

**.MINUTES OF THE
SOUTHWEST FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL
April 16, 2015 MEETING**

The meeting of the **Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council** was held on **April 16, 2015** at the offices of the Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council - 1st Floor Conference Room at 1926 Victoria Avenue in Fort Myers, Florida. Chair Mr. Robert Mulhere called the meeting to order at **9:02 AM** Mayor Shaw then led an invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance. Chair Robert Mulhere discussed Extraordinary Circumstance Approval and introduced Counsel new attorney Nichole Bercume-Bars. At this time Ms. Bercume-Bars explained there is nothing in the Florida Statue that prohibits members on the phone from participating. Ms. Wuerstle added that FRCA stated other RPC's have changed the number to make a quorum and added to by-laws. SWFRPC Administrative Assistant, Jerilyn Walker conducted the roll call.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Charlotte County: Commissioner Tricia Duffy, Commissioner Ken Doherty, Councilwoman Nancy Prafke, Mr. Don McCormick

Collier County: Mr. Bob Mulhere, Mr. Alan Reynolds, Commissioner Taylor, Commissioner Nance, Councilwoman Heitmann.

Glades County: Mr. Thomas Perry

Hendry County: Commissioner Don Davis,

Lee County: Commissioner Frank Mann, Councilman Jim Burch, Councilman Mick Denham, Commissioner Cecil Pendergrass, Councilman Forrest Banks

Sarasota County: Commissioner Charles Hines, Commissioner Carolyn Mason, Mayor Willie Shaw, Councilman Kit McKeon, Commissioner Cheryl Cook

Ex-Officio: Ms. Sara Catala for Ms. Carmen Monroy - FDOT,
Mr. Phil Flood - SFWMD, Ms. Melissa Dickens - SWFWMD
Jon Iglehart -FDEP

MEMBERS ABSENT

Charlotte County: Ms. Suzanne Graham

Collier County:

Glades County: Councilwoman Pat Lucas, Commissioner Weston Pryor, Commissioner Tim Stanley

Hendry County: Commissioner Daniel Akin, Commissioner Sherida Ridgdill,
Commissioner Karson Turner, Mr. Mel Karau

Lee County: Mayor Anita Cereceda, Ms. Laura Holquist

Sarasota County: Mr. Felipe Colón

Ex-Officio:

Ms. Walker announced there is a quorum.

**AGENDA ITEM #5
PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments made at this time.

AGENDA ITEM #6

A motion was made by Commissioner Doherty to accept the agenda Councilman Banks seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM #7
Minutes of the March 13, 2015 will be in next month agenda.

**AGENDA ITEM #8
DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Ms. Wuerstle explained that she still needed to review the minutes from the last meeting and that they will be in the packet next month. Ms. Wuerstle showed the Annual Report Video. Councilman Burch thanked staff for the video. Commissioner Duffy commented that it was well done. Chair Mulhere stated that it is important to get the video out to each of our communities with maybe a presentation and at the end ask "what can we do for you". Mr. McCormick suggested showing the video to our legislators to help them understand what we do and explain that our work is not all about DRI. Ms. Wuerstle announced that the budget update would be handled under the budget and finance committee by Councilman McKeon. Ms. Wuerstle provided an update on the status of the building. She stated that the realtor may have a party interested in buying the building with a 5 year lease back. Ms. Wuerstle is working to find out more details and will provide another update next month. Ms. Wuerstle gave an update on HB 933 and SB 1216.

**AGENDA ITEM #9(a)
Grant Activity Sheet**

This item was for information purposes only.

**AGENDA ITEM #10
CONSENT AGENDA**

A motion was made by Commissioner Turner to approve the consent agenda as presented; Commissioner Doherty seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**AGENDA ITEM #11
REGIONAL IMPACT**

Ms. Maryann Devanas presented PowerPoint presentations on the following items.

