**Mission Statement:**
To work together across neighboring communities to consistently protect and improve the unique and relatively unspoiled character of the physical, economic and social worlds we share...for the benefit of our future generations.

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**NEXT SWFRPC MEETING DATE: MARCH 19, 2020**

**THERE WILL BE AN EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING AT 8:15, IMMEDIATELY PRECEEDING THE COUNCIL MEETING**

Two or more members of the Peace River Basin Management Advisory Committee and Charlotte Harbor National Estuary Program may be in attendance and may discuss matters that could come before the Peace River Basin Management Advisory Committee and Charlotte Harbor National Estuary Program, respectively, for consideration.

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), any person requiring special accommodations to participate in this meeting should contact the Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council 48 hours prior to the meeting by calling (239) 338-2550; if you are hearing or speech impaired call (800) 955-8770 Voice/(800) 955-8771 TDD.
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Regional Planning Council
Functions and Programs

March 4, 2011

- **Economic Development Districts:** Regional planning councils are designated as Economic Development Districts by the U. S. Economic Development Administration. From January 2003 to August 2010, the U. S. Economic Development Administration invested $66 million in 60 projects in the State of Florida to create/retain 13,700 jobs and leverage $1 billion in private capital investment. Regional planning councils provide technical support to businesses and economic developers to promote regional job creation strategies.

- **Emergency Preparedness and Statewide Regional Evacuation:** Regional planning councils have special expertise in emergency planning and were the first in the nation to prepare a Statewide Regional Evacuation Study using a uniform report format and transportation evacuation modeling program. Regional planning councils have been preparing regional evacuation plans since 1981. Products in addition to evacuation studies include Post Disaster Redevelopment Plans, Hazard Mitigation Plans, Continuity of Operations Plans and Business Disaster Planning Kits.

- **Local Emergency Planning:** Local Emergency Planning Committees are staffed by regional planning councils and provide a direct relationship between the State and local businesses. Regional planning councils provide thousands of hours of training to local first responders annually. Local businesses have developed a trusted working relationship with regional planning council staff.

- **Homeland Security:** Regional planning council staff is a source of low cost, high quality planning and training experts that support counties and State agencies when developing a training course or exercise. Regional planning councils provide cost effective training to first responders, both public and private, in the areas of Hazardous Materials, Hazardous Waste, Incident Command, Disaster Response, Pre- and Post-Disaster Planning, Continuity of Operations and Governance. Several regional planning councils house Regional Domestic Security Task Force planners.

- **Multipurpose Regional Organizations:** Regional planning councils are Florida’s only multipurpose regional entities that plan for and coordinate intergovernmental solutions on multi-jurisdictional issues, support regional economic development and provide assistance to local governments.

- **Problem Solving Forum:** Issues of major importance are often the subject of regional planning council-sponsored workshops. Regional planning councils have convened regional summits and workshops on issues such as workforce housing, response to hurricanes, visioning and job creation.

- **Implementation of Community Planning:** Regional planning councils develop and maintain Strategic Regional Policy Plans to guide growth and development focusing on economic development, emergency preparedness, transportation, affordable housing and resources of regional significance. In addition, regional planning councils provide coordination and review of various programs such as Local Government Comprehensive Plans, Developments of Regional Impact and Power Plant Ten-year Siting Plans. Regional planning council reviewers have the local knowledge to conduct reviews efficiently and provide State agencies reliable local insight.
- **Local Government Assistance:** Regional planning councils are also a significant source of cost effective, high quality planning experts for communities, providing technical assistance in areas such as: grant writing, mapping, community planning, plan review, procurement, dispute resolution, economic development, marketing, statistical analysis, and information technology. Several regional planning councils provide staff for transportation planning organizations, natural resource planning and emergency preparedness planning.

- **Return on Investment:** Every dollar invested by the State through annual appropriation in regional planning councils generates 11 dollars in local, federal and private direct investment to meet regional needs.

- **Quality Communities Generate Economic Development:** Businesses and individuals choose locations based on the quality of life they offer. Regional planning councils help regions compete nationally and globally for investment and skilled personnel.

- **Multidisciplinary Viewpoint:** Regional planning councils provide a comprehensive, multidisciplinary view of issues and a forum to address regional issues cooperatively. Potential impacts on the community from development activities are vetted to achieve win-win solutions as council members represent business, government and citizen interests.

- **Coordinators and Conveners:** Regional planning councils provide a forum for regional collaboration to solve problems and reduce costly inter-jurisdictional disputes.

- **Federal Consistency Review:** Regional planning councils provide required Federal Consistency Review, ensuring access to hundreds of millions of federal infrastructure and economic development investment dollars annually.

- **Economies of Scale:** Regional planning councils provide a cost-effective source of technical assistance to local governments, small businesses and non-profits.

- **Regional Approach:** Cost savings are realized in transportation, land use and infrastructure when addressed regionally. A regional approach promotes vibrant economies while reducing unproductive competition among local communities.

