

**MINUTES OF THE
SOUTHWEST FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL
OCTOBER 17, 2013 MEETING**

The meeting of the Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council was held on October 17, 2013 at the offices of the Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council - 1st Floor Conference Room at 1926 Victoria Avenue in Fort Myers, Florida. Chair Karson Turner called the meeting to order at 9:05 AM and then led an invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance. Administrative Specialist II, Nichole Gwinnett conducted the roll call.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Charlotte County: Commissioner Chris Constance, Commissioner Tricia Duffy, Vice Mayor Rachel Keesling

Collier County: Commissioner Tom Henning, Commissioner Tim Nance, Councilwoman Teresa Heitmann, Mr. Bob Mulhere, Mr. Alan Reynolds

Glades County: Mr. Thomas Perry

Hendry County: Commissioner Karson Turner, Commissioner Daniel Akin, Commissioner Don Davis, Mr. Melvin Karau

Lee County: Vice Mayor Doug Congress, Councilman Chris Chulakes-Leetz, Councilman Forrest Banks, Councilwoman Martha Simons, Ms. Laura Holquist

Sarasota County: Commissioner Charles Hines, Commissioner Christine Robinson for Commissioner Carolyn Mason, Vice Mayor Willie Shaw, Commissioner Rhonda DiFranco for Commissioner Tom Jones

Ex-Officio Members: Mr. Jon Iglehart - FDEP, Ms. Melissa Dickens - SWFWMD

MEMBERS ABSENT

Charlotte County: None

Collier County: None

Glades County: Councilwoman Pat Lucas, Commissioner Dennis Griffin, Commissioner Tim Stanley

Hendry County: Mayor Phillip Roland

Lee County: Commissioner Frank Mann, Vice Mayor Joe Kosinski

Sarasota County: Councilman Kit McKeon, Mr. Felipe Colón

Ex-Officio Membership: Ms. Carmen Monroy - FDOT, Mr. Phil Flood - SFWMD

**AGENDA ITEM #4
PUBLIC COMMENTS**

No public comments were given at this time.

**AGENDA ITEM #5
AGENDA**

Councilman Leetz made a motion to approve the agenda as presented and Commissioner Davis seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**AGENDA ITEM #6
Minutes of the September 19, 2013 Meeting**

Vice Mayor Congress made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 19, 2013 Meeting and Vice Mayor Shaw seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

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

Ms. Wuerstle presented the item.

**AGENDA ITEM #7(b)
SWFRPC Financial Report**

Ms. Wuerstle announced that there will be a budget surplus for FY2012/13. Even with staff's incentive there will be a surplus of approximately \$150,000. She also noted that the Council has been awarded an additional \$132,000 which wasn't included in the 2014 budget.

Ms. Wuerstle stated that there was an 11% increase in the Council's health insurance rates, but a 15% increase was budgeted, so the Council is still in good shape for the 2014 budget. The Council's insurance representative had indicated to expect an increase of up to 30% for next year.

**AGENDA ITEM #7(c)
Reminder: Presentation after meeting on Release of Florida Energy Resiliency Report**

Ms. Wuerstle announced that Ms. Pellechio will be giving her presentation immediately following today's adjournment.

AGENDA ITEM #7(a)
SWFRPC Annual Report

Ms. Wuerstle noted that the Council was required to do an annual report and since the Council requested less paper, she put the 2013 Annual Report into a video as a marketing piece. She noted that the video was much more cost effective than having hard copies printed. Staff distributed CDs to the members.

At this time the SWFRPC 2013 Annual Report was presented.

Councilwoman Simons said that it was an excellent video.

Councilman Lectz requested permission to place the video on the City of Cape Coral's website.

AGENDA ITEM #8(a)
Grant Activity Sheet

The grant activity sheet was presented in the packet as an information item.

AGENDA ITEM #9
CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. David Crawford gave a brief overview of DRI Items #9(e), 9(f), 9(g) and 9(h).