**AGENDA ITEM #11(a)
Charlotte County Comprehensive Plan Amendment (DEO 15-2ESR)**

A motion was made by Commissioner Duffy to approve the item as presented; Commissioner Doherty seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**AGENDA ITEM #11(b)
City of Punta Gorda Comprehensive Plan Amendment (DEO 15-1ESR)**

A motion was made by Councilwoman Prafke to approve the item as presented; Commissioner Mann seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**AGENDA ITEM #11(c)
Palmer Ranch (NOPC IV)**

Mr. Alan Reynolds abstained from the vote.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hines to approve the item as presented; Commissioner Mason seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

REGIONAL ISSUES

**AGENDA ITEM #12(a)
Update on the Florida Transportation Plan by Sarah Catala**

Ms. Sarah Catala gave a PowerPoint presentation on the Florida Transportation Plan. Ms. Catala announced an upcoming Florida Transportation Plan workshop in Fort Myers either June 22 or June 23 at the new Lee Tran facility. Councilman Banks encouraged everyone to promote this event to their councils and communities and to please participate. Ms. Catala announced that the Town meeting will be in Orlando in the timeframe of August. Ms. Catala stated that Carmon Monroy, Director of Southwest Area office, got promoted to Director of Office Policy Planning in Tallahassee and will be leaving the area the end of April.

AGENDA ITEM #13(a)
Budget & Finance Committee

Councilman Kit McKeon reported we are moving in the right direction up 25,000 from last month and on track with grants coming in. Councilman McKeon reported that no additional reserve funds have been needed. Mayor Denham asked how much money the RPC's get from the state. Mr. Mulhere and Ms. Wuerstle answer zero for the last four year. Prior to that it was 225,000.00.

AGENDA ITEM #13(b)
Economic Development Committee

Councilman Banks no report at this time.

AGENDA ITEM #13(c)
Energy & Climate Committee

Mr. McCormick announced the committee had some success implementing best management practices with the City of Labelle and City of Bonita Springs. Hendry County is pending adoption and the City of Cape Coral is working on incorporating best practices. Mr. McCormick stated that he is also working with the City of Punta Gorda.

AGENDA ITEM #13(d)
Estero Bay Agency on Bay Management (EBABM) Committee

Mr. Beever announced that Wayne Daltry was the new chair for the ABM Committee. He replaced Karen Bickford who is no longer with Lee County. A presentation was made on the distribution of the Restore money Mr. Beever explained that Southwest Florida will not receive any of this money and that it will be distributed in the Panhandle down to Tampa.

AGENDA ITEM #13(e)
Executive Committee

Chair Mulhere announced they did not meet. However, they will be meeting prior to the next RPC meeting. They will discuss summer meetings.

AGENDA ITEM #13(f)
Legislative Affairs Committee

Mr. Don McCormick announced that he had no report at this time. Commissioner Mann asked if the Committee was planning on meeting next month. Mr. McCormick explained what was happening in the legislative session. Mr. McCormick then scheduled a meeting for April 30, 2015 at 9:00 am in the RPC conference room to discuss various topics.

AGENDA ITEM #13(g)
Quality of Life & Safety Committee

Mayor Shaw announced that the Committee considered going after a Burn Criminal Justice grant with Sarasota as the lead. After discussion, staff did not have enough time to put the grant together but will be ready for the next round. This grant would be used to build a relationship with law enforcement and target areas in the region.

AGENDA ITEM #13(h)
Regional Transportation Committee

Ms. Wuerstle stated that the committee did not meet and she had no report at this time.

AGENDA ITEM #14
NEW BUSINESS

New Business Mr. Mulhere announced no new business at this time.

AGENDA ITEM #15
STATE AGENCIES COMMENTS/REPORTS

SFWMD - Mr. Flood had nothing new to report at this time.

FDOT - Ms. Catala had nothing new to report at this time.

FDEP - Mr. Iglehart had nothing new to report at this time.

SWFWMD - Ms. Dickens announced that April is water conservation month. She stated that this will be her last meeting before she goes on maternity leave and that Tara Poulton will be filling in while she is on leave.

AGENDA ITEM #16
COUNCIL ATTORNEY'S COMMENTS

The attorney had no comments at this time.

AGENDA ITEM #17
COUNCIL MEMBERS' COMMENTS

Mr. McCormick reminded everyone about the best management practice for Solar Ready and asked that everyone please take back the information back to their managers.

Mayor Shaw thanked the Planning Council and Mr. Inglehart for the Brownsfield event Sarasota cleaned up with two clean closings.

AGENDA ITEM #18
ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Chair Mr. Mulhere to adjourn the meeting Commissioner Mann seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 10:50 a.m.



Councilman Forrest Banks, Secretary

The meeting was duly advertised in the April 02, 2015 issue of the **FLORIDA ADMINISTRATIVE REGISTER**, Volume 41, Number, 64.