



Central Florida Regional Planning Council

April 9, 2014

DeSoto County Commission Chambers

Arcadia, 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.

Chairman Pat Huff introduced and welcomed Councilman Robert Heine, new member from the City of Arcadia.

Norman White, Council Attorney, administered the Oath of Office to Councilman Heine.

CFRPC Chairman, City Commissioner Pat Huff, Ridge League of Cities, City of Bartow
CFRPC Vice-Chairman, Councilman Clayton Williams, City of Okeechobee
Commissioner Buddy Mansfield, DeSoto County
City Councilman Robert Heine, Arcadia
Jackie Tucker, DeSoto County Gubernatorial Appointee
City Councilwoman Neda Cobb, Wauchula
Commissioner Ron Handley, Highlands County
Commissioner Ray Domer, Okeechobee County
Elvie Posey, Okeechobee County Gubernatorial Appointee
City Commissioner J.P. Powell, Winter Haven
Kevin Denny, Hardee County Planning Director, Ex-officio
Tom Cookingham, DeSoto County Planning Director, Ex-officio
Jennifer Stults, Florida Department of Transportation, Ex-officio
Gary Ritter, South Florida Water Management District, Ex-officio

Members absent:

Commissioner Sue Birge, Hardee County
Chet Huddleston, Hardee County Gubernatorial Appointee
City Councilman Bud Whitlock, Sebring
Commissioner Melony Bell, Polk County
City Commissioner Edie Yates, Lakeland
Dr. Marshall Goodman, Polk County Gubernatorial Appointee
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's Heartland Regional Economic Development Initiative, Ex-officio
Jim Golden, Southwest Florida Water Management District, Ex-officio

Under announcements, Pat Steed, Executive Director, thanked DeSoto County and Jackie Tucker for hosting the Council meeting. She asked members if they would remain after the meeting for a photograph which will be placed in the Council's 2014 Annual Report.

AGENDA ITEM #1 PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chairman Huff opened the public comment period. He closed the public comment period with no comments.

AGENDA ITEM #2 COUNCIL ADMINISTRATION

A. February 12, 2014, Council Meeting Minutes

Chairman Huff asked if there were any additions, deletions or corrections to the February 12, 2014, Council Meeting Minutes.

MOTION

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

Motion carried unanimously.

B. March Financial Report

Kristen Guy, Finance Director, reviewed the Statement of Activities and Statement of Net Assets for the month ended March, 2014. Discussion followed.

MOTION

J.P. Powell moved to approve the March, 2014, Financial Report as presented. Ron Handley seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM #3 DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY (DEO) STATE FIVE YEAR STRATEGIC ECONOMIC PLAN

Pat Steed introduced Noel Munson, Strategic Planner, Bureau of Planning & Partnerships, Division of Strategic Business Development, with the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity. Showing a PowerPoint presentation, Mr. Munson reviewed key information regarding the Florida Strategic Plan for Economic Development and how the State Plan works in mutual support of the

Region's Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS). He distributed copies of the Florida Strategic Plan for Economic Development to those present. Discussion followed.

AGENDA ITEM #4 DESOTO COUNTY'S COMPETITIVE FLORIDA PROJECT, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT UPDATE AND DART SERVICE

Mandy Hines, County Coordinator for DeSoto County, explained DeSoto County's involvement in the State's Competitive Florida Pilot Program, which is a unique opportunity to participate in a technical assistance process that will ultimately result in a Strategic Plan for Economic Development in DeSoto County. She updated the Council on other economic development activities that DeSoto County is involved in, as well as the DeSoto Arcadia Regional Transit (DART) service offered in DeSoto County since 2012.

AGENDA ITEM #5 CERTIFICATION OF TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED (TD) LOCAL COORDINATING BOARD (LCB) MEMBERSHIP

Marcia Staszko, Transportation Disadvantaged Director, stated that as part of the annual update of the Transportation Disadvantaged Service Plan (TDSP), the Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged (CTD) requires certification of the Transportation Disadvantaged Local Coordinating Board membership.