Councilwoman Simons referred to DRIs that are close to a DRGR and stated that those communities are experiencing added costs due to the cleanup of TMDLs and many of the DRIs were approved prior to the mandate. She said that the City of Bonita Springs is recommending an increase in the standards. She asked how the local jurisdictions could make recommendations on future judgments, approvals, amendments, etc. to condition for any improvement on TMDL capture. Mr. Crawford explained that in the past the Council had provided additional review standards for when a new DRI came in; staff would review that DRI in accordance to the new standards.

Discussion ensued.

Chair Turner directed staff to bring a recommendation back to the Council for consideration.

Mr. Iglehart noted that the Council's Watersheds Committee addressed wastewater systems.

Commissioner Henning made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented: Agenda Item #9(a) Intergovernmental Coordination and Review; Agenda Item #9(b) Financial Statement for September 30, 2013; Agenda Item #9(c) Glades-Hendry Joint Service Area Transportation Disadvantaged Service Plan (TDSP) 5-Year Update; Agenda Item #9(d) SWFRPC Fixed Assets Removal; Agenda Item #9(e) Winding Cypress DRI - NOPC; Agenda Item #9(f) Brooks of Bonita Springs DRI - Development Order Review;

Agenda Item #9(g) Gateway DRI - Development order Review; Agenda Item #9(h) Palmer Ranch DRI MDO - NOPC; Agenda Item #9(i) Emergency Preparedness Training. Councilwoman Simons seconded the motion and the motion passed with Mr. Reynolds abstaining from Agenda Item #9(h) Palmer Ranch DRI MDO - NOPC.

**AGENDA ITEM #10(a)
Estero Bay Agency on Bay Management**

The latest meeting minutes were presented in the packet as an information item.

**AGENDA ITEM #11(a)
Potential Sale of Cayo Costa Island Parcels & Potential Downsizing of the IFAS Research Station
in Immokalee**

Ms. Wuerstle presented the item.

A motion was made by Commissioner Davis to send letters on the issues of the surplus sale of Cayo Costa Island parcels and the downsizing of the IFAS Research Station in Immokalee. The motion was seconded by Mr. Mulhere.

Commissioner Nance explained the IFAS issue in detail. Approximately one month ago the University of Florida - IFAS Vice President sent out a communication that the facility was going to be repurposed. It would be downsized and staff and faculty would be changed, which started a very rigorous debate and a flurry of letters from the citrus and vegetable industries. He said that the facility is the portal for five of the six counties within the Southwest Florida Region. Both Lee and Collier Counties also have a Florida State Farmers Market that interacts with the IFAS facility. He explained that after rigorous debate and firestorm from the industry, the University of Florida came back and said that they didn't intend to remove the facility from the research and education system. The university started to reach out to people to engage them as to how to make the facility function better.

Commissioner Nance said that he felt it was important for the Council to engage in the issue since it affects so many of the counties within Southwest Florida. He encouraged everyone to reach out to their ag extension agents in the affected counties to engage in the issue. He said that he didn't feel that a letter needed to be sent at this time.

Chair Turner suggested sending the letter stating that the Council supports the IFAS Research Station in Immokalee along with the other IFAS facilities as they relate to Southwest Florida. Commissioner Nance agreed with Chair Turner's suggestion and said that he would send Ms. Wuerstle the contact information for Vice President Jack Payne at the University of Florida, along with related Deans.

Commissioner Henning asked how the Cayo Costa Island issue was a regional issue. Chair Turner explained that the parcels on Cayo Costa was part of FDEP's list of surplus lands and Commissioner Mann was expressing that those parcels were an intricate part of Lee County's system of conservation, appearance and their ability to deal with quality of life.

Councilwoman Simons noted that the parcels in question are currently part of the State and County Park on Cayo Costa, also the State Park borders both Charlotte and Lee Counties.

