDGET

Pat Steed stated that the Finance Committee met on May 31, 2011, at the CFRPC office in Bartow, to review the revised budget for FY 2010/11 and the proposed budget for 2011/12. She pointed out that the annual appropriation funds from the Department of Community Affairs have been eliminated for the next legislative year, and that reduction is reflected in the Council's 2011/12 proposed budget. She explained that since the State's fiscal year starts July 1st and the Council's fiscal year starts October 1st, the current fiscal year's budget was revised to reflect the loss of one-quarter of the DCA funding. Ms. Steed continued to review the budget revisions.

Eva Hall added that one-quarter of the DCA funds was approximately \$47,000. All other revenue reductions to the FY 2010/11 Budget were not being forfeited; they are included in the FY 2011/12 Budget, along with corresponding expenses.

MOTION

Jackie Tucker moved to approve FY 2010/11 Amended Budget as recommended by the Finance Committee and presented by staff. Buddy Mansfield seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Steed reviewed the Proposed Budget for FY 2011/12, pointing out and explaining changes from last year's budget. Discussion followed.

MOTION

Bryant Culpepper moved to approve the Fiscal Year 2011/12 Budget as recommended by the Finance Committee and presented by staff. Edie Yates seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM #6 FY 2011 EPA BROWNFIELDS GRANT AWARD REVOLVING LOAN FUND

Helen Sears stated that the Council was selected to receive an EPA Brownfields Grant for \$1 million to establish a Revolving Loan Fund for brownfields cleanup. She distributed an informational sheet and stated that the grant was just awarded on Monday prior to the Council Meeting on Wednesday. All grant award documents and a draft work plan are due to EPA by June 29, 2011. Discussion followed.

Ms. Steed pointed out that since the grant was just awarded, these funds were not reflected in the proposed budget the Council just reviewed. She did not expect to have the funds until October 1, 2011. Therefore, they will be reflected in the September budget amendment. Also, she announced that the City of Wauchula also received a Brownfields Grant. Discussion followed.

MOTION

Edie Yates moved to authorize the Executive Director to sign the EPA Brownfields Grant documents in order to submit to EPA by June 29, 2011. Bill Keene seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM #7 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The Executive Director reported on the following work activities.

A. State and RPC Workshop on New Legislation

The Department of Community Affairs (DCA) will jointly hold a growth management workshop with the Central Florida and the East Central Florida Regional Planning Councils, to review new legislation, on Wednesday, June 22, 2011, at 1:30 in Polk City at Fantasy of Flight, Orlampa Conference Center. All Council Members were encouraged to attend.

B. Update on Heartland 2060 Consortium

All twelve Consortium Partners have completed and submitted their agreements - all before the deadline. Staff is currently preparing a Request for Proposals (RFP) for a baseline energy inventory consultant. It should be prepared by the end of June or early July. A Heartland 2060 Leadership Team meeting is scheduled for August 31st. Also, on July 25, FHREDI and the Heartland Workforce together with the Heartland 2060 Consortium are planning an event to initiate and review efforts being made toward education, workforce and economic development strategy. Staff will be sending the Council more information as it becomes available.

C. Other Grant Applications

Staff is preparing to put together a grant application to the Economic Development Administration for funds to assist in the Heartland 2060 Consortium effort. Staff will keep the Council informed on its progress.

AGENDA ITEM #8 OTHER BUSINESS

Next Meeting

A meeting will not be held in July, 2011. The next meeting was scheduled for August 10, 2011, in Lakeland at the USF/PSC Campus, Lakeland Technology Building at 9:30 a.m. Dr. Marshall Goodman will be making a presentation to the Council on USF Polytechnic's recent funding and activities.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Huff, Chairman

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