

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

DATE: June 16, 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
Rebecca Bays, Citrus County Commissioner
Dennis Damato, 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
Buddy "Walter" Selph, Hernando County Governor's Appointee
Ryan Bell, Levy County Commissioner
Danny Stevens, Levy County Commissioner
Ed Abshier, Marion County Governor's Appointee
Martha Hanson, Marion County Governor's Appointee
Suzy Heinbockel, City of Ocala Municipal Representative
Garry Breedon, Sumter County Commissioner
Richard Hoffman, Sumter County Commissioner
Joe Quinn representing Richard S. Owen, Non-Voting, Ex-Officio from
SWFWMD

MEMBERS ABSENT:

John J. Kenney, Citrus County Commissioner
Wayne Dukes, Hernando County Commissioner
David Russell, Hernando County Commissioner
Fred Ward, Marion County Municipal Representative
Carl Zalak, III, Marion County Commissioner
Kathy Bryant, Marion County Commissioner

Mike Amsden, Marion County Commissioner
Charlie Stone, Marion County Commissioner
Ed Kelly, Marion County Governor's Appointee
Ronald Allen, Sumter County Municipal Representative
Ed Nowe, Sumter County Governor's Appointee
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
Bruce Day, Planning Director

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. Hinkle and the Pledge of Allegiance followed.

AGENDA ITEM #3 - WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Johnston welcomed everyone to the meeting.

AGENDA ITEM #4 - ROLL CALL

Ms. Roberts called the roll and a quorum was present.

AGENDA ITEM #5 - ADOPTION OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Mr. Hinkle and was seconded 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**

Ms. Craig noted that she had clarified a change with the secretary prior to the meeting.

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

APPROVAL OF
MINUTES

A. Strategic Regional Policy Plan (SRPP) Presentation

Bruce Day commented that like local governments, regional planning councils are required to prepare an Evaluation and Appraisal Report (EAR) for the SRPP. Mr. Day presented a PowerPoint presentation on the SRPP EAR. He noted the finding is that staff would like to update the SRPP but we don't have the funding. He added that visioning should be done prior to an update anyway. Mr. Day stated that the SRPP is not broken and that a lot of meticulous work was put into its preparation.

A motion was made by Mr. Damato and seconded by Mr. Stevens to accept the EAR report on the SRPP. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION TO ACCEPT
THE EAR REPORT ON
THE SRPP

B. Air Monitoring Course

Mr. Moehlman noted an Air Monitoring Course that the District 5 LEPC had approved. The cost of the class will be \$12,683 to be hosted by Marion County Fire Rescue and be taught by EREC, Inc.

A motion was made by Mr. Stevens and seconded by Mr. Hinkle to approve the Air Monitoring Course in the amount of \$12,683 and authorize the Chair or the Executive Director to sign the necessary documents. Motion carried unanimously.

**MOTION TO
APPROVE THE AIR
MONITORING
COURSE**

C. Booming Course

Mr. Moehlman noted that Cedar Key requested a Booming Course, Marine Oil Spill Training Course and it was approved by the District 5 LEPC. The cost of the class will be \$3,618 which is \$150.75 per student. The class will be taught by EREC, Inc.

A motion was made by Mr. Stevens and seconded by Mr. Abshier to approve the Booming Course and authorize the Chair or the Executive Director to sign the necessary documents. Motion carried unanimously.

**MOTION TO
APPROVE THE
BOOMING COURSE**

D. Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC Contract)

Mr. Moehlman requested approval of the LEPC Contract for 2011-2012. The amount of the contract will be \$40,910.

A motion was made by Mr. Stevens and seconded by Mr. Damato to authorize the Chair or the Executive Director to sign the contract and any necessary documentation. Motion carried unanimously.

**MOTION TO
AUTHORIZE THE
CHAIR OR EXEC. DIR.
TO SIGN THE LEPC
CONTRACT**

E. Transportation Disadvantaged Contract for Levy County

Mr. Moehlman requested approval of the Transportation Disadvantaged (TD) Contract in the amount of \$17,864 on behalf of Levy County.

A motion was made by Mr. Damato and seconded by Mr. Hinkle to approve the TD contract and authorize the Chair or the Executive Director to sign the contract and any necessary documentation. Motion carried unanimously.

**MOTION TO
APPROVE THE TD
CONTRACT**

F. Status of Budget Cuts

Mr. Moehlman reported that he had met with Executive Committee to give an update on how we are affected by the recent budget cuts. He reviewed revenue

losses which included local dues and state planning funds. Mr. Moehlman pointed out actions that he had taken since April, 2011. He noted that regular staff is on a furlough basis of 68 hrs. every two weeks. He reported that with staff reductions we are looking at seven (7) employees remaining and he is not sure if we can hold at that number. Mr. Moehlman noted that staff is looking at a few new projects to help, but he is not sure if those projects will come through. He added that this amounts to a perfect storm for us. Mr. Moehlman said he proceeded with the cuts because he felt the sooner the cuts were made the better savings to us. He stated that we lost some good qualified staff members. Mr. Moehlman noted that all of the staff have moved to the other side of the building and the back part of the building has been shut down unless there are meetings. He said he was scheduled to be at a NADO conference this week in SanDiego but he cancelled that trip because of budget cuts. Mr. Moehlman said that he is not sure how long the furloughs will last but it will be at his discretion.

Mr. Selph asked about renting out offices in the back part of the building. Mr. Moehlman felt it wasn't feasible because he didn't feel we would receive enough to make it worthwhile. He said the budget he is proposing for next year is about \$660,000 which is down from over \$1,000,000. Mr. Moehlman noted that he told the Board at the last meeting it would be tough. Mr. Murray wanted to know how much was saved in salaries and benefits from the staff cuts. Mr. Moehlman said a full-time person would be about \$70-80 thousand dollars which would amount to approximately \$350,000 savings total. Mr. Johnston noted that it was discussed, in the Executive Committee, that staff will only be able to do work for which we are paid. No free work. Mr. Moehlman said only quality work – we can no longer focus on things that we don't get paid for.

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, July 21, 2011, in Ocala at the WRPC offices. He also mentioned the FRCA Policy Board meeting to be held the following week in Orlando.

AGENDA ITEM #10 - DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Moehlman announced that the Budget Committee would meet immediately after this meeting.

Ms. Craig asked about an upcoming meeting that's being setup by DCA. Mr. Day announced that DCA will be in Gainesville on June 27 at the Doyle Conner building for a meeting and the WRPC staff will hold our legislative update meeting on June 30 here at our office. He welcomed Board members to come on the 30th and noted that their staffs will be at that meeting. Mr. Day said he could make a presentation to the Board at the next meeting and it would be similar to what DCA will be presenting on June 27.

AGENDA ITEM #11 - OTHER BUSINESS

Nothing at this time.

AGENDA ITEM #12 - ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p. m. by Chairman Johnston.

Joseph E. Johnston, III, Chair