Commissioner Constance stated that he believed it was a regional issue. He already has brought it before the Charlotte County BCC explaining that FDEP was putting many parcels back on the market. The Charlotte County BCC has taken the issue of surplus lands very seriously and feels that it is something that the Council needs to look at. He explained that many of these environmentally sensitive lands are where, in the future, would increase tourism because many of Florida's visitors look for natural areas to visit. He is very concerned with these areas, which are environmentally sensitive.

Councilwoman Simons noted that there were parcels located within Charlotte County on the surplus list. Commissioner Constance explained that there are several parcels which align several of Charlotte County's roadways where the county was looking into for water retention. However, there are other parcels that are completely land locked and the county is trying to determine if there is any use for those parcels. The coastal areas are very important to Charlotte County.

Mr. Iglehart explained that he spoke with DEP's staff who is working on the program in Tallahassee. He said that the staff at DEP are really not the appropriate staff to do this because the issues that are being brought up are better being sent to the Acquisition Restoration Council (ARC) which makes the determinations of which parcels are placed on the surplus list.

Commissioner Nance stated that he concurred with Commissioner Henning's comments and that it is a State policy issue. Even though it impacts all of the counties within Southwest Florida, he felt that it needs to be addressed now.

Mr. Perry suggested inviting either FDEP or ARC to come and explain the criteria used and how the parcels ended up on the surplus list in order to obtain a better understanding before the letters are written and sent.

Chair Turner agreed with Mr. Perry's suggestion and then suggested that the Council look into the water management district's process of surplus lands.

Commissioner Henning also agreed with Mr. Perry's suggestion.

Councilwoman Simons asked Mr. Iglehart about the timeline. Mr. Iglehart explained that there are approximately 67 parcels remaining on the list and the criteria is listed on DEP's website at <http://www.dep.state.fl.us/lands/assessment/default.htm>. He explained that the last public meeting was held Monday night and the next ARC meeting in October would probably bring 5 or 6 parcels out of the 60-65 parcels. If ARC approves the first five parcels then there will be appraisals done, gubernatorial approval is needed through the governor and cabinet, and the board of trustees also needs to approve the parcels. FDEP will offer the parcels for state agencies for lease, local governments will have the opportunity to purchase the parcels at appraised value, and if no agency or government wants them, then they go on the open market in a sealed bid process with the minimum being the appraised value.

Commissioner Davis withdrew his motion.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Simons to send a letter to ARC in regards to DEP's sale of surplus lands. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Constance.

Mr. Mulhere said that he recalled reading that the first option would go to the local governments. Mr. Iglehart clarified that the first option was to lease the land by state agencies and the second option was purchase by local governments. Mr. Mulhere stated that he was assuming that the reason for the sale of the parcels was the cost and also in some perspective, there was no appreciative reason for DEP to retain them. DEP would rather create some revenue to purchase other lands which may have higher value. Mr. Iglehart said that was correct.

Councilwoman Simons stated that she believed that Lee County had evaluated property that they felt the State should own, particularly Cayo Costa, since there is already a State park located on the island along with a Lee County park under development. She then noted that Lee County had cut back on their Conservation 2020 funding.

Mr. Reynolds expressed his concern that the Council was sending a letter before all of the facts were known.

After a roll call vote the motion failed with a 9 to 13 vote.

A motion was made by Commissioner Henning to send a letter to IFAS. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Nance. The motion passed with one opposed.

Chair Turner directed DEP to work with staff on the process of the sale of surplus lands. Mr. Iglehart stated he will write up a summary and send it to Ms. Wuerstle for her to send out to the Council members.

Councilwoman Simons asked Mr. Iglehart at which public hearing ARC would make a decision on the parcels within Southwest Florida. Mr. Iglehart explained that the next ARC meeting is scheduled to be held in mid-November and he doesn't know what parcels they will be taking action on.

Mr. Perry suggested that the letter to ARC indicate that the Council asked that they do not take any action on the Cayo Costa parcels until after the November Council meeting.

Chair Turner noted that the motion for the letter being sent to ARC failed and the current discussion is to request that a presentation be given to the Council from ARC and DEP in order to educate the Council on the process of how the land is determined to be placed on the surplus list.

