



## Central Florida Regional Planning Council

February 13, 2019

DeSoto County Administration Building, Commission Board Room  
Address 201 East Oak Street | Arcadia | 9:30 a.m.

### **Meeting Minutes**

Chairman Mike Thompson called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. Norman White offered the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### **New Member Oath of Office**

Council Attorney Norman White administered the new member Oath of Office to Commissioner Rob Jerriel, City of Okeechobee.

Roll was called with the following members present:

Chairman, Commissioner Mike Thompson, Hardee County  
Commissioner Buddy Mansfield, DeSoto County  
City Councilmember Keith Keene, City of Arcadia  
Jackie Tucker, DeSoto County Gubernatorial Appointee  
Commissioner Don Elwell, Highlands County  
Mayor John Shoop, City of Sebring  
Commissioner Bryant Culpepper, Okeechobee County  
City Commissioner Bob Jerriel, City of Okeechobee  
City Commissioner Nathaniel Birdsong, City of Winter Haven  
City Commissioner Bill Read, City of Lakeland  
Jeff Kincart, Polk County Gubernatorial Appointee  
Todd Miller, Hardee County Planning Director, Ex-officio  
Cindy Rodriguez, Southwest Florida Water Management District, Ex-officio

Members absent:

Vice Chair, City Commissioner Neda Cobb, City of Wauchula  
Donna Howerton, Highlands County Gubernatorial Appointee; Highlands County School Board  
Commissioner Rick Wilson, Polk County  
City Commissioner Morris West, City of Hanes City; Ridge League of Cities  
Earl Hahn, DeSoto County Planning Director, Ex-officio  
Ben Dunn, 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  
Deborah Chesna, Florida Department of Transportation, Ex-officio  
Elizabeth "Libby" Maxwell-Pigman, South Fla. Water Management District, Ex-officio  
Mary Yeargan, Department of Environmental Protection, Ex-officio



## Announcements

Pat Steed thanked Jackie Tucker and Buddy Mansfield for hosting the February Council meeting in DeSoto County and for the refreshment they provided.

### **AGENDA ITEM #1 PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments.

### **AGENDA ITEM #2 COUNCIL ADMINISTRATION**

#### A. December 12, 2018 Council Meeting Minutes

Chair Thompson asked if there were any changes to the December 12, 2018 Council Meeting Minutes.

#### **MOTION**

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

Motion carried unanimously.

#### B. January 2019 Financial Report

Pat Steed reviewed the Statement of Activities and Statement of Net Assets for the month ended January 2019.

#### **MOTION**

Bryant Culpepper moved to accepted the January 12, 2018 Financial Report as presented. John Shoop seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

### **AGENDA ITEM #3 DESOTO COUNTY ACTIVITIES REPORT**

DeSoto County Administrator Mandy Hines reported that DeSoto County has successfully joined the P25 Communications Network with Polk, Highlands and Hardee Counties. With the addition of DeSoto County this is the largest interconnected P25 system in the nation. She reported that DeSoto County has completed construction of a new \$1.7 million fire station. DeSoto County is also constructing a new \$4.2 million section of their landfill. Ms. Hines discussed the work being done to stop the erosion at Morgan Park along the Peach River. Structures and roadways are being eroded and threatened. After the hurricane caused further damage, NRCS helped DeSoto fund a remediation project, driving pilings into the ground and constructing fencing along the area. She reported that as of February 12, 2019 the DeSoto County Board of County Commission approved the construction of a

\$18 million Nuco Citrus facility on Hwy 72, across from the Peace River Citrus Plant in DeSoto County. Nuco Citrus will be an around-the-clock manufacturing plant that produces pectin from the wet-peel obtained from the nearby citrus plant. Nuco Citrus will provide 120 high-paying jobs to the community. And are working with DeSoto County Economic Development Agency and the South Florida State College to provide a certified training program as early as August. Also, Ms. Hines introduced the newly elected DeSoto County Commissioner JC Deriso, who was in attendance.

**AGENDA ITEM #4 GOVERNMENT IN THE SUNSHINE PRESENTATION BY NORMAN WHITE, COUNCIL ATTORNEY**

Norman White, Council Attorney, provided information on Florida's Government in the Sunshine laws, rules and regulations which govern Council Members and their communications. Discussion followed.

**AGENDA ITEM #5 RESOLUTION APPROVING PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION GRANT AGREEMENT (PTGA) WITH FDOT FOR 5310 FUNDS**

Marcia Staszko, CFRPC staff, stated that FDOT has proposed a new PTGA for Federal 5310 funds awarded to the CFRPC for transportation for the elderly and individuals with disabilities through the coordinated system in Hardee, Highlands, and Okeechobee Counties.

**MOTION**

Buddy Mansfield moved to adopt Resolution 2019-2A as presented. Don Elwell seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

**AGENDA ITEM #6 RESOLUTION APPROVING PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION GRANT AGREEMENT (PTGA) WITH FDOT FOR 5311 FUNDS**

Marcia Staszko, CFRPC staff, stated that FDOT has proposed a new PTGA for Federal 5311 funds awarded to the CFRPC for public transportation through the coordinated system in Hardee, Highlands, and Okeechobee Counties.

