

**MINUTES OF THE
SOUTHWEST FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL
APRIL 21, 2016 MEETING**

The meeting of the **Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council** was held on **April 21, 2016** at the offices of the Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council - 1400 Colonial Boulevard, Suite #1 in Fort Myers, Florida. Chair McCormick called the meeting to order at 9:03 **AM**. **Mayor Shaw** then led an invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance. Nichole Gwinnett conducted the roll call and noted that a quorum was present.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Charlotte County: Commissioner Tricia Duffy, Councilman Gary Wein, Mr. Don McCormick

Collier County: Commissioner Penny Taylor, Mr. Bob Mulhere, Mr. Alan Reynolds

Glades County: Mr. Thomas Perry

Hendry County: Commissioner Karson Turner, Commissioner Don Davis, Commissioner Julie Wilkins, Mr. Mel Karau

Lee County: Commissioner Frank Mann, Councilman Jim Burch, Councilman Forrest Banks, Vice-Mayor Mick Denham

Sarasota County: Commissioner Charles Hines, Mayor Willie Shaw, Councilman Fred Fraize

Ex-Officio: Mr. Phil Flood - SFWMD, Mr. Jon Iglehart - FDEP, Ms. Derek Burr - FDOT

MEMBERS ABSENT

Charlotte County: Commissioner Ken Doherty, Ms. Suzanne Graham

Collier County: Commissioner Tim Nance, Councilman Rex Buxton

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

Hendry County: Commissioner Sherida Ridgill

Lee County: Commissioner Cecil Pendergrass, Mayor Anita Cereceda, Ms. Laura Holquist

Sarasota County: Commissioner Carolyn Mason, Vice-Mayor Rhonda DiFranco, Mr. Felipe Colón

Ex-Officio: Ms. Tara Poulton - SWFWMD

**AGENDA ITEM #4
PUBLIC COMMENTS**

No public comment was made at this time.

**AGENDA ITEM #5
AGENDA**

Chair McCormick requested that Agenda Item #10(j) Water Quality and Water Resources Management be moved up to the beginning of the agenda.

A motion was made by Commissioner Turner to amend the agenda as recommended. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Mann and carried unanimously.

**AGENDA ITEM #6
MINUTES OF THE MARCH 17, 2016 MEETING**

As noted, the minutes from the March 17, 2016 meeting will be presented at the May meeting.

**AGENDA ITEM #7
DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Ms. Wuerstle presented the report. She reviewed the following:

1. The 2016 DEO grant cycle has opened for grants up to \$25,000.
2. The Florida Chamber Foundation has requested the RPCs assist in organizing meetings in each of the counties, with 50 to 100 leaders from each county in attendance, for the State's Strategic Plan. There has been an indication that FRCA would provide funding in the organization of the meetings.

A motion was made by Mr. Mulhere to support the RPCs in assisting The Florida Chamber Foundation in the organization of the county meetings for the State's Strategic Plan. The motion was seconded by Councilman Burch and carried unanimously.

3. The Council's FY14-15 Audit will be presented at the May meeting.
4. The FY14-15 Annual Report Video was presented.

**AGENDA ITEM #7(a)
Budget Amendments**

Ms. Wuerstle presented the proposed budget amendments. She explained that since the adoption of the FY15-16 Budget, an additional \$390,000 was brought in. She explained why some of the line items within the budget look like they are over spent (Consultants and Travel). When the

budget was put together it was based upon estimates, and some of the grants required using consultants and more travel. She said once the budget amendments are approved the monthly financial statements will balance.

A motion was made by Commissioner Turner to approve the budget amendments as presented.

Vice-Mayor Denham asked Ms. Wuerstle how the reserves were shown on the proposed budget amendments. Ms. Wuerstle explained the reserves are within the financial packet and not within the budget amendments. She said everyone looks at the “fund balance”; however, that doesn’t include all cash, it has non-cash items included. Within the financial packet there is a sheet showing the reserves and the operating fund -- approximately \$600,000 is within the reserves and operations. Vice-Mayor Denham asked where it is shown. Ms. Wuerstle said under fund balance.