- **Sustainable Communities:** Federal funding is targeted to regions that can demonstrate they have a strong framework for regional cooperation.

- **Economic Data and Analysis:** Regional planning councils are equipped with state of the art econometric software and have the ability to provide objective economic analysis on policy and investment decisions.

- **Small Quantity Hazardous Waste Generators:** The Small Quantity Generator program ensures the proper handling and disposal of hazardous waste generated at the county level. Often smaller counties cannot afford to maintain a program without imposing large fees on local businesses. Many counties have lowered or eliminated fees, because regional planning council programs realize economies of scale, provide businesses a local contact regarding compliance questions and assistance and provide training and information regarding management of hazardous waste.

- **Regional Visioning and Strategic Planning:** Regional planning councils are conveners of regional visions that link economic development, infrastructure, environment, land use and transportation into long term investment plans. Strategic planning for communities and organizations defines actions critical to successful change and resource investments.

- **Geographic Information Systems and Data Clearinghouse:** Regional planning councils are leaders in geographic information systems mapping and data support systems. Many local governments rely on regional planning councils for these services.
SOUTHWEST FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL (SWFRPC) ACRONYMS

ABM - Agency for Bay Management - Estero Bay Agency on Bay Management
ADA - Application for Development Approval
ADA - Americans with Disabilities Act
AMDA - Application for Master Development Approval
BEBR - Bureau of Economic Business and Research at the University of Florida
BLID - Binding Letter of DRI Status
BLIM - Binding Letter of Modification to a DRI with Vested Rights
BLIVR - Binding Letter of Vested Rights Status
BPCC - Bicycle/Pedestrian Coordinating Committee
CAC - Citizens Advisory Committee
CAO - City/County Administrator Officers
CDBG - Community Development Block Grant
CDC - Certified Development Corporation (a.k.a. RDC)
CEDS - Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (a.k.a. OEDP)
CHNEP - Charlotte Harbor National Estuary Program
CTC - Community Transportation Coordinator
CTD - Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged
CUTR - Center for Urban Transportation Research
DEO - Department of Economic Opportunity
DEP - Department of Environmental Protection
DO - Development Order
DOPA - Designated Official Planning Agency (i.e. MPO, RPC, County, etc.)
EDA - Economic Development Administration
EDC - Economic Development Coalition
EDD - Economic Development District
EPA – Environmental Protection Agency
FAC - Florida Association of Counties
FACTS - Florida Association of CTCs
FAR - Florida Administrative Register (formerly Florida Administrative Weekly)
FCTS - Florida Coordinated Transportation System
FDC&F - Florida Department of Children and Families (a.k.a. HRS)
FDEA - Florida Department of Elder Affairs
FDLES - Florida Department of Labor and Employment Security
FDOT - Florida Department of Transportation
FHREDI - Florida Heartland Rural Economic Development Initiative
FIAM – Fiscal Impact Analysis Model
FLC - Florida League of Cities
FQD - Florida Quality Development
FRCA -Florida Regional Planning Councils Association
FTA - Florida Transit Association
IC&R - Intergovernmental Coordination and Review
IFAS - Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences at the University of Florida
JLCB - Joint Local Coordinating Boards of Glades & Hendry Counties
JPA - Joint Participation Agreement
JSA - Joint Service Area of Glades & Hendry Counties
LCB - Local Coordinating Board for the Transportation Disadvantaged
LEPC - Local Emergency Planning Committee
MOA - Memorandum of Agreement
MPO - Metropolitan Planning Organization
MPOAC - Metropolitan Planning Organization Advisory Council
MPOCAC - Metropolitan Planning Organization Citizens Advisory Committee
MPOTAC - Metropolitan Planning Organization Technical Advisory Committee
NADO – National Association of Development Organizations
NARC - National Association of Regional Councils
NOPC - Notice of Proposed Change
OEDP - Overall Economic Development Program
PDA - Preliminary Development Agreement
REMI – Regional Economic Modeling Incorporated
RFB - Request for Bids
RFI – Request for Invitation
RFP - Request for Proposals
RPC - Regional Planning Council
SHIP - State Housing Initiatives Partnership
SRPP – Strategic Regional Policy Plan
TAC - Technical Advisory Committee
TDC - Transportation Disadvantaged Commission (a.k.a. CTD)
TDPN - Transportation Disadvantaged Planners Network

TDSP - Transportation Disadvantaged Service Plan

USDA - US Department of Agriculture

WMD - Water Management District (SFWMD and SWFWMD)
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The meeting of the Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council was held on September 12, 2019 at the offices of the Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council–1400 Colonial Boulevard, Suite #1 in Fort Myers, Florida. Chair Perry called the meeting to order at 9:04 AM. Ms. Margaret Wuerstle conducted the roll call and announced that a quorum was not yet present. A quorum was reached later in the meeting