A motion was made by Mr. Perry to recommend that ARC delay their decision on the Cayo Costa parcels and the Charlotte County parcels until after they give their presentation to the Council. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Simons.

Councilman Leetz stated that he was disappointed that the first motion failed because this issue came out over two months ago. What is being requested of ARC is what has already been done up to this point and it is really a mute issue of what ARC did to reach this point. The Council is asking ARC to educate them on something that they should've already been educated on at the beginning

of the process. He said that he will be proposing the issue to Lee County asking if the Cayo Costa parcels would fall under Conservation 2020 qualifications.

After a roll call vote the motion passed unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM #11(b)
Coalition Against Bigger Trucks Resolution

Mr. Sean McCabe presented the item.

Mr. Reynolds stated that since he was not present for the presentation last month he did some research of his own. He noted that the proposed resolution mirrors one of the two advocacy groups engaging in the conversation, but there is another side of the story that he believed the Council hasn't heard. It was his understanding that under the new legislation, MAP-21, the Federal Department of Transportation was tasked with conducting a study of this issue and it isn't scheduled to be completed until November 2014. The decisions to be made from the federal level on this issue will be determined by the results of the study. He said that he felt it was premature for the Council to adopt a resolution without knowing the results of the study.

Commissioner Henning noted that the issue has been brought forward by the lobbyist for rails. He feels that it is a competition issue and he agreed with Mr. Reynolds that the Council needs to hear both sides.

Commissioner Nance stated that he agreed with both Commissioner Henning and Mr. Reynolds and that the Council needs to be very careful on how it engages in such issues, especially an issue headed up by lobbying groups.

Councilwoman Simons expressed her concern that local governments are in charge of taking care of their roads and if bigger trucks are allowed on Florida's roadways then the local governments would be responsible for widening their roadways, along with wider turn lanes in order to accompany such trucks. She then said that she felt that the Southwest Florida needed to be in support of rail because there is currently an asset going through the middle of Southwest Florida that is not being utilized. She said that she would like to see more rail come into Southwest Florida because it is cheaper and greener.

Councilman Lectz explained why he supported the proposed resolution. He said that he supported it because it focuses on the larger truck issue and with the larger trucks the infrastructure and roadways will not be brought up to a larger truck standard potentially for a century. There is no way that the region's roadways would be able to handle the bigger and heavier rigs.

Chair Turner stated that at this time he was strongly opposed to the resolution. He said that he felt the resolution was very one-sided and within his community he routinely sees trucks loaded to the maximum. He also hears from his constituents that the county is allowing the trucks to destroy the roads; however, he disagrees. He stated that he would like to hear the other side of the issue.

Councilwoman Heitmann requested the presentation for education purposes because she wasn't aware of the issue. She said that she also felt that the Council needed to hear from both sides before taking any action.

Councilman Banks explained that CSX had sold the rail lines to Seminole-Gulf approximately 20 years ago. It will be 50-100 years before CSX buys the rail lines back or until someone else funds them, so it will be a real chore to see those rail lines develop into anything because it hasn't been promoted. We depend on trucks whether we like it or not and he agrees that it needs to be changed.

Councilwoman Heitmann asked how the communities of Southwest Florida and Council would go about making rail more accessible.

Chair Turner stated that there was a major player of rail within Hendry County.

Councilwoman Simons clarified that CSX leases the rail line to Seminole-Gulf Railway, so there is always the opportunity to break the lease. She then noted that at the last FRCA Policy Board meeting there were presentations on how everywhere else within the State of Florida has rail and the RPCs are leading the way on rail by getting grants and working together with the transportation agencies. It was very apparent to everyone that there is an absence of rail on the west coast of Florida. Every city and county had signed a resolution between here and Lakeland stating that they would promote rail.