The motion was seconded by Mayor Shaw.

Commissioner Turner asked Ms. Wuerstle under what line item are the reserves shown on the proposed budget. Ms. Wuerstle explained that it isn’t shown like the Council would like it shown. The fund balance line is taken straight from the audit and it doesn’t match the reserve sheet. She said she had discussions with both the auditors and CPA asking why fund balance needed to be included if it was meaningless to the Council, since it is not a “cash” number and it won’t match the amount in the reserves.

Vice-Mayor Denham stated he felt it was very important to be able to compare the Council’s reserve balance from year-to-year. In the past, it has always been an item on the financial statement.

Commissioner Turner stated that both the auditors and CPA work for the Council. He said he agreed with Vice-Mayor Denham about having the reserves shown on the financials. He then asked Ms. Wuerstle if the additional \$390,000 in grants brought in were multi-year, annual, etc. grants and what some of the highlights of those awarded grants were. Ms. Wuerstle explained \$360,000 was through grants received, the additional \$20,000 was through contracts.

Ms. Pellechio explained the funding sources came from federal and state funding sources. There were three DEO grants awarded, EPA awarded an additional \$176,000 for a 1 year grant. Most of the funds received have a requirement to be completed by September 30. Then there was also modifications made to existing contracts, such as DEM awarding the Council additional funds (\$50,000) to purchase equipment and provide training to the region’s first responders. Staff has been working with its local governments bringing in contractual dollars.

Ms. Wuerstle referred to Agenda Item #8(a) Grant Activity Sheet on page 26 lists all of the grants and contracts the Council has received, submitted, etc. She explained the only multi-year grant is the EDA grant, which is on a 3 year cycle.

Commissioner Turner congratulated Ms. Wuerstle on identifying additional funding revenues and meeting the required deliverables.

Mr. Perry stated not only is the Council saving money by not having the loan on the building, but the utility and capital outlay expenses have also decreased, so there are additional benefits of the Council having sold the building and moving to its new location.

Ms. Wuerstle suggested amending the current motion to include adding a line for the reserves.

Both motion makers, Commissioner Turner and Mayor Shaw agreed to the amendment of adding a line item for the reserves. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Wuerstle then addressed the Council's direction the "Water Symposium". She explained after discussions it was felt that it would be better to hold the symposium sometime in September. Staff is under the understanding from the Council that they wanted to hear all of the issues, hold a roundtable discussion on the issues, and come out with some understanding of what everyone would support in order to have them placed within the Council's legislative priorities. Staff is considering inviting all of the elected officials, including the east coast.

Mr. Flood asked Ms. Wuerstle who she was referring to when she said "inviting the east coast". Ms. Wuerstle said the east coast is facing similar issues and felt by hearing their issues, focus areas, what they are considering, and what is being organized would be helpful. Mr. Flood asked who would be invited, i.e., elected officials, RPC, community organizations. Ms. Wuerstle said the RPC definitely and in turn would let them invite their elected officials. There are also very strong community organizations that have formed and they are strong in their lobbying efforts.

Councilman Burch said he would like to see more professionals taking the reins. He doesn't want to see a bunch of activists talking on both sides of the issues. There needs to be a protocol to understand where we are going, but also understand both sides of the issue.

Chair McCormick announced that Mr. Perry had agreed to work with staff on the organization of the symposium. Vice-Mayor Denham stated he would also like to be involved in the selection of the speakers.

Councilman Wein stated that he would volunteer his services. He has been in the industry of industrial water treatment since 1972, involved with the development of the protocol for the trash energy plant in Fort Myers, and RO membrane usage for phosphate cleanup.

Vice-Mayor Denham said he felt the symposium should be directed more towards a particular water quality and quantity issue. However, there are a lot of other issues relative to nutrients, wastewater treatment, etc. and he felt those are for another time.

