



**Central Florida Regional Planning Council
October 12, 2011
Sun 'N Lakes of Sebring
Golf Club House
5320 Sun 'N Lakes Boulevard
9:30 a.m.**

Meeting Minutes

Chairman Pat Huff called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. 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, City of Bartow
CFRPC Vice-Chairman, Commissioner Minor Bryant, Hardee County
Commissioner Buddy Mansfield, DeSoto County
City Commissioner Keith Keene, Arcadia
Jackie Tucker, DeSoto County Gubernatorial Appointee
City Commissioner Patricia Detwiler, Wauchula
Commissioner Barbara Stewart, Highlands County
Andy Tuck, Highlands County School Board Member and Gubernatorial Appointee
Bill Keene, Okeechobee County Gubernatorial Appointee
City Commissioner Edie Yates, Lakeland
Mark Hill, Highlands County Development Services Director, Ex-officio
Jennifer Stults, Florida Department of Transportation, Ex-officio
John Morgan, South Florida Water Management District, Ex-officio
Miki Renner, representing Maya Burke, Southwest Florida Water Management District,
Ex-officio

Members absent:

City Councilman Scott Stanley, Sebring
Commissioner Bryant Culpepper, Okeechobee County
City Councilman Clayton Williams, Okeechobee
Commissioner Todd Dantzler, Polk County
City Commissioner J.P. Powell, Winter Haven
Dr. Marshall Goodman, Polk County Gubernatorial Appointee
Linda Pilkington, Polk County Gubernatorial Appointee
Kevin Denny, Hardee County Planning Director, Ex-officio
Bill Royce, Okeechobee County Planning Director, Ex-officio
Tom Deardorff, Polk County Director of Growth Management, Ex-officio
Gina Reynolds, Florida's Heartland Regional Economic Dev. Initiative, Ex-officio



Announcements:

Pat Steed thanked Sun 'N Lakes for allowing the Council to meet in their facilities. She introduced new staff member Julie Davis, CPA, Finance Director, and Jay McLeod, Planner. Ms. Steed stated that the Annual Audit will begin in late November and is expected to be presented at the January Council Meeting. She stated that she and Jennifer Codo-Salisbury recently attended the National Association of Development Organizations' (NADO) National Conference in Miami, and made a presentation on the Disaster Resiliency Study, which won a National Innovation Award. She also announced that the Statewide Hurricane Evacuation Study, prepared by all eleven Florida Regional Planning Councils, won the Trailblazers Award for one of the four top projects in the Country.

AGENDA ITEM #1 COUNCIL ADMINISTRATION

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Chairman Huff asked if there were any corrections, additions, or deletions to the September 14, 2011, Council Meeting Minutes.

MOTION

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

Motion carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM #2 NORTHERN EVERGLADES PRESENTATION

Helen Sears, Program Director, stated that the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is proposing a Conservation Area and a National Wildlife Refuge in the Kissimmee River Basin to connect existing conservation lands. This effort will support wildlife corridors, protect water quality and support working ranches. She introduced Mr. Keenan Adams from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Mr. Keith Fountain from The Nature Conservancy, and Ms. Pinar Balci from the South Florida Water Management District who each made presentations related to the Everglades Headwaters National Wildlife Refuge and Conservation Area, and its relationship to other conservation initiatives in the Region, including the CFRPC's work with Avon Park Air Force Range. Discussion followed.

AGENDA ITEM #3 ANNUAL CONTRACT WITH DSM

Pat Steed stated that DSM, Inc. is a full service technology support company located in Polk County, who is also included on the State Contract list. After providing month-to-month services over the past fiscal year to support the Council's office technology, a contract for their services for FY 2011-12 is being proposed. The funds for this contract are included in next year's budget which was approved last month. Discussion followed.