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

**Charlotte County:** Commissioner Ken Doherty, Commissioner Joe Tiseo, Mr. Don McCormick,

**Collier County:** Commissioner Bill McDaniel, Commissioner Penny Taylor

**Glades County:** Commissioner Donna Storter-Long, Commissioner Donald Strenth, Mr. Thomas Perry

**Hendry County:** Commissioner Julie Wilkins, Vice-Mayor Michael Atkinson

**Lee County:** Commissioner Frank Mann, Vice-Mayor Ray Murphy, Councilman Greg DeWitt

**Sarasota County:** Commissioner Willie Shaw, Councilmember Mitzie Fielder

**Ex-Officio:** Mr. Dennis Ragosta– SWFWMD, Mr. Jon Iglehart–FDEP

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

**Charlotte County:** Councilman Gary Wein, Ms. Suzanne Graham

**Collier County:** Councilman Reg Buxton

**Glades County:** None

**Hendry County:** Commissioner Mitchell Wills, Commissioner Emma Byrd, Mr. Mel Karau

**Lee County:** Commissioner Cecil Pendergrass, Councilman Fred Burson

**Sarasota County:** Commissioner Charles Hines, Commissioner Michael Moran
Ex-Officio: Mr. Wayne Gaither, FDOT, Mr. Phil Flood–SFWMD

AGENDA ITEM #4
PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

AGENDA ITEM #5
AGENDA

There were no changes made to the agenda. Chair Perry decided to move to Item 9 until a quorum could be reached.

AGENDA ITEM #9
PRESENTATIONS

AGENDA ITEM #9(a)
SWFL BROWNFIELDS & OPPORTUNITY ZONES

Ms. Tracy Whirls, Executive Director of the Glades County Economic Development Council, gave a presentation on how the SWFRPC’s Brownfield Coalition Assessment Grant has helped redevelopment efforts in the City of Moore Haven. Ms. Whirls gave history on several properties throughout Glades County that have undergone Phase I Environmental Site Assessments (ESAs) through the grant program. She stated that this grant has helped the City of Moore Haven enter a $250 million Opportunity Fund with a company in Tampa for redevelopment of the City’s waterfront.

The Council reached a quorum during the presentation and moved on to voting items.

AGENDA ITEM #8
REGIONAL IMPACT

AGENDA ITEM #8(a)
PALMER RANCH INCREMENT 29 DEVELOPMENT ORDER REVIEW

Mr. Dan Trescott gave a presentation on Palmer Ranch Increment 29 DO review. On June 20, 2019 the Council recommended conditional approval of the Palmer Ranch Increment 29 Application for Incremental Development Approval (AIDA). The recommended conditions are for issues related to water quality and stormwater, native habitats protection/vegetation and wildlife and land use. Staff review of the development orders finds that it is consistent with all regional issues and recommendations identified within the Council’s Official Recommendations.
A motion was made by Vice-Mayor Murphy to accept the Palmer Ranch Increment 29 DO Review as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Shaw and passed unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM #6
MINUTES OF THE JUNE 20, 2019 MEETING

There were no corrections or additions made to the minutes.

A motion was made by Commissioner Mann to approve the minutes as presented. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Shaw and passed unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM #7
CONSENT AGENDA

AGENDA ITEM #7(a)
INTERGOVERNMENTAL COORDINATION AND REVIEW

There was no discussion on the IC&R item.

A motion was made by Vice-Mayor Murphy to accept the Consent Agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Mann passed unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM #10
DIRECTOR’S REPORT

AGENDA ITEM #10(a)
MAY – JULY 2019 FINANCIALS

Ms. Wuerstle presented the May – July 2019 financials. She explained that the budget hole will appear larger than it actually is due to the cyclical nature of the RPC’s grant billings. She expects to end the year with a roughly $150,000 deficit in the FY 18-19 budget. The Council is looking at ways to close the budget, including finding grants and reducing office rental cost. The contract on the current office space is over next November and Ms. Wuerstle is looking to move to a smaller cheaper location or renegotiate with the current landlord for a reduced space and rate. Commissioner Tiseo recommended renegotiating with the current landlord. Commissioner McDaniel recommended holding off on making and decisions until decisions on the future of the RPC can be had. He asked when the Relevancy Committee will meet next. Ms. Wuerstle responded that the next Council meeting in November will be a workshop dedicated to the Council’s next year of operations. Chair Perry asked the Council to remain on the topic of the financials.
A motion was made by Commissioner McDaniel to approve the financials as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Shaw and passed unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM #9(b)
LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE (LEPC) & HURRICAN RESPONSE

Cape Coral Fire Department Battalion Chief Matt Marshall serves as the Training Chair of the SWF LEPC. Chief Marshall informed the Council that the LEPC is managed and staffed by the RPC through annual FDEM contracts using DOT grant money. The LEPC pays for trainings for HazMat first responders and has conducted a $24,000 HazMat Tech course for 32 attendees for the North Collier Fire Dept and a $14,500 Tox Medic Course for 14 attendees for the Fort Myers Fire Dept over the past several months. A $7,500 Natural Gas & Liquified Petroleum Gas Course is underway this month for 25 attendees in Charlotte County. With the recent threat that Hurricane Dorian posed to the State, Chief Marshall gave an update on how the State has increased its HazMat capacity to natural disasters since Hurricane Michael.