Commissioner Taylor stated she didn't agree with inviting the east coast. She said the time and concentration should be dealt with by the experts and not bringing in the problems of the east coast and their solutions. Vice-Mayor Denham stated it wasn't just a west coast problem. The problems consist of issues north, east, west and south of Lake Okeechobee; it is not just a west coast issue. The problem needs to be addressed by everyone around the Lake. Commissioner Turner stated he agreed with Vice-Mayor Denham's comments.

Commissioner Mann stated he also agreed with Vice-Mayor Denham's comments. However, as he thought about how we got to this point, was when there was the Mayors Coalition of Lee County. As that conversation evolved there was a consensus that there were a lot of people speaking in Southwest Florida about what needs to be done, the priorities, funding, etc. He thought it then turned to see what the RPC could do to limit the differences and what could be agreed upon to limit the dissention. He said he felt that we would be compounding the difficulty of achieving a consensus if too many are involved. He then announced Lee County had recently adopted a water policy and it was very consistent with the Integrated Delivery Schedule (IDS) that the SFWMD is working from and has adopted. Lee County also included a statement in their water policy to include continuing to look at the option of sending more water south as opposed to east and west.

Discussion ensued.

Commissioner Mann stated his goal is to have overall consensus. Hendy, Lee and Collier Counties have issues that need to be addressed collectively and come to an agreement.

Vice-Mayor Denham said after hearing Commissioner Mann's comments, he would agree to keep the symposium focused on Southwest Florida.

Commissioner Mann stated the symposium will be an advertised public meeting so anyone can attend and he wouldn't want to discourage anyone from participating.

Chair McCormick stated he was the one who suggested holding the symposium "so we can all speak with one voice." The "one voice" that he was thinking of was that we all agree upon certain issues and be clear and concise when presented to the public.

Vice-Mayor Denham explained what he will be attempting in order to cover the issue at hand. The issue is a very complicated issue and trying to cover within a 15 minute discussion is extremely difficult.

Councilman Burch stated he agreed with both Commissioner Mann's and Vice-Mayor Denham's comments. He suggested reaching out to the east coast, i.e. RPC to discuss with them what the SWFRPC is going to be doing and ask what they are planning on doing to address those issues on their coast.

Discussion ensued.

Commissioner Mann suggested inviting the congressmen. Councilman Burch suggested to also invite both the region's State Senators and Representatives.

Councilman Banks suggested moving on into Agenda Item #10(j) because he felt that Vice-Mayor Denham's presentation will answer a lot of the questions. Commissioner Turner said he agreed with Councilman Banks.

AGENDA ITEM #10(j)
Water Quality & Water Resources Management

Vice-Mayor Denham introduced James Evans from Sanibel's Natural Resource Department. He then gave a PowerPoint presentation by defining the problem and what has been done to reduce it. He defined the problem, size up the current situation that we are facing, and defined the debate and the area of agreement. He would like to come up with some alternative ideas, but it is a very complicated issue.

Mr. Karau asked Vice-Mayor Denham the source of the data he presented. Vice-Mayor Denham explained the data was gathered by the Mayors of Lee County; however, the data does need to be updated.

Mr. Karau asked Vice-Mayor Denham about the short-term and low-cost strategies for the watershed; because all he is currently hearing is addressing Lake Okeechobee. Vice-Mayor Denham clarified that his presentation covers the watershed which includes Lake Okeechobee. The C-43 Reservoir's primary task is to contain water coming from the watershed.

Vice-Mayor Denham continued with his presentation covering long-term strategies. He said we needed to continue with the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan (CERP) projects, which include:

- C-43 Reservoir (\$600 million)
- Modified Water Deliveries (\$400 million)
- Tamiami Trail Bridging (Non-CERP)
- Central Everglades Planning Project (CEPP) (\$2.1 billion)

Vice-Mayor Denham explained the CEPP is contained within CERP projects. The long-term priority is to do improvements to the Herbert Hoover Dike. He then explained that congressional authority needed to be obtained for CEPP through the Water Resources Reform and Development Act (WRRDA) in 2016. WRRDA is an overriding document that supports all of the reforms needed to improve our water quality. He emphasized the importance of receiving congressional authority for WRRDA in order to make both CERP and CEPP come to fruition.

