

**WITHLACOOCHEE REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

DATE: April 21, 2011
TIME: 7:00 P.M.
PLACE: Withlacoochee Regional Planning Council
1241 S. W. 10th Street
Ocala, FL 34471-0323

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ken Hinkle, Citrus County Municipal Representative
John J. Kenney, Citrus County Commissioner
Bill Murray, Citrus County Governor's Appointee
Avis Craig, Citrus County Governor's Appointee
Joe Johnston, III, Hernando County Municipal Representative
James Adkins, Hernando County Commissioner
David Russell, Hernando County Commissioner
Ryan Bell, Levy County Commissioner
Fred Ward, Marion County Municipal Representative
Carl Zalak, III, Marion County Commissioner
Martha Hanson, Marion County Governor's Appointee
Ed Kelly, Marion County Governor's Appointee
Ronald Allen, Sumter County Municipal Representative
Garry Breeden, Sumter County Commissioner
Richard Hoffman, Sumter County Commissioner
Ed Nowe, Sumter County Governor's Appointee
Joe Quinn representing Richard S. Owen, Non-Voting, Ex-Officio from SWFWMD

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Rebecca Bays, Citrus County Commissioner
Dennis Damato, Citrus County Commissioner
Wayne Dukes, Hernando County Commissioner
Buddy "Walter" Selph, Hernando County Governor's Appointee
Danny Stevens, Levy County Commissioner
Kathy Bryant, Marion County Commissioner
Mike Amsden, Marion County Commissioner
Charlie Stone, Marion County Commissioner
Ed Abshier, Marion County Governor's Appointee
Suzy Heinbockel, City of Ocala Municipal Representative
Glenn Horvath, Non-Voting, Ex-Officio member, representing SRWMD
Deborah Getzoff, Non-Voting, Ex-Officio member, representing DEP

OTHERS PRESENT:

Fred Landt, WRPC Attorney
Chuck Dixon, Citrus County Schools

STAFF PRESENT:

Michael R. Moehlman, Executive Director
Glenda J. Roberts, Office Manager/Board Secretary
Bill Taylor, Geo Database Manager

AGENDA ITEM #1 - CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Johnston.

AGENDA ITEM #2 - INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Invocation was given by Mr. Ronald Allen and the Pledge of Allegiance followed.

AGENDA ITEM #3 - WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Johnston welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked Attorney Fred Landt to swear in new Board Member, Commissioner Dave Russell from Hernando County.

AGENDA ITEM #4 - ROLL CALL

Ms. Roberts called the roll and a majority quorum was present. A majority quorum was needed to vote on the WRPC dues.

AGENDA ITEM #5 - ADOPTION OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Mr. Murray and seconded by Mr. Hinkle to adopt the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

ADOPTION OF
AGENDA

AGENDA ITEM #6 - APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE APRIL 21, 2011 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

A motion was made by Mr. Kelly and seconded by Ms. Craig to approve the minutes of the April 21, 2011 Board of Directors Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF
MINUTES

A. Dues for 2011/2012

Discussion was held on the current \$.40 per capita dues rate. Mr. Russell commented that others have had to make reductions due to the economy and he didn't see that the RPC had done that. Mr. Moehlman said he disagreed because in the 10 years that he has been executive director, most years we have given dues rebates. He stated that this year we may not receive some state funding. Mr. Moehlman noted that there is no fat in the WRPC budget and any reduction would be in staff positions.

A motion was made by Mr. Russell and seconded by Mr. Adkins to reduce the WRPC dues rate to \$.35 per capita. Discussion ensued. Comments were received from Mr. Ward who said they have had to cut as well. Mr. Bell commented that everyone is having to cut their budgets, but if we cut and we are already to bare bone, that would be a concern. Mr. Moehlman stated that if we reduce the dues rate to \$.35 that would be approximately \$45,000 and we may not be able to maintain the 10 full-time staff members that we have currently. He added that staff could possibly be reduced to seven full-time due to other state funding reductions as well.