Councilwoman Simons explained that Southwest Florida's gas tax collected more than \$100 million which should go to rail, but hasn't been spent in Southwest Florida. Transportation funding has been raided for other areas to take this area's money. She stated that for rail rehabilitation the cost would be approximately \$500,000 per mile. In the City of Bonita Springs it was \$18 million for rehabilitation of the rail lines and there is a movement to do it and also citizens who would like to see it happen.

Mr. Mulhere explained that the presentation given at FRCA primarily dealt with commuter rail. There are economies of scale on the east coast which have allowed that to occur which Southwest Florida does not have at this time. He then said that he felt that a lot of rail right-of-way has been given up on the national level.

Commissioner Davis noted that there will still be the need for trucks since the trucks bring the goods to the railway.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Simons to table SWFRPC Resolution No. 2013-13 at this time. The motion was seconded by Councilman Banks and passed unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM #11(c)
Biggert Waters Flood Insurance Reform Act of 2012

Mr. Christopher Heidrick of Heidrick & Co. gave a verbal presentation.

A motion was made by Commissioner Henning to ask the congressional delegation to support delay of any implementation of the new FEMA law until the Affordability Study has been provided. The motion was seconded by Mr. Mulhere.

Chair Turner noted that he had spoken to 14 federal representatives in Washington DC regarding this issue, along with the issue of the Lake Okeechobee releases. He said there was overwhelming support where US Congresswoman Maxine Waters requested that testimony be given to prevent implementation. They are aware that the State of Florida is going to join with Mississippi.

Mr. Perry noted that the implementation of the new law will affect every home in Clewiston.

Commissioner Henning noted that Collier County had already gone through the process with FEMA.

Councilwoman Heitmann stated that once a local government adopts the maps they can't go through the appeal process. She said do not adopt the maps unless they have been thoroughly vetted out.

Mr. Heidrick explained that individual property owners and groups of property owners can appeal through the Letter of Map Revision process where they could hire an engineer and provide the documentation to FEMA. However, he wasn't aware of an appeal process for an entire community.

Councilwoman Simons noted that Bonita Springs Assistant City Manager headed that process for residents within the community and as a result they were able to reduce a lot of insurance rates by having areas removed from the map, but it is a whole different "ball game" this year.

Mr. Heidrick said that it is a whole different ball game and you are almost negotiating this issue with a gun to your head. FEMA cannot unilaterally impose the maps on you, because if the municipality and/or participating community does not adopt a map that is satisfactory to FEMA, then you lose your ability to participate in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP).

Commissioner Nance said to Chair Turner that the whole activity is catastrophic well beyond the rate of insurance. The impacts to Collier County, declaring the entire county a flood zone, starts rippling down in ways that aren't even anticipated. For an example, in Collier County the Red Cross has stated "don't count on us showing up" because you are in a flood zone.

Vice Mayor Congress stated that the equity in the homes is going to be a huge loss. He said that Mr. Heidrick has said that one builder has already lost three contracts on Sanibel as a result of this issue.

Mr. Heidrick gave an example of where a woman had bought a four-bedroom inn for \$600,000 on Fort Myers Beach last November and then put some more money into it. Her flood premium went from \$2,700 annually to \$47,000 per year.

Chair Turner said that he has shared numerous similar stories from Jupiter to Sanibel Island with the US Congressional Delegation.

Councilman Banks requested that if the motion on floor, a copy of the letter be sent to the State Attorney General. Mr. Heidrick noted that the Governor's office has been organizing the Amicus Brief, but as far as the letter itself hasn't been organized at a State level. He believed that it has only been community by community sending the letters to the congressional delegation.

Chair Turner stated that the letter should be sent to the congressional delegation and also the state legislative delegation. Mr. Heidrick stated that it would certainly help the governor and the governor's office figure out how it works. He said that he has been requested and also has heard requests from the governor's office looking for affidavits from people who are negatively impacted. He didn't believe that it would be the correct avenue for the Council to take, but the Council should let the governor's office know if there was anything the Council can do in support of Amicus Brief the Council would be happy to do it.