Vice-Mayor Denham said the "citizen's" message needs to support restoration of freshwater flowways to the Everglades and northern estuaries by supporting CERP. *"The Everglades planning efforts outline storage needs of approximately 1 million acre feet north of Lake Okeechobee, 1 million acre feet south of the Lake, 450,000 acre feet west, and 200,000 acre feet east. Until the necessary storage is achieved and projects needed to clean and move water south are completed, the estuaries will continue to receive damaging high flow discharges from the Lake and the respective watersheds."*

He requested that the RPC also support the message. It is important for citizens to write to their congressmen and this is what they want done.

Chair McCormick said that he would like clarification on a map illustrating the CERP projects and how many of those projects are within the SWFRPC's boundary.

Mr. Flood explained that back in the 1940s, the State of Florida asked for assistance from the federal government regarding flooding issues. The USACOE came to Florida and constructed 2,100 miles of canals and 2,500 different water control stations and a whole system of how to manage and regulate the water flows; and this system is still in operation today. SFWMD recognizes the issues with the system. We saw the watersheds around South Florida were over drained and the estuaries had too little water during the dry season and too much water during the wet season. The aquifers started disappearing and the economy had shifted and that is when CERP was born to address some of those problems and try to get the water quantity, quality, timing and distribution correct. There are 68 projects scattered throughout South Florida and the biggest project on the west coast is the C-43 Reservoir to address the Caloosahatchee River.

Mr. Flood explained the CERP was not designed to be static and have one project and be done. It was meant to be adaptive, learning permit, and be able to build upon it. There are a number of planning processes that have come out of CERP. CEPP was one of the next generations of projects which focus on the heart of the Everglades, specifically to move water south. It has been studied, developed, and is ready to go. There is storage, treatment and conveyance projects within CEPP awaiting federal authorization through WRRDA, so then the federal government can partner with the State of Florida to construct those projects. Those projects will have a big part in storage, treatment and moving water to the south.

Mr. Flood announced that SFWMD's next planning process consists of two projects which will be kicking off in 2016. One of the projects is the Western Everglades Project, which will be kicked off during the summer of 2016. The primary purpose is to convey water through the western portion of the Everglades National Park and the Big Cypress Preserve. Along with that, the SFWMD will kick off a planning process to look at more storage and treatment north of the Lake. In two years, the planning process will shift and the focus will be on EAA in 2020.

Mr. Beaver noted that he had represented the SWFRPC on many of the CERP projects, including the C-43 Reservoir and Picayune Strand. Other projects include:

- Culverts installed under Tamiami Trail in Collier County between SR951 and SR29. The culverts provided better flows and also wildlife underpasses for the crocodile and the Everglades Mink.
- The Southern CREW Project in Lee County for restoration and also addressing issues in Bonita Springs.
- Lakes Park Filter Marsh that has been completed. It is a functional filter marsh that cleans the water going into Hendry Creek and Estero Bay.
- Major Lake Trafford Restoration, which was a very successful restoration of Lake Trafford.
- Picayune Strand is ongoing
- Lake Hicpochee to restore hydrology within Lake Hicpochee which is the original head water of the Caloosahatchee River.

Councilman Burch stated there was a monumental shift that has happened over the last 18 months, and that is the advocates for clean water have aligned themselves more with the SFWMD with the IDS. The west coast needs to stop fighting with each other, as did the east coast, the efforts

need to be consolidated and quit fighting amongst each other. The east coast did it a long time ago and as a result, they have been awarded bigger projects and additional funding. Councilman Burch asked Vice-Mayor Denham what the goal was for the symposium. Vice-Mayor Denham stated that one of the biggest problems is messaging. He felt there is still a lot of confusion on what is the correct message.

Discussion ensued among members.

Sanibel Natural Resources Director, James Evans, explained to the Council the “White Paper” that was presented by Vice-Mayor Denham was completed in 2014 and was revised in March 2015. The document is what the Lee County BCC, along with all of the mayors within Lee County, has adopted through resolutions. There were some position statements that came out from those meetings that were different and inconsistent with Lee County’s position on several issues.