MOTION

J.P. Powell moved to approve certification of the Transportation Disadvantaged Local Coordinating Board membership as presented. Ron Handley seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM #6 STATUS OF SEBRING-AVON PARK-HIGHLANDS URBANIZED AREA TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION (TPO) FORMATION

Pat Steed discussed the CFRPC's transit grants and how they are affected by the Sebring-Avon Park-Highlands Urbanized Area Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) formation. She distributed a chart showing each transit program and its projected funding and noted change due to new 5310 operating funds. Ms. Steed also reported that the six counties and two cities which will comprise the new TPO, are required to adopt a resolution supporting the apportionment plan. Once all eight jurisdictions adopt the resolution, then it will be sent to the Florida Department of Transportation, and to the Governor's Office for final approval. Discussion followed.

AGENDA ITEM #7 RECOGNITION OF CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL'S (CFRPC) 40TH ANNIVERSARY

Pat Steed stated that the Council will mark its 40th Anniversary this year. At the last meeting, the Council discussed ways they might acknowledge this milestone. She distributed a timeline of activities to take place between June and the end of the year, commemorating the Council's 40th Anniversary.

Members were in agreement with the timeline of ideas.

AGENDA ITEM #8 SCHEDULED UPDATE OF CFRPC'S STRATEGIC REGIONAL POLICY PLAN (SRPP)

Pat Steed stated that Regional Planning Councils in Florida have two rules that are required to be adopted under State rulemaking guidelines. These two rules are related to the Strategic Regional Policy Plan (SRPP) and the Dispute Resolution Guidelines, and she explained the process. Ms. Steed stated that the Council must notify the State before July 1, 2014, as to whether or not they plan to undertake the rule-making process in FY 2014-15, although it may not be completed within that year. She presented a proposed schedule for rule-making.

MOTION

Jackie Tucker moved to authorize staff to notify the Joint Administrative Procedures Committee that the Central Florida Regional Planning Council intends to undertake rulemaking under Chapter 120 Florida Statutes, in fiscal year 2014-15. Buddy Mansfield seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM #9 REQUEST FOR SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDS FROM THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY FOR BROWNFIELDS REVOLVING LOAN FUND GRANT

Pat Steed explained that the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is soliciting applications for supplemental funds from Revolving Loan Fund grantees that have expended most of their previous awards. The Council anticipates receiving two new applications for which it does not have sufficient grant funds. If these applications are received, staff would like to apply for the supplemental funds.

MOTION

J.P. Powell moved to authorize staff to apply for a supplemental allocation for the Brownfields Revolving Loan Fund and to enter into an agreement with EPA if the funds are awarded. Buddy Mansfield seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM #10 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Pat Steed reported on the following current work activities:

A. National Association of Development Organizations (NADO) Policy Conference

Pat Steed reported that, as a member of the NADO Board of Directors, she recently attended the NADO Policy Conference in Washington, D.C. where she visited with several members of

Congress and Senator Nelson and Senator Rubio's staff. She felt that it was a productive conference.

B. Legislative Update

Pat Steed reported that she stays current with Florida Legislative activities. Funding for Regional Planning Councils continues to be uncertain for the upcoming budget year. Regional Planning Councils in the state will continue to work around the budget limitation. Ms. Steed reported that she continues to work closely with the Florida Association of Counties, the Florida League of Cities and the Small County Coalition.

C. Florida Regional Councils Association (FRCA) Activities

Ms. Steed distributed Legislative Talking Points for 2014, which was a list of issues involving the Regional Planning Councils. Also distributed was a Monthly Activity Report from the FRCA Director of Intergovernmental Affairs, Sheri Coven. Ms. Steed also distributed a Press Release from the Florida Chamber Foundation regarding FRCA's Unveiling of a New Economic Scorecard Website utilizing six pillars metrics.

Freight Forum

Ms. Steed reported that she recently participated in a Freight Initiative Forum and discovered there is a priority listing of projects that would support freight and trade, and our region was not represented will in those submitted so far. Staff is working to improve project ratings. Discussion followed.

AGENDA ITEM #11 APPOINT MEMBER TO FINANCE COMMITTEE

Chairman Huff appointed Chet Huddleston, Hardee County Gubernatorial Appointee, to fill a vacancy on the Council's Finance Committee.

AGENDA ITEM #12 OTHER BUSINESS

A Finance Committee meeting was scheduled for May 14, 2014, at the Council office at 10:00 a.m., in lieu of a regular May Council meeting.

The next Council meeting was scheduled for June 11, 2014, at the Sebring Airport at 9:30 a.m.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



W. Patrick Huff, Chairman
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