



# Central Florida Regional Planning Council

## Meeting Agenda

**Wednesday, October 11, 2023 | 9:30 a.m.**

**How to Attend:**

In Person: Okeechobee County Historic Courthouse  
"Judge William L. Hendry Courtroom" – County Commission Chambers  
304 NW 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Okeechobee, FL 34972

**Call To Order – Chair Keith Keene**

- Invocation
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Roll Call
- Announcements

**1) Opportunity for Public Comments**

**2) Council Administration**

- A) Approval of Minutes
- B) August 2023 Financial Report

Actions Requested:	Approval by Council
Exhibits:	#2A: August 2, 2023 Council Meeting Minutes - page 5 #2B: August 2023 Financial Report - page 9

**3) Okeechobee County Activities Report**

Deborah Manzo, Okeechobee County Administrator, has been invited to update the Council on current activities in Okeechobee County.

Actions Requested:	Information Only
Exhibits:	None

**4) Adoption of the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) 2023 Update**

The CFRPC serves as the Economic Development District for the Central Florida Region, as designated by the US Economic Development Administration (EDA). One role of the EDD is to develop and maintain the five-year Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) for the region, including updating the CEDS annually. The annual update to the CEDS has been drafted and is presented for Council approval.

Actions Requested:	Adopt 2023 CEDS Update and Approve for Publishing and transmitting to EDA
Exhibits:	None

**5) 2023 U.S. Department of Commerce Economic Development Administration (EDA) Partnership Planning Grant FY 2024 – 2027**

The Central Florida Regional Planning Council serves as an Economic Development District (EDD). In accordance with Economic Development Administration guidelines, staff will submit the Partnership Planning grant application for FY2024-27. This grant funds the coordination, preparation and maintenance of the EDD's Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) and allows the EDD to provide technical assistance to communities throughout the region.

Actions Requested:	Approve Resolution 2023-10A authorizing Executive Director to submit application, execute agreement and administer EDA Grant
Exhibits:	#5: Resolution 2023-10A - page 15

**6) U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Brownfields Grant**

The US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Brownfields Grant is available for communities to apply. Staff will provide an overview and requests authorization to submit, execute agreement, and administer this grant.

Actions Requested:	Approve Resolution 2023-10B authorizing Executive Director to submit, execute agreement and administer EPA Grant
Exhibits:	#6: Resolution 2023-10B - page 19

**7) Florida Wildlife Corridor Planning and Development Data Statewide Study**

Staff will provide an update on the statewide work recently completed for the Florida Wildlife Corridor.

Actions Requested:	Information Only
Exhibits:	None

**8) Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Grant Applications**

Each year the Council submits requests to the Florida Department of Transportation for FTA funding. The annual grant applications for operating and capital support the Transportation Disadvantaged Program, rural transit services and mobility management programs in DeSoto, Hardee, Highlands, and Okeechobee counties.

Actions Requested:	Adopt Resolution 2023-10C
Exhibits:	#8: Resolution 2023-10C covering FTA 5310, 5311, and 5339 Grant Programs - page 23

**9) Heartland Regional Transportation Planning Organization (HRTPO) Activities**

Staff will brief the Council on activities of the six-county Heartland Regional Transportation Planning Organization (HRTPO) and other transportation issues.

Actions Requested:	Information only
Exhibits:	None

**10) Update regarding Awarded FloridaCommerce Community Planning Technical Assistance Grants and Planning Advisory Services Agreements**

Staff will provide an update regarding applications filed for the Florida Commerce FY 2023-2024 Community Planning Technical Assistance Grants and Planning Advisory Services.

Actions Requested:	Information Only
Exhibits:	None

**11) Report on the Florida Regional Councils Association (FRCA) August Policy Board Meeting**

The Executive Director and Policy Board Members will report on the FRCA Policy Board meeting which was held in August in Pinellas Park.

Actions Requested:	Information Only
Exhibits:	None

**12) Executive Director Probationary Review**

Consistent with the Central Florida Regional Planning Council (Council) Employment agreement with Executive Director Jennifer Codo-Salisbury, the Council shall provide a probationary performance evaluation at this time. A summary of the evaluation results will be presented.

Actions Requested:	Authorize 4% salary increase upon successful completion of probationary period consistent with Employment Agreement
Exhibits:	None

**13) Executive Director's Report**

The Executive Director will report on outcomes of the legislative session, Florida Regional Councils Association (FRCA) activities, and Council programs.

Actions Requested:	Information Only
Exhibits:	#13: FRCA Monthly Activities Report - page 27

**14) Next Meeting and Other Business**

A) Next Meeting: December 13, 2023 at 9:30 am at the AdventHealth Fieldhouse & Conference Center, Room B.

B) Other Business

**15) Adjourn**

*If any person decides to appeal any decision made by the Board with respect to any matter considered at this meeting or hearing, he/she will need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceeding is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence from which the appeal is to be issued.*

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