AGENDA ITEM #10(b)
2019-20 MEETING SCHEDULE

This item was for informational purposes only.

AGENDA ITEM #10(c)
MULTI-USE CORRIDORS OF REGIONAL ECONOMIC SIGNIFICANCE (M-CORES)

Ms. Wuerstle gave an update on the initial M-CORES meeting that she participated in last month in Tampa. There will be a Southwest – Central FL Connector extending from Polk County to Collier County. The Task Force will not determine alignment, but will instead focus on issues like land use, environment, economic development, and emergency evacuation. The schedule is aggressive and even though almost all the public comments were against the Corridor, the State seems to not be considering a “no-build” option.

Commissioner McDaniel has been chosen to represent the RPC on the Task Force and he informed the Council that he will provide updates at future RPC meetings. Commissioner Doherty added that he has been chosen as the Charlotte County representative and Commissioner Pendergrass is the Lee County rep. He asked if the M-CORES Task Force members should be identified when the RPC notices a meeting. Commissioner Mann stated that this used to be the kind of issue that the RPC would be heavily involved in. The room agreed that this topic needs to be discussed by the Council as it progresses.

AGENDA ITEM #10(d)
PROMISE ZONE UPDATE

There was no update given.
AGENDA ITEM #10(f)
FRCA JULY 2019 REPORT

Chair Perry and Vice-Mayor Atkinson gave a brief update on the last FRCA meeting. Chair Perry explained that FRCA Executive Director Ron Book understands the situation the Council is in with its nonpaying members and has offered to help the Council through this period. Vice-Mayor Murphy added that the FRCA meetings were helpful to him in his first stint on the RPC board.

AGENDA ITEM #10(f)
GRANT ACTIVITY SHEET (INFORMATION ONLY)

This item was for informational purposes only.

AGENDA ITEM #11
COMMITTEE REPORTS

AGENDA ITEM #11(a)
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Chair Perry explained that the Committee met that morning to discuss the financials, options for office space, and a lawsuit brought on by a former employee. There is currently a motion to dismiss being considered by the court.

AGENDA ITEM #11(b)
ESTERO BAY AGENCY ON BAY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Mr. James Beever stated that the Estero Bay Agency on Bay Management Committee met earlier this week. The Council packet was put together the week before, so he was unable to have a report added to the packet.

AGENDA ITEM #11(c)
QUALITY OF LIFE & SAFETY COMMITTEE

Commissioner Shaw praised the work that Ms. Katelyn Kubasik and the VISTA team has done in putting together the Southwest Florida Task Force on Overdose Prevention (STOP). The Task Force had a very productive meeting last month and will be holding another meeting in October. The RPC has been working to acquire grant funding on this issue. Commissioner Shaw explained the importance of prevention due to the high cost of overdose response and treatment.
AGENDA ITEM #11(d)  
REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

The M-CORES discussion served as the Committee update.

AGENDA ITEM #11(e)  
COUNCIL RELEVANCY & RESTRUCTURING COMMITTEE

There was no report given.

AGENDA ITEM #12  
NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business brought to the Council.

AGENDA ITEM #13  
STATE AGENCIES COMMENTS/REPORTS

Mr. Iglehart gave an update on FDEP events and activities.

AGENDA ITEM #14  
COUNCIL MEMBERS’ COMMENTS

There were no comments.

AGENDA ITEM #15  
ADJOURN

The next meeting will be on November 21, 2019. The meeting adjourned at 10:41 a.m.

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Commissioner Donna Storter-Long, Secretary

The meeting was duly advertised in the September 3, 2019 issue of the FLORIDA ADMINISTRATIVE REGISTER, Volume 45, Number 171.
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Presentations - Quality of Life

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Speaker Biographies

Pastor Juan A. Gonzalez:
Pastor Juan is the President and CEO of The Hive Community Development Corporation, Inc. The Hive’s mission is to achieve a healthier, more progressive community that is vibrant and inclusive, that builds knowledge, dignity and self-worth of all living and working in unincorporated Lehigh Acres, Florida. The Hive CDC is an asset development corporation whose purpose is to spur economic development, proposes to bring wholistic revitalization to the lives and environment of the community through pro-active planning, socioeconomic empowerment, the visual and performing arts, attainable housing, educational enrichment, community improvement, and strengthening youth and family life.

