



**Central Florida Regional Planning Council
November 9, 2011
Hardee County Commission Chambers
412 West Orange Street
Wauchula, Florida
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
Jackie Tucker, DeSoto County Gubernatorial Appointee
City Commissioner Patricia Detwiler, Wauchula
Commissioner Barbara Stewart, Highlands County
City Councilman Scott Stanley, Sebring
Andy Tuck, Highlands County School Board Member and Gubernatorial Appointee
Commissioner Bryant Culpepper, Okeechobee County
City Councilman Clayton Williams, Okeechobee
Bill Keene, Okeechobee County Gubernatorial Appointee
City Commissioner Edie Yates, Lakeland
Dr. Marshall Goodman, Polk County Gubernatorial Appointee
Kevin Denny, Hardee County Planning Director, Ex-officio
Jennifer Stults, Florida Department of Transportation, Ex-officio
Gary Ritter, South Florida Water Management District, Ex-officio
Maya Burke, Southwest Florida Water Management District, Ex-officio

Members absent:

City Commissioner Keith Keene, Arcadia
Commissioner Todd Dantzler, Polk County
Linda Pilkington, Polk County Gubernatorial Appointee
City Commissioner Pete Chichetto, Winter Haven
Tom Deardorff, Polk County Director of Growth Management, Ex-officio
Mark Hill, Highlands County Development Services Director, Ex-officio
Bill Royce, Okeechobee County Planning Director, Ex-officio
Gina Reynolds, Florida Rural Economic Development Initiative, Ex-officio

Announcements

Pat Steed, Council Executive Director, stated that the Council was awarded the National Innovation Award by the National Association of Development Organization (NADO) at their national conference in Miami in September. She read the plaque and presented it to the Council.



Ms. Steed introduced new staff members Ariel Godwin and Eric Labbe, planners who are working on the Broadband Grant among other projects. Also introduced were Julie Davis, the Council's Finance Director, Richard Ranck, a Transportation Planner working on transportation projects, and Mike Gurr, a phosphate mining consultant and hydrologist expert. Mr. Gurr was the narrator of the phosphate mining tour scheduled after the meeting.

AGENDA ITEM #1 COUNCIL ADMINISTRATION

A. October 12, 2011, Council Meeting Minutes

Chairman Huff asked if there were any corrections, additions, or deletions to the October 12, 2011, Council Meeting Minutes.

MOTION

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

Motion carried unanimously.

B. October Finance Report

Pat Steed reviewed the October 2011 Financial Statement of Net Assets and Statement of Activities with the Council.

MOTION

There being no questions, Clayton Williams moved to receive the October 2011 Finance Report as presented. Bill Keene seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM #2 FINAL BUDGET AMENDMENT FOR FY 2010-11

Pat Steed presented the final 2010-11 Budget Amendment to the Council for their consideration. She added that the annual audit was expected to get underway by the end of November.

MOTION

After discussion, Minor Bryant moved to approve the 2010-11 Budget Amendment as presented. Edie Yates seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM #3 FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION 5-YEAR WORK PROGRAM PRESENTATION

Pat Steed stated that for the past several years, the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) Five Year Work Program Public Hearing has been held in conjunction with the December CFRPC meeting. This year the FDOT is on an accelerated schedule and its public hearing was held in October at the

FDOT Headquarters in Bartow and as a Webinar. The FDOT presented the Public Hearing information at today's meeting for the Council's information.

Jennifer Stults with the FDOT, District One, presented an audio visual summary of proposed major roadway projects for funding by the FDOT in its next Five Year Work Program for the five counties in this region.

After the presentation, Ms. Steed referred to a summary included in the Meeting Material, of major roadway projects proposed for funding in the Central Florida Region. These are projects that have regional significance and Council Members have expressed the desire to give them priority. Since the FDOT is facing potential budget cuts for its roadway projects, Ms. Steed suggested the Council consider forwarding a recommendation to the FDOT to maintain these projects as having priority from the regional perspective.

MOTION

Jackie Tucker moved to submit a letter to the FDOT recommending that the regional roadway projects that were summarized and presented to the Council, remain on the FDOT's priority list. Bryant Culpepper seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM #4 APPOINT MEMBERS TO NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Chairman Huff stated that a committee was needed to nominate a Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Council for 2012. The election will take place at the December Council Meeting. Chairman Huff appointed Jackie Tucker, Barbara Stewart and Clayton Williams to the Nominating Committee, and asked Barbara Stewart to serve as Chair. They will meet at 9:00 a.m. on December 14, 2011, just before the regular Council Meeting, to discuss their nominees.

AGENDA ITEM #5 2012 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Staff requested approval of the schedule of Holidays for 2012. The Council office will be closed on the scheduled dates in recognition of these holidays.

MOTION

Barbara Stewart moved to approve the 2012 Holiday Schedule as presented. Andy Tuck seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM #6 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

State Five Year Strategic Plan

Pat Steed reported that the Executive Directors of Florida's Regional Planning Councils met recently with several department heads from the Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) (formerly the Department of Community Affairs), to discuss how they could work together, concentrating on

economic development in Florida. She added that the Florida Legislature is requiring the State to produce a State Strategic Plan, which will be executed by the Governor. On November 30th, a statewide meeting is scheduled for Florida officials where they are expected to set the format for the State Strategic Plan. After that meeting, a series of public meetings are expected to be held around the State. The CFRPC has offered to host a public meeting if one is planned for this area.

Brownfields

Pat Steed stated that staff is currently working on submitting the Brownfields grant application to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for a planning assessment grant. Staff is soliciting support from the Counties in the region. There is no cost to the counties to participate. However, it is an opportunity to secure Brownfields funding for projects in the Central Florida region.

Legislative Issues

Ms. Steed stated that in a Bill proposed by Senator Bennett, there are items of concern to Regional Planning Councils (RPCs). One proposal is a requirement that RPCs would have to exhaust all local funding prior to receiving any state funding. Another proposal is that RPCs shall not provide services to local governments where they would be required to have any review responsibilities. In some cases, local governments depend on the RPC to provide PAS services. Discussion followed.

AGENDA ITEM #7 OTHER BUSINESS

The next meeting was scheduled for December 14, 2011, in Polk County. The specific location will be announced. Staff will prepare Christmas treats for Council Members to enjoy.

AGENDA ITEM #8 PHOSPHATE MINING 101

Ms. Steed stated that since phosphate mining is such a complex process, she wanted to present general information to the Council that would help prepare them for an upcoming phosphate mining Development of Regional Impact (DRI) public hearing. Mike Gurr presented a PowerPoint with general information regarding the phosphate mining process, and answered questions not specifically related to the C.F. Industries South Pasture Mine DRI Substantial Deviation.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Huff, Chairman
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Immediately following the meeting, Council Members boarded a bus for a tour of the C.F. Industries mining operations in North Hardee County.

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