Mr. Flood explained that some of the data is outdated and there are efforts underway to update the data accordingly. He suggested that once the document has been updated that it be brought before the Council for their review.

Mr. Evans stated the document is scheduled to be updated by the end of April, at which time it will be brought back to the Council for their review.

Mr. Flood explained two weeks ago Lee County adopted their policies and funding priorities in terms of water quality, storage and treatment.

1. Lee County Capital Improvement Projects to address water quality and storage.
2. Move forward with construction of the projects.
3. Adopt the IDS, which is essentially the “road map” and master list of state, federal large scale efforts throughout the entire Lake Okeechobee and South Florida watershed.
4. Promote good science and share good science.

Chair McCormick stated what he was taking away from the meeting was there is a grassroots element that needs a message. If we are individually going to be contacting our congressmen, we can’t be giving them a “cookie cutter” approach. Vice-Mayor Denham stated the message needs to be very simple.

Mr. Perry stated he felt success would be coming out of the process with the same goals.

Commissioner Turner thanked Vice-Mayor Denham for his presentation and the creation of the message. He said that he wanted to touch on a couple of items that were briefly described within the presentation. The Herbert Hoover Dike Restoration and how the USACOE needed to speed up the process on the restoration of the dike. He said if he was asked how to sum it up, he would say the SFWMD receives approximately \$1 billion annually in taxpayers dollars and there is a laundry list of projects which they would like to see completed. The Legacy Bill is finally coming across the finish line, so we know that there is going to be a guaranteed funding source on the State side, but there is a major gap in WRRDA which happens all the time. He said he believes the

message needs to be “fund WRRDA every 2 years or annually”; but it can’t have the 7 year gap as in the past. The SFWMD can’t keep up with their 50% of the cost share on CERP, CEPP, etc. The second message is the USACOE needs to be held responsible.

Commissioner Turner gave an overview of the Herbert Hoover Dike Modification Study. He stated he had asked the USACOE to provide the costs and start and completion dates for some of the projects and the USACOE has refused to give that information.

Commissioner Turner said he believed the message should be “Fund WRRDA, which allows on the federal side to provide funding to CERP and CEPP in order to keep the programmatic schedule as planned. The second part of the message should be to hold the USACOE responsible for completing the Herbert Hoover Dike Restoration on schedule.”

Councilman Wein explained even though Charlotte County isn’t directly affected, the county is affected by a tourism standpoint. He said he agreed with Vice-Mayor Denham to stop fighting among ourselves. We need to come to a consensus on how to address those issues and move forward. He said the issue is going to be an ongoing problem because the economy changes, so what is done this year is not what is going to be needed in 10 years.

Discussion ensued.

Commissioner Turner recommended that the Treasure Coast RPC be invited to the symposium. He also stated he felt it isn’t effective for South Florida to wait until there is either an extreme drought or extreme rain event to occur. It is instrumental that there is either a quarterly or bi-annual pilgrimage that occurs.

Chair McCormick asked Vice-Mayor Denham what the next step was for the Council. Vice-Mayor Denham explained he hoped to wordsmith the message to include Commissioner Turner’s comments and then turn around and have the members of the Council take the message to their boards for consideration. He said he would work with both Mr. Perry and Councilman Wein to get the message out to the citizens and non-profits.

A motion was made by Commissioner Turner to endorse the “message” as amended to include funding for WRRDA and hold the USACOE responsible. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wein.

Councilman Burch stated he would like to see some sort of a “working” document come out of today’s discussions that can be brought to the symposium. He doesn’t want a “political” document for the symposium.

Vice-Mayor Denham explained the document is a “political” message because it needs to reach our congressmen. Congressman Clawson stated he wasn’t getting the input from the citizens.

The motion carried unanimously.

Chair McCormick explained he received a request to move up Agenda Item #10(i) Interlocal Agreement/Future of the SWFRPC Committee.

Mr. Perry suggested taking action on Agenda Item #9 Consent Agenda while there was a quorum still present.

**AGENDA ITEM #9
CONSENT AGENDA**

A motion was made by Councilman Banks to approve the consent agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Turner and passed unanimously.

