



# NORTHEAST FLORIDA REGIONAL COUNCIL

Legislative Policy Committee

October 1, 2009

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## MINUTES

A meeting of the NEFRC Legislative Policy Committee was held on Thursday, October 1, 2009, at 12:45 p.m., at the Northeast Florida Regional Council, 6850 Belfort Oaks Place, Jacksonville, FL 32216. President Boyle called the meeting to order with the following members present representing a quorum:

Michael Griffis	Chereese Stewart	Wendell Davis
Larry Williams	Chip Laibl	Cyndi Stevenson

Others: Wes Larson and Darryl Register  
Excused: Michael Boyle, Milissa Holland and Jon Netts  
Staff: Brian Teeple, Mario Taylor and Sheron Forde

### \*Approval of Minutes

**President Griffis called for a motion on the September 3, 2009 meeting minutes. Commissioner Laibl moved approval, seconded by Mr. Williams; motion passed unanimously.**

### Regional Council Local Comp Plan Review - Draft White Paper

Mr. Teeple stated that based on the directions received at the last meeting, a white paper was drafted outlining the framework for delegation of growth management responsibilities. Mr. Teeple provided an overview of the suggestions listed and asked for direction from the Committee. Discussion ensued.

**Mr. Larson** inquired as to what percentage of the Council's recommendations have been implemented by DCA. Mr. Teeple stated that under Secretary Pelham's second regime, approximately 70 percent of the Council's recommendations have been implemented when a recommendation of inconsistent; but less when recommending an amendment is consistent.

**Commissioner Stevenson** suggested that when this goes to the full Board, it should be with a strong vote or buy-in. Mr. Taylor inquired if it would be more prudent to use the current white paper outline for the Board prior to drafting the legislative language. **Commissioner Laibl** agreed stating that the full Board will need to fully understand what this means.

Further discussion ensued, after which Mr. Teeple was directed to present this information to the full Board at the next meeting prior to any more work on the document. Mr. Taylor inquired if the Board should have a Duval County representative seated prior to presenting to the document to the Board. Mr. Teeple stated he will contact the City of Jacksonville Council President and request a replacement for former Councilman Graham.

### 2010 Legislative Priorities

Mr. Taylor presented the draft 2010 Legislative Priorities and provided an overview of each county's issues. He stated that with the Committee's determination of the Regional priorities, the Priorities can be finalized by early December, 2009. Mr. Taylor mentioned the two identified Regional priorities and asked for guidance on additional issues. Discussion ensued on possible issues.

**Mr. Williams** suggested that the Regional priorities should not be more than four issues.

**President Griffis** asked that Mr. Taylor review information from other associations to see if anything stands out and inform the Committee for the next meeting and prior to publication.

#### 2010 Regional Legislative Delegation Forum Update

Mr. Taylor stated that Legislative Session meeting dates have not yet been made public, the Forum may be combined with the Elected Officials Awards Dinner in January 2010. Staff is currently working with the University of North Florida as a possible venue for this event. More information will be provided as we progress on this. Mr. Taylor indicated that he will need Mr. Williams' assistance with organizing this, to which **Mr. Williams** agreed. A brief discussion ensued.

#### Other Items of Interest

Regional Transportation Authority (RTA) – Mr. Teeple reported that the Transportation Planning Organization has suspended their competing study to allow the RTA to continue theirs.

Grants – Mr. Teeple stated that a Tiger Grant has been submitted to the Department of Transportation to build two ships at Atlantic Marina to construct offshore wind turbines, which will potentially provide jobs for the area.

#### Next Meeting Date and Location

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 5, 2009, immediately following the Board Meeting, at the Northeast Florida Regional Council, 6850 Belfort Oaks Place, Jacksonville, FL 32216.

#### Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 2:00 pm.