Councilwoman Simons asked if a letter should be sent to the chair of the congressional committee who is overlooking FEMA and the Biggert Waters Act. Mr. Heidrick said that it would make sense to do it. He noted that Senator Nelson had sent a letter to the Senate Banking and Insurance Committee prior to a subcommittee meeting which was held three to four weeks ago. He believed that the House was supposed to have a subcommittee meeting last week which was postponed due to the government shutdown.

Councilwoman Simons asked who within the region has been a leader on this issue. Mr. Heidrick said that he knows that the Lee County BCC had sent a letter, but outside of that he wasn't sure of how much involvement there has been at this level. He believed that most of the involvement that he has seen has been that we recognize the problem, want everyone to know and we will send a letter to the congressional delegation. He was happy to see within the four weeks or so it has started to receive some press coverage which has also driven some political attention. It is a shame that it wasn't sooner because New York, New Jersey and Louisiana had been all over the issue for the last six months. He said that he didn't have a good sense of which bill had the support. The impression that he was receiving was there were multiple bills where each have multiple co-sponsors instead of being behind one bill with all of the co-sponsors, because it would seem to have more momentum.

Mr. Heidrick explained that US Senator Mary Landrieu has been the US Senator who has been on top of the issue. She made a public statement when the bill was passed. Biggert Waters were an amendment to a transportation bill when it was passed. Senator Landrieu said that there are things within the bill that she absolutely had to have for her constituents; however, the flood insurance issue is a problem. There was no way for her to fix it at that time, but mark her words she was going to fix it. He said that Senator Landrieu knows more about flood insurance than most insurance agents. He believed that Senator Landrieu is the leader within the Senate on the issue. In the House, Representative Waters, who is a sponsor of the law itself sent a letter to FEMA with 26 other signatures directly to FEMA Director Fugate to undo all of the unintentional consequences in the bill. Director Fugate's response was that he does what Congress tells him to do. Representative Waters was also a co-sponsor of House Resolution 2199 calling for a delay. Representative Nugent has filed the bill and Representative Radel is the co-sponsor and it is one of several that are in committee. The hope is that it makes it out of committee and gets more momentum and gets passed.

The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Commissioner Nance to expand the list of recipients, as identified by the executive director, in a similar letter in order to cover what has just been discussed by the Council. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Henning. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Mulhere said that since the Council has taken a position to send out letters to the congressional delegation, as well as those congressional delegation members directly involved with the subcommittee on the issue, and also broaden it with a second letter which will be sent to another list of recipients who are involved. He then asked if the Council would want to get the information out in a different way because it is an important issue. He suggested sending out a press release on the letter. He said that he felt that the Council should do press releases more often.

A motion was made by Mr. Mulhere to send out a press release regarding the issue. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Heitmann.

Councilwoman Simons suggested sending the letter to the Council members. Mr. Mulhere suggested just copying the Council members on the letter to the congressional delegation asking for them to take action.

The motion was amended to include copying the Council members on the letter to the congressional delegation asking for them to take action. The motion passed unanimously.

**AGENDA ITEM #12
NEW BUSINESS**

Councilwoman Simons announced that the Florida League of Cities meeting will be held immediately following today's meeting at the Verandah restaurant.

**AGENDA ITEM #13
STATE AGENCIES COMMENTS/REPORTS**

None

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

Counsel McCabe stated that he had no comments at this time.

**AGENDA ITEM #14(a)
Legislative Priorities**

Mr. McCabe presented the item and announced that the Council's Legislative Affairs Committee was scheduled to meet immediately following today's meeting in the Council's 2nd floor meeting room.

Councilwoman Simons noted that Florida was currently going through a Gaming Study for expanding gaming throughout Florida. Lee County supported 53% to expand gaming at existing facilities in Bonita Springs. There have been various referendums throughout the State to expand slot machines at existing pari-mutuels that already have racing; however, there are two issues which affect municipalities. The first issue is expanding slot gaming and the second issue is decoupling the State's regulation on business for having to require dog racing or horse racing where they have to do a certain number of performances in order to be able to have expanded gaming. She asked the Council if there would be regional support on the issue.