Dr. Tom Felke:
Dr. Tom Felke is the Department Chair and an Associate Professor in the Department of Social Work within the Marieb College of Health & Human Services at Florida Gulf Coast University. He received his BA degree in Elementary and Special Education from Providence College. He also earned his Ph. D. in social work from the University of Connecticut after completing his dissertation research in Armenia. Dr. Felke spent this time employed at the Connecticut Department of Social Services as an Organization & Skill Development Manager. Arriving at FGCU in 2011, Felke now focuses his teaching and research on macro social work, the application of technology to social work practice and evaluation, and international social work issues. A major focus of this work is the use of geographic information systems (GIS) for program evaluation and research efforts. The focus of these research projects has been on the needs of seniors, affordable housing, and food insecurity.

Sharon Mazzitelli, MSW:
Ms. Mazzitelli is the Executive Director of AIM Target Programs Inc. and has been the founder and worked with the agency for over twenty-five years. In this agency, she has been involved with outpatient treatment for substance abuse disorder, anger management, domestic violence, and drug testing. Prior to working at this agency, Ms. Mazzitelli was a probation officer in the state of Florida. Through the services offered at AIM, Ms. Mazzitelli has directly influenced and assisted in changing thousands of lives and restoring families. Ms. Mazzitelli has a master’s degree in Social Worker. Her Bachelor’s Degree from Hodges University is in Criminal Justice. She is a member of several professional organizations such as NADCP, DAITA, and NAFC. Outside of work, she lives in SW Florida where she enjoys self-care with family and friends.

For SW Florida to continue to be paradise to most, the planning stages of many topics would be considered. For example, the water condition and algae hit home and affected all of the partners in the community, vacationers, and homeowners, businesses with poor air for breathing as well as self-care and financial burden within all of the community partners. Sharon believes knowledge is power, for the National Opioid epidemic, the community is aware, although many would like not to discuss, and a few are not aware of the severity of the problem in Lee County. All of these issues affect others such as anger in the workplace, workman's comp, as well as self-care and the importance of self-care in paradise.
Estero Bay Agency on Bay Management
The regular meeting of the Estero Bay Agency on Bay Management met on Monday, September 9, 2019 at the 9:30 AM at the SWFRPC offices.

The minutes are as follows:

MINUTES ESTERO BAY AGENCY ON BAY MANAGEMENT

Monday, September 9, 2019 – 9:30 AM.

SWFRPC Offices
1400 Colonial Boulevard, Suite 1
Fort Myers, Florida 33907

Call to Order – Mr. Cornell called the meeting to order at 9:33 AM.

Attendance- As usual attendance was taken from the sign in sheet:

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Staff in Attendance: Jim Beever, C.J.. Kammerer

Motion to Approve the Minutes of the May 13, 2019 meeting was made by Mr. Quasius and seconded by Ms. Miller. Approved unanimously.
**Status of the Cela Tega Plans and Linking it to the AWRA Conference.** Discussion ensued with regard to program structure and agenda. For the morning session on where citizens can find and be involved in the collection of scientific data, the agency invitees for the morning part of the meeting were FDEP Aquatic Preserves, the Water Atlas, CHNEP water quality program, Calusa Waterkeeper, Lee County -Richard Armstrong, DbHydro-SFWMD, USGS, and pond Watch – Ernesto de la Vega. The lunch speaker would be either Tom Reis or Ralph Brooks. In the afternoon, speakers would include FDEP, Laura Lehman and/or Chauncy Goss SFWMD, Lee County, USACOE, League of Women Voters, Serge Thomas FGCU on ponds, Barbara Craig on what to do with environmental information, Wayne Daltry RGMC.

**Old Business – State of the Bay Data Gathering** A call was made for information pertinent to the State of the Bay form EBABM member who collect and have data relating to those issue.

**Emerging Issues** - The Isaak Walton League is involved with obtaining money from offshore oil revenues to be used in the Land & Water Conservation Fund. There will be $4 million for Florida. This may be used in the Northern Everglades NWR and in the purchase of Beautiful Island in the Caloosahatchee River.

The San Carlos Park EMD District is planning a 4-times increase in the MSTU fees.

The Taylor Mine was approved by the Lee County Commission. There will be litigation opposing this from Skanda Seed, the RGMC and 2 adjacent households.

**Announcements** – A land transfer occurred proposed for Conservation 2020 north of Alico Road to be used as a Wastewater Treatment Plant that will serve new developments being approved in the DRGR by Lee County.

The next Meeting Time and Place, for EBABM is **Monday**, October 21, 2019. 9:30 AM, SWFRPC.

**Adjournment** was at 11:22 A.M.
The next meeting of the EBABM occurred on Monday, November 18, 2019 at the SWFRPC at 9:30 AM.

A quorum was not achieved.

**Call to Order** – Ms. Whitehead called the meeting to order at 9:45 AM.

Mr. David Willems spoke on a summary on what FGCU is doing that will discover/identify sources of bacteria impairing the Estero River. The bacterial levels are high downstream of US 41. The area has many septic tank communities and package treatment plants. FGCU will help with the sampling including Dr. Thomas and Dr. Duke and expect to report on results in November 2020. There will be an expansion of sampling to 6-7 additional sites. In addition to surface waters there will be sampling of sediments, ground water and DNA sequencing to look at sources. The Village is also looking at a study on the cost of conversion of septic tanks and package treatment plants in the Village of Estero to a central sewage treatment plant system. This is expected to be completed sometime in February or March.