MOTION

Jackie Tucker moved to approve the contract for services with DSM, Inc. as presented, and authorize the Executive Director to sign the contract. Barbara Stewart seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM #4 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION (EDA) ENERGY RESILIENCY GRANT CONTRACT

Ms. Steed stated that the Economic Development Administration (EDA) is funding a statewide Energy Resiliency Study. The Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council will receive the grant, and will sub-contract through a planning services agreement with each regional planning council to perform a portion of the grant tasks, which will include preparing a preliminary survey, a detailed analysis, an energy summit, an analysis of options, strategy development and conduct statewide coordination. The funding amount is expected to be approximately \$64,000 over about an 18 month period. Discussion followed.

MOTION

Keith Keene moved to authorize the Executive Director to sign and administer the EDA Energy Resiliency Grant Contract with Tampa Bay RPC. Buddy Mansfield seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM #5 UPDATE ON DEVELOPMENTS OF REGIONAL IMPACT (DRI)

Jennifer Codo-Salisbury presented an update on the status of current Developments of Regional Impact (DRIs). Discussion followed.

AGENDA ITEM #6 PLANNING ADVISORY SERVICE (PAS) CONTRACTS UPDATE

Jennifer Codo-Salisbury distributed a list of local governments that have contracted with the Council for FY 2011-12 to conduct their Planning Advisory Services (PAS). She reviewed the status of each jurisdiction's contract. Discussion followed.

AGENDA ITEM #7 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The Executive Director reported on the following current work activities:

A. FY 2011-12 Legislative Issues

Pat Steed reported that there are many new individuals at the state level and she felt it was important that they are familiar with the CFRPC and the many roles it plays. She had been in Tallahassee several times last month meeting and discussing the RPC's role and how Regional Planning Councils can work with state agencies. Last week the Florida Regional Council's Association (FRCA) Executive Director's Group met with three of the new division heads of the new State Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO). She was very encouraged about working together to benefit the State of Florida and its citizens.

Also, Ms. Steed announced that CFRPC Member from Highlands County, Andy Tuck, was recently appointed by the Governor to the Florida Transportation Commission.

B. Update on Heartland 2060 Consortium Activities

Ms. Steed stated that the twelve member Consortium continues to meet bi-monthly. A consultant for the Energy Baseline Study had been selected, and work would be getting underway next month. A Scope of Work was currently being developed for the Request for Proposals (RFP) for a consultant to conduct the Economic Development Strategy for Alternative Fuels. She reported that she and two staff members would be going to Washington DC to the required annual meeting of the HUD grantees, and had been asked to speak on a panel dealing with Economic Development in a Slow Growth Area.

C. Status of Brownfields Grants

Ms. Steed reported that the next grant development application was due on November 27, 2011. This grant would be a region-wide planning and assessment of Brownfields. For Ft. Meade, Eco-Gen Biomass has proposed an energy plant on a Brownfields site identified by CFRPC staff.

AGENDA ITEM #8 OTHER BUSINESS

The next Council meeting is scheduled for November 9, 2011, in Wauchula at the Hardee County Commission Annex, in the Commission Chambers at 9:30 a.m.

Ms. Steed stated that she anticipates a DRI public hearing for the CF Industries South Pasture Mine Extension phosphate mine early in 2012. Since phosphate mining has many technical components, she felt it would be beneficial to members to provide them with information on the general aspects of phosphate mining. Therefore, an informational item will be placed on the agenda for the November meeting. Also, there will be a bus tour of CF Industries mining operations in North Hardee County offered to members. More information will be provided prior to that meeting.

Jennifer Stults, with the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), stated that the FDOT Five Year Work Program Public Hearing has in the past been held in conjunction with the December CFRPC meeting. However, since the FDOT is on an accelerated schedule, the public hearing will be held on October 26, 2011, at the FDOT Headquarters in Bartow at 5:30 p.m. The deadline for public comments is October 15, 2011

Ms. Steed stated that she would also add the Work Program to the Council's November 9th Agenda.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Huff, Chairman
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