Commissioner Henning explained the effects of expanding the racetracks' ability for gambling will affect the Seminole gaming casino in Immokalee dramatically. He then said that it was a regional issue and if the Council does anything it should send a letter not supporting the expansion of gambling.

Councilwoman Simons explained the decoupling issue would be very important because they have to race the greyhounds 400 times per year and now even the owner of the Bonita Springs Greyhound Track has joined up with Y2K, which is a national save greyhound rescue organization, to ask to reduce the requirement to 100 times per year. The other issue of supporting slot machines in our local area would not have any additional negative impacts.

Chair Turner asked the Council if they were in support of the three proposed legislative priorities (Lake Okeechobee, NFIP and IFAS). He also asked the Council if they wanted to add the expansion of gambling as proposed by Councilwoman Simons as the fourth issue.

Commissioner Henning said that he supported the first three priorities.

Chair Turner stated that he recommended that there wasn't any more than three priorities.

AGENDA ITEM #15 COUNCIL MEMBERS' COMMENTS

Mr. Reynolds announced that he recently returned from the Future Florida Forum which was held in Orlando and the RPCs were recognized as receiving an award from the Florida Chamber for their framework in the CEDS program. Also, the Foundation released the Florida Trade and Logistics Study which addresses freight, seaports, rail, etc. They are looking for venues across the State to come and present the contents of the study. He suggested that the Council work in cooperation with other organizations to host an event in order to have the presentation of the study given within the next six months. He said that he would send a digital copy of the study to Ms. Wuerstle so it can be distributed to the membership.

Councilman Banks announced that the first quarter in Florida showed to be the biggest increase in tourism in history.

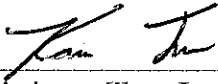
Councilwoman Heitmann thanked the members from the Collier County BCC for attending today's meeting; because for the first time in her participation, she really felt connected to her county from a regional point-of-view.

Commissioner Constance announced that the Treasury Rules were published in regards to the RESTORE Act. The next meeting is being held on Friday, October 25 in Tallahassee in order to discuss the Consortium's final comments and have the letter sent to the Department of Treasury now that the draft rules have been published.

Commissioner Duffy noted that as being a participant on the phone and listening to the discussions, there was one person who dominated the entire meeting and interrupted the Chair numerous times and it is very frustrating.

**AGENDA ITEM #16
ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:50 a.m.



Commissioner Tom Jones, Secretary

The meeting was duly advertised in the October 8, 2013 issue of the **FLORIDA ADMINISTRATIVE REGISTER**, Volume 39, Number 196.

APPOINTED OFFICERS (continued)

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I, ALAN D. REYNOLDS, hereby disclose that on OCT 17, 20 13:


(a) A measure came or will come before my agency which (check one)

- inured to my special private gain or loss;
- inured to the special gain or loss of my business associate, _____;
- inured to the special gain or loss of my relative, _____;
- inured to the special gain or loss of _____, by whom I am retained; or
- inured to the special gain or loss of _____, which is the parent organization or subsidiary of a principal which has retained me.

(b) The measure before my agency and the nature of my conflicting interest in the measure is as follows:

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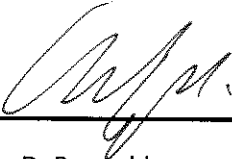
DISCLOSURE OF LOCAL OFFICER'S INTEREST

I, Alan D. Reynolds, hereby disclose that on October 17, 2013, a DRI Notice of Proposed Change for Palmer Ranch DRI/MDO will come before the Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council, as Consent Agenda Item 9 h).

The owner of the subject property is a client of Stantec Consulting Services, Inc., my employer, and Stantec is providing consulting services for the project.

As such, I will be abstaining from voting on and participating in any discussions relative to these matters.

Respectfully,



Alan D. Reynolds

10/17/13

Date