The EBABM then discussed the status of the Cela Tega plans and linking it to the AWRA conference and the State of the Bay Data Gathering.

**New Business** - Transitioning the EBABM elsewhere from the RPC. Maybe to FGCU? Was discussed and Mr. Beever described the process that would need to be followed per the settlement agreement conditions. It was decided to not pursue this at this time. Future decisions on this would results if there were to be changes in the SWFRPC

Mr. Beever announced his planned retirement in August 2020 and how there would be a change the EBABM Staff Support for the EBABM in 2020.

**Emerging Issues** included the Lygbia algae bloom in the Caloosahatchee River.

**Announcements**

There will be a Calusa Culture Night on the 23rd of November at the Bern Davis Center in Fort Myers.

Mike Cooper has left the EBAP and is going to the State DOF.

Adjournment was at 11.13 AM
The next meeting of the EBABM occurred on Monday, December 9, 2019 at the SWFRPC at 9:30 AM.

A quorum was not achieved.

**Call to Order** – Dr. Demers called the meeting to order at 9:38 AM.

Due to lack or quorum Officers were not elected.

The EBABM then discussed the status of the Cela Tega plans and linking it to the AWRA conference and the State of the Bay Data Gathering. At that time there were 35 registered for the Cela Tega, 15 for the banquets, and 15 for the Sunday boat trip.

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**Cela Tega 2020**

"The Estero Bay is in trouble: What Citizens can do to help"

Saturday, January 25th 2020  
Cohen Center Ballroom 8AM to 8PM  
Florida Gulf Coast University  
Fort Myers, FL 33965

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**2020 Conference Agenda is at**  [https://www.fgcu.edu/cas/celatega/](https://www.fgcu.edu/cas/celatega/)  

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**Recommended Action:** Information only. Please attend the Cela Tega if you can.
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Dinner Keynote: Craig Pittman 6:30 PM

Craig Pittman is a native Floridian. Born in Pensacola, he graduated from Troy State University in Alabama, where his muckraking work for the student paper prompted an agitated dean to label him "the most destructive force on campus." Since then he has covered a variety of newspaper beats and quite a few natural disasters, including hurricanes, wildfires and the Florida Legislature. Since 1998, he has covered environmental issues for Florida's largest newspaper, the Tampa Bay Times, winning state and national awards. He is the author of five books, including The Scent of Scandal: Greed, Betrayal, and
the World's Most Beautiful Orchid, which is the only book ever classified as "True Crime/Gardening," and Oh, Florida! How America's Weirdest State Influences the Rest of the Country, which won the gold medal for Florida non-fiction from the Florida Book Awards. His latest is Cat Tale: The Wild, Weird Battle to Save the Florida Panther, which will has been hailed by Lauren Groff as "a witty and passionate reminder that nature is robust--it wants to live!" He lives in St. Petersburg with his wife and two children.
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LEPC & Brownfield Updates
LEPC Training Schedule

- September 18: Natural Gas & Liquified Petroleum Gas Leak Control Course (24 trainees)
- November 15: DOT 406 Emergency Course (24 trainees)
- January 21 - 24: 2020 FL HazMat Symposium (25 attendees budgeted)
- February 25: Full-Scale HazMat Exercise at SRQ (100+ participants expected)
Other LEPC Activities

- Hazardous Materials Site Inspections and Reporting Assistance/Training
- Annual Updates to Regional Emergency Management Plan
- Convene Quarterly LEPC Meetings
- Shelter-in-Place Trainings to Businesses
- Technical Assistance as Requested
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SWFL Brownfields

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Brownfield Grant

- Three-year, $600,000 EPA Grant for Site Assessment and Reuse Planning
- Glades County, Hendry County, and Immokalee
- End Result of the Brownfield Program is to Prepare Blighted Sites for Redevelopment
Brownfield Benefits

• Tax Credits / Financial Incentives
  o Voluntary Cleanup Tax Credit Program
  o Job Bonus Tax Refund
  o Refunds on Sales Tax
  o State Loan Guarantees

• Boost Property Values
  o Estimated 5-13%

• Jumpstart Redevelopment
  o $18 leveraged for each $1 of EPA funds

• Liability Protection

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Progress So Far

- Nine Phase I ESAs and one Wetland Delineation completed
- Public outreach meeting held in each grant area community
- Four Phase II ESAs, two Phase Is and one Asbestos Survey approved by EPA
Questions?