**AGENDA ITEM #10(i)
Interlocal Agreement/Future of the SWFRPC Committee**

Councilman Burch gave the report. He referred to the distributed handout entitled “Summary of Florida Law and Governing Documents RE: SWFRPC.” He requested the members of the Council present the document to each of their boards for their consideration.

Chair McCormick stated he felt it was a “zero sum gain”. The counties would pay so much per person within their jurisdiction and the cities would do the same; however, it would not be on top of what the counties are doing. It is not in any way trying to increase the Council’s revenue; it is addressing how the Council derives its revenues so everyone is on the same page.

Commissioner Wilkins asked Councilman Burch if there was a short version explaining why some members pay for their cities and some do not so she can explain it to the city commission. Councilman Burch explained that according to the Florida Statutes all counties are required to be part of an RPC. There are options for cities to be voting members of the RPC and by being a voting member they would need to pay. Currently, some counties are paying for all cities within the county (Charlotte, Collier, Glades, Hendry and Sarasota) and some cities within a county (Lee County) are paying for their own participation.

Mr. Perry suggested Ms. Wuerstle send to the members the assessment sheet which shows what each county and city pay.

Commissioner Wilkins said she was concerned with the comment made where if a city doesn’t pay then they are not considered a voting member. However, when she read the distributed handout it explained it in more depth.

Councilman Wein asked for clarification, since the City of Punta Gorda is the only city within Charlotte County and if for some reason the county decided to tell the city that they had to pay their own dues and the city council said no; would the city representative have voting rights on the RPC. Councilman Burch explained it was one of the options. It is his interpretation of the statute that the county is required to pay regardless.

Ms. Wuerstle stated to Commissioner Wilkins the answer to her question was within the bylaws.

Mr. Mulhere noted under the 1980 amendment to the Council’s Interlocal Agreement states each county is required to have one alternate and 3 voting members; 2 from the county and 1 from a

municipality. So he sees it where if there is more than one municipality it is up to the county commission to appoint the city representative in that scenario.

Mr. Mulhere then asked Ms. Wuerstle how the other RPCs handle this issue. Ms. Wuerstle stated most of the counties pay for the cities. She said she would provide a breakdown for the Council's review.

**AGENDA ITEM #8
STAFF SUMMARIES**

This item was for information purposes only.

**AGENDA ITEM #10
COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**AGENDA ITEM #10(a)
Budget & Finance Committee**

Ms. Wuerstle stated the financial statement and budget amendments were addressed under Directors Comments.

**AGENDA ITEM #10(b)
Economic Development Committee**

Councilman Banks stated Councilman Burch wanted to make a few comments. Councilman Burch announced there was a meeting held with all of the region's economic development directors and they discussed creating an economic overlay map to show where the region's strengths and weaknesses are. He said he wanted the map to be an interactive map which can evolve over time as new features come on board. However, before it goes any further he wanted to have a buy in from the Council to move forward.

Ms. Wuerstle noted it would be a development opportunity map which would identify sites that are shovel ready, along with potential sites that don't have the infrastructure in place; and then tie it in together with transportation.

Commissioner Turner said he thought it was a great idea; however, he believed that such a tool already exists. He recommended that prior to the Council engaging their efforts that they contact the region's EDOs to see if it has already occurred or is in the process.

Ms. Wuerstle explained that at the recent economic development directors meeting they had a discussion on that particular issue and they all agreed it would be a good thing. Commissioner Turner asked if the Economic Alliance had something to that nature. Ms. Wuerstle replied no, she understands their focus is marketing the region; however, they don't have specific sites. Councilman Burch said the Alliance was in attendance at the meeting. Commissioner Turner then said he thought it was a great plan.

Commissioner Wilkins asked if Hendry County's new Economic Development Director was in attendance. Ms. Pellechio explained he participated by conference phone. Commissioner Wilkins explained he is currently working on the issue for Hendry County.