MOTION TO REDUCE THE WRPC DUES RATE TO \$.35 PER CAPITA

Mr. Moehlman suggested that if the Board was looking at a reduction, that they consider approving the dues at \$.40 and give a dues rebate instead. He added that once the dues rate is lowered it could not be increased again without the approval of all five counties. He also mentioned that we only have one more meeting to decide on the dues. Mr. Johnston said keep in mind that other funding has already been reduced in recent years. Mr. Moehlman said we are already lacking in local planning funds because the local governments don't have the funding as well. Ms. Craig commented on other RPC funding. She said that the legislature is reducing funding as well and she felt there are hard times ahead. Mr. Adkins felt that this small cut will send a signal that we are conscious in our spending.

Mr. Johnston reiterated the motion on the floor to reduce the WRPC dues rate to \$.35 per capita.

The vote on the motion passed with nine in favor and five opposed (Mr. Johnston, Ms. Hanson, Mr. Allen, Ms. Craig, and Mr. Murray).

VOTE ON THE MOTION

Mr. Johnston asked Mr. Moehlman to put together information on where cuts would come from. Mr. Murray, Mr. Johnston and Mr. Allen said they voted no because they felt we should have more information before voting. Ms. Craig said once they receive the information if the vote needed to go back to \$.40, it still could. Mr. Johnston asked if there would be time enough before

we have to let the counties know the dues rate? Mr. Moehlman stated that dues rate information is due at the end of this month to some of our counties.

B. Update of Economic Development Activities

David Connolly, Senior Planner presented a PowerPoint update of regional economic development activities in our area.

C. 8-Hr. HazWoper Course

The District 5 LEPC approved sponsorship of the 8-Hr. OSHA HazWoper course. It was taught by Emergency Response Educators & Consultants (EREC). HMEP training funds were used to cover the \$2,603 cost of the course. It was held in Ocala on March 31, 2011.

A motion was made by Mr. Kelly and seconded by Mr. Hinkle to approve the Chair or Executive Director to sign the necessary documents associated with the course. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION TO
APPROVE 8-HR.
HAZWOPER COURSE

D. 4-Hr. OSHA HazMat Course

The District 5 LEPC has approved sponsorship of the 4-Hr. "OSHA HazMat Awareness" courses to be held in Ocala on April 25, 26, 27, 28, 2011. The courses will be taught by EREC, Inc. HMEP training funds will be used to cover the \$3,315 cost of the courses.

A motion was made by Mr. Kelly and seconded by Mr. Hinkle to approve the Chair or Executive Director to sign the necessary documents associated with the course. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION TO
APPROVE 4-HR.
OSHA HAZMAT
AWARENESS
COURSES

E. 40-Hr. Basic Aircraft Rescue & Fire Fighting Course

The District 5 LEPC has approved sponsorship of a 40-Hour "Basic Aircraft Rescue & Fire fighting" course. It will be held at the airport in Hernando County on a date to be determined. The course will be taught by Mr. Richard Rauscher Jr. HMEP training funds will be used to cover the \$5,000 cost of the course.

A motion was made by Mr. Bell and seconded by Mr. Murray to approve the Chair or Executive Director to sign the necessary documents associated with the course. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION TO
APPROVE THE 40-HR
BASIC AIRCRAFT
RESCUE & FIRE
FIGHTING COURSE

F. Legislative Update

Mr. Moehlman noted that at this point, regional planning councils are in the state budget in both the House and Senate. He reminded the Board that the funds still has to be approved by the Governor. Mr. Moehlman suggested members read pages 6,7,8 in Mr. Book's report pertaining to growth management.

Ms. Craig stated that HB 7129 was not included in Mr. Book's report, but it had passed the day before. She encouraged members to read that bill.

AGENDA ITEM #8 - CITIZEN'S INPUT

None.

AGENDA ITEM #9 - CHAIR'S REPORT

Mr. Johnston announced the next meeting of the WRPC scheduled for Thursday, May 19, 2011, in Ocala at the WRPC offices.

AGENDA ITEM #10 - DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Moehlman reviewed the budget status report for the Board's information.

AGENDA ITEM #11 - OTHER BUSINESS

Commissioner Carl Zalak from Marion County was sworn in as a new member of the WRPC Board of Directors.

AGENDA ITEM #12 - ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:54 p. m. by Chairman Johnston.

Joseph E. Johnston, III, Chair