**MOTION**

Keith Keen moved to adopt Resolution 2019-2B as presented. Buddy Mansfield seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

**AGENDA ITEM #7 UPDATE ON THE HEARTLAND REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION (HRTPO)**

Pat Steed updated the Council on current activities of the HRTPO. She reviewed the HRTPO Board and subcommittees' meeting schedules, including the TD Local Coordinating Boards (LCB), which are now under the HRTPO. Staff is beginning work to update the 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan for the six counties of the HRTPO, which is required every five years. The LRTP will forecast future growth of the six-county region and the need for possible new corridors for added capacity to the road system for 2045. The Heartland 2060 effort was used in the development of the first LRTP. The Council has received grant funding from DEO to update the population and economic forecast for the Heartland 2060 effort, which will be used to update the LRTP. Ms. Steed mentioned several corridors in the region that the HRTPO continues to work toward furthering their safety, including SR 70.

#### **AGENDA ITEM #8 FLORIDA 2030**

John Kaliski, Cambridge Systematics, presented information, findings and recommendations of the Florida 2030 project, which was led by the Florida Chamber Foundation to develop a blue-print for Florida's future economy. The Six Pillars of Florida was used as a framework for the 2030 project. Mr. Kaliski presented information on the types of data collected to project future growth patterns, and discussed several drivers of the changes that are expected in the State. He discussed the types of jobs forecasted for the future, along with growth patterns, population diversity, and urbanization. Mr. Kaliski also presented several goals Florida has set in order to be in a highly competitive position to secure its future.

#### **AGENDA ITEM #9 RESOLUTION HONORING BRIAN TEEPLE**

Pat Steed stated that Brian Teeple is retiring from his distinguished career after serving the North East Florida Council for 37 years, and the last 24 years as its CEO/Executive Director. She presented a Resolution honoring his service.

#### **MOTION**

Don Elwell moved to adopt Resolution 2019-C as presented. Keith Keen seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

#### **AGENDA ITEM #10 RESOLUTION FOR NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA RPC (NCFRPC)**

Pat Steed stated that the NCFRPC will celebrate their 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary this year. She presented a Resolution recognizing that milestone.

#### **MOTION**

Jeff Kincart moved to adopt Resolution 2019-D as presented. John Shoop seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

## **AGENDA ITEM #11 REPORT ON THE FLORIDA REGIONAL COUNCILS ASSOCIATION (FRCA) JANUARY POLICY BOARD MEETING**

Pat Steed stated that the FRCA Policy Board meets twice each year. The last meeting was held in January 2019 in Tallahassee. The Policy Board Members attending were Jackie Tucker and Nathaniel Birdsong. At the Policy Board Meeting staff highlighted the Avon Park Air Force Range Sentinel Landscape project, which is a collaboration between the Range, the contiguous local governments, the agricultural community and the conservationist on a project designated as one of few in the country to promote natural resource sustainability and preservation of agricultural and conservation land uses in areas surrounding military installations.

Jackie Tucker stated that her main concern is the housing issue in Florida. She described a project in DeSoto County that has successfully addressed the shortage of decent affordable housing. She also commended Pat Steed for her leadership as Executive Director.

Ms. Steed presented highlights of the FRCA Annual Report including its mission, focus areas and national awards received. She reviewed the Policy Board's priority strategies and issues, and presented information regarding ongoing cooperative work among the Regional Planning Councils in the State.

## **AGENDA ITEM #12 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Pat Steed, Executive Director, reported on current legislative activities, including preemption bills over local authority, and the Regional Council Association Bill to fund an update to the Statewide Regional Evacuation Plans. Discussion followed.

Ms. Steed presented information on the continuing work with the Economic Development Administration (EDA) on an Aviation Study. Grants are being submitted for EDA funding.

Ms. Steed presented the FRCA Monthly Progress Report which provided information on current activities.

## **AGENDA ITEM #13 ELECTION OF COUNCIL OFFICERS FOR 2019**

A committee to nominate a Chair and Vice-Chair of the Council for 2019 was appointed at the last Council meeting. The Committee met at 9:00 a.m., just prior to this meeting. Members in attendance were: Okeechobee County Commissioner Bryant Culpepper, DeSoto County Gubernatorial Appointee Jackie Tucker, and City of Sebring Mayor John Shoop. The Committee Chair, Bryant Culpepper stated that the committee voted to nominate Hardee County Commissioner Mike Thompson to continue serving as Chairman for 2019, and voted to nominate City of Wauchula Commissioner Neda Cobb to continue serving as Vice Chairman for 2019.

## **MOTION**

Bill Read moved to close nominations and elect Mike Thompson as Chairman of the Council for 2019 and to elect Neda Cobb as Vice Chairman of the Council for 2019. Jackie Tucker seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

**AGENDA ITEM #14 APPOINT MEMBERS TO THE FLORIDA REGIONAL COUNCILS ASSOCIATION (FRCA) POLICY BOARD**

Chair Thompson appointed Jackie Tucker, Nathaniel Birdsong, and Buddy Mansfield to serve on the FRCA Policy Board for 2019, and Neda Cobb to continue serving as alternate.

**AGENDA ITEM #15 APPOINT MEMBERS TO FINANCE COMMITTEE**

The Chairman appointed Gubernatorial Appointee Donna Howerton, Commissioner Don Elwell, City Commissioner Neda Cobb, and Commissioner Mike Thompson to serve as the Council's Finance Committee for 2019.

**AGENDA ITEM #16 OTHER BUSINESS**

The next meeting was scheduled for April 10, 2019 at 9:30 a.m. in Wauchula at the Hardee County Commission Board Room.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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Chairman Mike Thompson  
Hardee County Commissioner  
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