

**MINUTES OF THE  
SOUTHWEST FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL  
APRIL 21, 2011**

The regular meeting of the Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council was held on April 21, 2011 at the Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council - 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Conference Room at 1926 Victoria Avenue in Fort Myers, Florida. Chair Chuck Kiester called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m. Commissioner Butch Jones led an invocation and Commissioner Tom Jones led the Pledge of Allegiance. Senior Administrative Staff Nichole Gwinnett conducted the roll call.

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

- Charlotte County:** Commissioner Robert Skidmore, Councilwoman Rachel Keesling, Mr. Michael Grant
- Collier County:** Councilman Charles Kiester, Commissioner Jim Coletta, Commissioner Donna Fiala, Councilwoman Teresa Heitmann, Mr. Bob Mulhere, Ms. Pat Carroll
- Glades County:** Commissioner Kenneth "Butch" Jones, Ms. Shannon Hall
- Hendry County:** Commissioner Karson Turner, Commissioner Tristan Chapman, Mr. Melvin Karau
- Lee County:** Commissioner Frank Mann, Councilman Mick Denham, Mayor John Sullivan, Commissioner Brian Bigelow, Councilwoman Martha Simons, Ms. Laura Holquist
- Sarasota County:** Commissioner Christine Robinson, Commissioner Tom Jones, Councilman Kit McKeon, Mr. Felipe Colón, Commissioner Carolyn Mason
- Ex-Officio Members:** Ms. Dianne Davies - SWFWMD, Mr. Phil Flood - SFWMD, Mr. Jon Iglehart - FDEP

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

- Charlotte County:** Commissioner Tricia Duffy, Ms. Andrea Messina
- Collier County:** None
- Glades County:** Commissioner Paul Beck, Councilwoman Pat Lucas
- Hendry County:** Commissioner Joseph Miller, Commissioner Daniel Akin
- Lee County:** Councilman Forrest Banks, Mr. Paul Pass

Sarasota County: Mr. George Mazzarantani

Ex-Officio Membership: Mr. Johnny Limbaugh - FDOT, Ms. Tammie Nemecek - EDC of Collier County

## INTRODUCTIONS

Chair Kiester introduced the following guests:

- Councilwoman Teresa Watkins Brown, City of Fort Myers attending for Councilman Forrest Banks
- Mr. Michael Brennen, Regional Director for Congressman Marco Rubio
- Ms. Diana McGee, Regional Director for Senator Bill Nelson
- Ms. Leah Valenti, Deputy District Director for Congressman Tom Rooney

## PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments were made at this time.

## AWARDS

Chair Kiester presented a "Certification of Recognition" to Ms. Nichole Gwinnett for her 20 years service as a member of staff at the Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council.

## AGENDA ITEM #1 AGENDA

Commissioner Turner moved and Ms. Hall seconded to approve the agenda as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

## AGENDA ITEM #2 MINUTES OF MARCH 17, 2011

No action was taken on the March 17, 2011 minutes at this time, so they will be placed on the May 19, 2011 agenda for approval.

**AGENDA ITEM #3  
CONSENT AGENDA**

Councilman Denham expressed his concerns with the Consent Agenda. He requested a summary of the items be presented on the consent agenda.

Mr. Mulhere suggested that staff present an overview of the consent agenda items in a written format.

Commissioner Tom Jones moved and Commissioner Coletta seconded to approve the consent agenda: Agenda Item #3(a) Intergovernmental Coordination and Review; Agenda Item #3(b) Financial Statement for March 31, 2011 & Grant Activity Status Sheet; Agenda Item #3(c) Collier County Comprehensive Plan Amendments (DCA 11D-1); Agenda Item #3(d) Charlotte County Comprehensive Plan Amendments (DCA 11-01); Agenda Item #3(e) Lee County Comprehensive Plan Amendments (DCA 10-ER3); Agenda Item #3(f) City of LaBelle Comprehensive Plan Amendments (DCA 11-ER1); Agenda Item #3(g) Heritage Bay DRI - NOPC; Agenda Item #3(h) Hendry County Small Quantity Generator's (SQG) Hazardous Waste Assessment Contractual Agreement; and Agenda Item #3(i) Executive Director Summary - 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter. The motion carried with Mr. Mulhere abstaining from voting on Agenda Item #3(c) due to a conflict of interest.

Chair Kiester introduced the Council's newest member, Collier County Commissioner Donna Fiala.

**AGENDA ITEM #4(a)  
SWFRPC SRPP Update (Estero SRPP EAR Meeting)**

Mr. David Crawford of staff presented this item as contained within the agenda packet.