AGENDA ITEM #10(c)
Energy & Climate Committee

Chair McCormick stated the grant has been completed and due to staff's performance the Council received a bonus. Ms. Pellechio gave the report. She announced that the website was still up and active, so the programs are still available. She then confirmed the Council did receive additional revenue for completion of the project.

AGENDA ITEM #10(d)
Estero Bay Agency on Bay Management (EBABM) Committee

No report was given at this time.

AGENDA ITEM #10(e)
Executive Committee

Chair McCormick stated he had no report at this time.

AGENDA ITEM #10(f)
Legislative Affairs Committee

No report was given at this time.

AGENDA ITEM #10(g)
Quality of Life & Safety Committee

Mayor Shaw gave the report. He thanked Councilman Banks for his efforts, especially working with Senator Benaquisto. The City of Sarasota will be sending representatives to the City of Fort Myers to present the partnership policing project and its successes.

Councilman Banks thanked Mayor Shaw for arranging for his representatives to come down to Fort Myers to give their presentation on the High Point Program.

AGENDA ITEM #10(h)
Regional Transportation Committee

Ms. Wuerstle stated she didn't have a report at this time; however, Ms. Sarah Catela gave an update on Florida's Transportation Plan (FTP) and the Strategic Intermodal Systems (SIS) document. She also explained that the third element is the Implementation Plan which is currently ongoing. She noted that she had brought information on the SIS, which was actually the SIS Multi-Modal Unfunded Needs Plan update. FDOT is in the process of doing the update and it is going very well, FDOT has to the end of 2016 to complete the SIS Multi-Modal Unfunded Needs Plan. The plan identifies different modes where improvements are necessary in terms of capacity, multi-

modal improvements at airports, sea ports, space ports, etc. and the plan will go out to 2045. FDOT is currently in the process of looking over the analysis, making sure the socio-economic data is correct, and FDOT has been using a new district-wide model to run the analysis. FDOT is also reviewing the MPOs and TPOs 2040 LRTPs that were adopted recently. The next part is meeting with the various MPO and TPO staff to go over the results, review the differences, and do a comparison. She said there will be more public outreach as the process moves forward. She encouraged everyone to go to the Florida Transportation Plan's website at <http://floridatransportationplan.com/>

**AGENDA ITEM #11
NEW BUSINESS**

None

**AGENDA ITEM #12
STATE AGENCIES COMMENTS/REPORTS**

FDEP - Mr. Iglehart explained in regards to the Zika Virus outbreak, DEP is reaching out to the mosquito control districts and programs within the counties, code enforcement, and health departments to identify target areas for mosquitos and get them cleaned up before the rainy season.

FDOT -Ms. Burr announced FDOT has approved the SR82 advancement and also the widening project on I-75 in Charlotte County.

SFWMD - Mr. Flood stated he didn't have a report at this time.

SWFWMD - No report.

**AGENDA ITEM #13
COUNCIL ATTORNEY'S COMMENTS**

No report was given at this time.

**AGENDA ITEM #14
COUNCIL MEMBER'S COMMENTS**

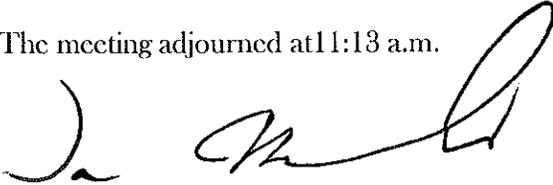
Mayor Shaw thanked staff for their presentation of the SWFRPC's 2015 Annual Report at the Sarasota City Commission meeting. He said the presentation was very informative and he felt that it was a success in assisting the city commission to understand what the SWFRPC does for the region.

Councilman Burch encouraged the members to present the SWFRPC's 2015 Annual Report to their boards.

Chair McCormick said to take the annual report back the individual councils and commissions and ask what they see in relation to their community and what could be adopted from it.

**AGENDA ITEM #15
ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 11:13 a.m.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Don McCormick', written over a horizontal line.

Mr. Don McCormick, Chair

The meeting was duly advertised in the April 7, 2016 issue of the **FLORIDA ADMINISTRATIVE REGISTER**, Volume 42, Number 68.