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SWFL Task Force Members

- Commissioner Bill McDaniel - SWFRPC
- Commissioner Penny Taylor - Collier County
- Commissioner Karson Turner - Hendry County
- Commissioner Ken Doherty - Charlotte County
- Commissioner Chris Constance - Charlotte County
- Commissioner Cecil Pendergrass - Lee County
New Information

- The “no build” alternative will be evaluated during FDOT’s Planning Process
- The task forces are separate entities. Members on different task forces can talk to each other
- Recommendations will be forwarded as a package and not individually
- Task Forces are to identify issues and make recommendations
AMME

- Avoidance, Minimization, Mitigation and Enhancement
- Task Force #2 meeting focused on Guiding Principles for Avoidance and Minimization
- [www.floridamcores.com](http://www.floridamcores.com)
- Discussion on Key Priorities
  - Environmental Protection is a Key Priority
  - All environmental issues are important
Guiding Principles for Avoidance and Minimization

- Avoid constructing new roads
- Emphasize water quality and water resources
- “Avoidance becomes meaningless”
- There are resources in this corridor that are not negotiable
- Acknowledge the interconnectedness of the natural and environmental concepts
Next Steps

Is there a forgone conclusion that the road will be built?

What is the background and why the assumption was made that we need these corridors?

Next Task Force meeting in LaBelle on December 9, 2019
Southwest-Central Florida Connector Task Force Meeting #2
October 30, 2019
Polk State College – Lakeland Campus
3425 Winter Lake Road, Lakeland, Florida 33803

Objectives
- Provide overview of Florida’s Government in the Sunshine Law
- Introduce approach of identifying Avoidance, Minimization, Mitigation, and Enhancement (AMME) considerations
- Discuss avoidance and minimization considerations for developing corridor opportunities
- Discuss potential guiding principles for avoidance and minimization
- Receive public comment
- Identify next steps in preparation for Task Force meeting #3

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Polk State College – Lakeland Campus
3425 Winter Lake Road • Lakeland, FL 33803 United States

WELCOME TO M-CORES

The Multi-use Corridors of Regional Economic Significance (M-CORES) program is intended to revitalize rural communities, encourage job creation and provide regional connectivity while leveraging technology, enhancing the quality of life and public safety, and protecting the environment and natural resources. The program became law on May 17, 2019*, and the legislation provides for the following under the oversight of the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT):

- Define the three (3) study areas.
- Establish diverse Task Forces that embody all aspects of each study area.
- Provide many opportunities for public engagement and input for items that are important to you for the future of your communities.
- Issue its evaluation in a final report that must be submitted to the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives by October 1, 2020.

* M-CORES statute location: Chapter 2019-43, Laws of Florida

PROGRAM GOALS

- Alleviate congestion
- Support multiple modes of transportation (shared-use trails, freight and passenger rail, public transit)
- Connect rural communities
- Expand broadband service
- Create jobs
- Advance trade and logistics
- Improve energy distribution
- Build water, sewer and other infrastructure
- Conserve wildlife
- Protect environmentally sensitive areas
- Provide hurricane evacuation routes
A COMMUNITY BASED APPROACH

M-CORES employs a community-based approach with the designation of a Task Force to provide recommendations, as well as encouraging public engagement throughout the process.

THE TASK FORCE

Per Statute, a Task Force was appointed by the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) for each of the three (3) study areas and each Task Force will hold public meetings in each local jurisdiction within the study area and seeks public input and participation.

Each Task Force will submit a final Task Force Report to Florida’s Governor, Senate President and Speaker of the House of Representatives by October 1, 2020.

SAFETY, EFFICIENCY, QUALITY OF LIFE AND PROTECTION OF NATURAL RESOURCES

The Task Force will consider opportunities to restore and enhance protection of these vital resources, while considering opportunities to expand safety, efficiency and quality of life of those that call this region home.

The environment, conservation and wildlife habitat assessments, including acquisition of lands, will be included in the Task Force’s final report.

TIMELINE MILESTONES

- AUGUST 2019
  Task Force Meeting 1
- OCTOBER 2019
  Task Force Meeting 2
- NOVEMBER 2019
  Community Open House
- DECEMBER 2019
  Task Force Meeting 3
  Community Open House
- JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2020
  Community Workshops
- MARCH 2020
  Task Force Meeting 4
  Community Open House
- APRIL/MAY 2020
  Community Workshops
- JUNE 2020
  Task Force Meeting 5
  Community Open House
- JULY 2020
  Public Comment Period
- AUGUST 2020
  Task Force Meeting 6
- SEPTEMBER 2020
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- OCTOBER 2020
  Task Force Report submitted to Governor and Legislature

UPCOMING SOUTHWEST-CENTRAL FLORIDA CONNECTOR MEETINGS

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HOW CAN YOU PROVIDE FEEDBACK?

Public participation is vital to the M-CORES process, and there are many ways to share your comments or ideas. The FDOT encourages public participation.