**AGENDA ITEM #4(b)  
SWFRPC Draft Strategic Regional Policy Plan (SRPP)**

Mr. David Crawford of staff presented this item as contained within the agenda packet.

**AGENDA ITEM #4(c)1  
Budget & Finance Committee - Commissioner Carolyn Mason**

Commissioner Mason gave an overview of the March 28th Budget Committee Meeting. She announced the next meeting has been scheduled for May 23<sup>rd</sup> at 10:30 a.m.

**AGENDA ITEM #4(c)2**  
**Estero Bay Agency on Bay Management (EBABM) - Mr. James Beever**

Mr. James Beever of staff presented this item as contained within the agenda packet. He announced that Cela Tega is scheduled for November 2<sup>nd</sup> at FGCU.

**AGENDA ITEM #4(c)3**  
**Legislative Affairs Committee - Commissioner Karson Turner**

Commissioner Karson Turner requested that Agenda Item #5(b) Pill Mills Presentation be removed from the agenda due to numerous processes in Tallahassee. One of the bills is HB795 that is dealing with the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP).

Commissioner Turner noted that at this time there is funding for the regional planning councils, but what is going to happen with DCA is still uncertain. However, the Transportation Trust Fund there is movement to take \$300 million to put towards the general shortfall of anywhere of \$3.4 to \$4.1 on what the legislature is trying to close on the gap.

Commissioner Turner moved and Mr. Mulhere seconded to table Agenda Item #5(b) Pill Mills Presentation until the fall. The motion carried unanimously.

**AGENDA ITEM #4(c)4**  
**Regional Watersheds Committee - Councilman Mick Denham**

Councilman Mick Denham gave a PowerPoint presentation on the history, accomplishments and future focus of the Watersheds Committee. The situation on the fertilizer ordinance preemptions and progress on the stormwater resolution implementation was reviewed.

**AGENDA ITEM #5(a)**  
**Community Collaborative Initiative Issues - Mr. Ken Heatherington**

Mr. Heatherington reviewed the item as presented in the agenda packet.

**AGENDA ITEM #5(b)**  
**Pill Mills Presentation - Commissioner Karson Turner**

This item has been tabled for a future meeting.

**AGENDA ITEM #5(c)**  
**2010 Evacuation Study - Mr. Dan Trescott**

Mr. Trescott gave a PowerPoint presentation on the item.

Chair Kiester stated that due to length of the presentation and amount of interest from the members that he feels that there should be a special session or workshop scheduled dedicated to the 2010 Evacuation Study.

**Mr. Grant moved and Councilwoman Simons seconded to schedule a special session/workshop during either the month of June or July to discuss the 2010 Evacuation Study. Invites will include Council members/elected officials, City and County Administrators, and Emergency Management Directors.**

**AGENDA ITEM #5(d)**  
**Legislative Summary Report - Mr. David Hutchinson**

Mr. David Hutchinson of staff reviewed the item as contained within the agenda packet and distributed handouts.

**AGENDA ITEM #6**  
**DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS**

Ms. Angela Tomlinson of staff gave a brief overview of the Council's social media network public outreach efforts.

**AGENDA ITEM #7**  
**STATE AGENCIES COMMENTS/REPORTS**

SWFWMD - Ms. Davies gave an overview of the three year rainfall deficit.

**AGENDA ITEM #8**  
**COUNCIL ATTORNEY'S COMMENTS**

Counsel Donley announced that the Gulf Coast Ecosystem Restoration Task Force, which is a federal entity put together through an Executive Order by the President. The Task Force is working on a strategic plan for restoration of the Gulf of Mexico and is taking comments through August 31<sup>st</sup>; however, if anyone has any comments regarding restoration for Southwest Florida on the Gulf of Mexico that they wish to submit, she urges that they submit their comments by May.

**AGENDA ITEM #9  
COUNCILMEMBERS' COMMENTS**

Ms. Holquist stated that the growth management legislation has completely changed at the State level and has put everything in the hands of the counties and cities.

Councilwoman Simons announced that the Corkscrew Ecosystem Watershed (CREW) came up with a documentary produced by FGCU and spearheaded by Terry Brennan. It will be premiering on PBS (9-9:30 pm tonight) entitled CREW Keepers of the Watershed. It is a ½-hour documentary which explains what CREW is.

Councilwoman Simons noted that a Bonita Springs Councilmember gave a presentation on Bonita Springs Sustainability 2046 where Bonita Springs is going to adopt a sustainability plan and it had unanimous support.

**AGENDA ITEM #10  
ADJOURN**

The meeting adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

  
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Councilwoman Teresa Heitmann, Secretary

The meeting was duly advertised in the April 1, 2011 issue of the FLORIDA ADMINISTRATIVE WEEKLY, Volume 37, Number 13.