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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF THE JANUARY 19, 2012 MEETING

- **Minutes of the December 15, 2011 Meeting**—The Council approved a motion to accept the Minutes of the December 15, 2011 Meeting.
- **Council Membership – City of Sarasota** —The Council approved a motion to accept the City of Sarasota as a member local government.
- **Financial Statement for December 31, 2011** – The Council pulled this item from the Consent Agenda. The Council discussed how to increase the Council’s revenues. Staff explained the various options that staff have been exploring to increase the Council’s revenues.
- **January Staff Activity Summary, Economic Development** – Staff gave a brief PowerPoint Presentation on the Broadband Project. The Council discussed how the staff could reach out to the communities and help with writing grants, but it would have to be a level playing field.
- **2012 Nominations Committee/Election of 2012 Officers** – The Council approved the following officers for 2012: Chair – Commissioner Karson Turner, Hendry County BOCC; Vice-Chair - Teresa Heitmann – City of Naples; Secretary – Commissioner Tom Jones, City of North Port; Treasurer – Mr. Robert “Bob” Mulhere, Collier County Governor Appointee.
- **Executive Committee** —The Executive Committee approved Ms. Margaret Wuerstle’s contract and she will be beginning on February 1st.
- **Budget & Finance Committee** – The Council approved a motion to have the new Executive Director to try to establish a new relationship with the Lee County MPO.
- **Regional Watersheds Committee** – The Council approved a motion to have the Committee meetings on a quarterly basis.
- **Florida Regional Councils Association (FRCA)** —A report was given on the FRCA Policy Board Meeting.
- **Statewide Regional Plan/Strategic Planning Committee Report** – The Council was given a report on DEO’s Statewide Regional Plan and the Strategic Forum which is scheduled for March 6th at FGCU. The SWFRPC is hosting the event and needs to produce an invitee list of 100 leaders from throughout the region. Staff will be compiling the list and the Council members were directed to send lists to staff by January 24th.
- **Estero Bay Agency on Bay Management** – The Council approved the following motions:
 1. To appoint Lee County Commissioner Brian Bigelow as the Council’s representative to the ABM.
 2. To appoint Lee County Commission Frank Mann as the Council’s alternate to the ABM.
 3. To approve the ABM’s Officers for 2012 as presented.
 4. To approve the ABM’s 2012 Work Plan as presented.
 5. Sending a letter to the signatory entities of the Settlement Agreement in regards to funding for the ABM.
- **FDEP** – Congratulated the City of Sanibel for being named the Number 1 destination in the world.
- **SWFWMD** – Completed reorganization efforts which translate into a \$15 million annual savings. The regulatory efforts have been centralized to the Tampa office, but there will still be a local presence in the Sarasota office. Announced that Ms. Maya Burke will be the Council’s new representative for SWFWMD. There will be a series of workshops held on how to do the community sheets