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EMAIL: FDOT.Listens@dot.state.fl.us

MEETINGS: Attend any of the dates posted at FloridaM CORES.com

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Anyone who requires special accommodations under the Americans with Disabilities Act or translation services (free of charge) should contact Angela Starke by email at Angela.Starke@dot.state.fl.us or by telephone at (407) 254-3321, at least seven days prior to the meeting.
Comment Form
Southwest-Central Florida Connector — Task Force Meeting #2
October 30, 2019

I am commenting on the following:

☐ Southwest-Central Florida Connector  ☐ General Comment

Please Print Clearly

Survey

Please rate the following:

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Please complete and place in the “Comments” box. You can also email your comments to FDOT.Listens@dot.state.fl.us. All comments are part of the public record and are available for viewing by the public and media.
Agenda

Item

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I-75 Connect Project

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Interstate 75 connect
FYI

- Meeting on November 4, 2019 with Project and Program Managers
- Totally separate from the M-CORES program
- Fact finding phase
- Kick-off will be the first quarter of 2020
CDBG Mitigation
CDBG - MIT
$633,485,000

- To increase resilience and lessen impact of future storms
- Large Scale, Transformative Projects
- Counties impacted by 2016-2017 storms: Hermine, Mathew and Irma
- DEO is in Action Plan Stage: due 2/3/2020 to HUD
- Gather feedback and input on local priorities for the use of CDBG-MIT funding.
• At least 50% of funds must be spent on mitigation needs in HUD-designated Most Impacted and Distressed (MID) areas

• Remaining funds can be spent in State-designated Most Impacted and Distressed (MID) areas

• 50% minimum spending to benefit low-to-moderate income (LMI) communities

• 50% minimum required funding expended in 6 years; 100% must be expended in 12 years
Eligible Activities - Infrastructure

Regional investments in risk reduction from hazards to develop disaster-resistant infrastructure

• Water, sewer, solid waste, communications, energy, transportation, health and medical, and other public infrastructure to address specific identified risks

• Multi-use infrastructure

• Green or natural mitigation infrastructure development
Eligible Activities - Planning

- “Development of modernized and resilient building codes and land use plans.”
- “Integration of mitigation planning with other local and regional mitigation community development, land use and other plans”
- “Upgrade mapping, data, and other capabilities to better understand evolving potential disaster risks.”
- Eligible Plans
  - Local and regional functional land-use plans
  - Master plans
  - Historical preservation plans
  - Comprehensive plans
  - Community recovery plans
  - Resilience plans
  - Development of building codes
  - Zoning ordinances
  - Neighborhood plans
Ineligible Activities

- Funding for buildings used for the general conduct of government
  - Emergency Response Services (ERS)
  - Funds *may* be used to enhance the resilience of facilities
  - Forced mortgage payoff
  - Enlargement of dam or levee beyond original design
  - Assistance to private utilities
Website: RebuildFlorida.Gov
Mitigation Survey: RebuildFlorida.Gov
Email: cdbg-mit@deo.myflorida.com
CDBG Mitigation Survey: RebuildFlorida.gov
CDBG Mitigation Federal Register Notice: 84 FR 45838

U.S. Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) definition of mitigation:
Activities that increase resilience to disasters and reduce or eliminate the long-term risk of loss of life, injury, damage to and loss of property, and suffering and hardship, by lessening the impact of future disasters.

Summary
- $633,485,000 in total HUD Community Development Block Grant Mitigation (CDBG-MIT) funds allocated to Florida which will be administered by the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity Office of Disaster Recovery.
- In total, 51 Florida counties are currently eligible for CDBG-MIT funding.
  - Due to 2016 and 2017 (Hurricanes Hermine, Matthew, and Irma) disasters.
- At least 50% of this allocation must address mitigation needs in the HUD-designated Most Impacted and Distressed (HUD MID) counties and ZIP codes, as shown below:
  - Brevard, Broward, Clay, Collier, Duval, Hillsborough, Lee, Miami Dade, Monroe, Orange, Osceola, Palm Beach, Polk, St. Johns, St. Lucie, and Volusia counties; 32084, 32091, 32136, 32145, 32771, 33440, 33523, 33825, 33870, 32068, 33935, and 34266 Zip Codes.
- Remaining 50% may address mitigation needs in State MID counties.
- At least 50% of CDBG-MIT funds must benefit low- and moderate-income (LMI) persons.
- Must spend 50% of allocation in six (6) years and 100% in twelve (12) years.

Highlights
- CDBG-MIT funds do not require a disaster "tie-back."
- CDBG-MIT funds cannot be used for emergency response services. May be used for mitigation activities to enhance the resilience of facilities.
- HUD emphasized importance of broad-based, local, and regional mitigation priorities that will have long-lasting effects on community risk reduction.
- HUD expects grantees to enhance the impact of HUD-funded investments with "more stringent building and zoning codes which will help to limit damage from future severe weather events." This is an eligible cost under CDBG-DR or CDBG-MIT funding.
- Heavy dependence on State and Local Hazard Mitigation Plans.
- May expend funds outside of MID areas if the funds will mitigate within the MID areas.

Public Engagement
- At least three (3) public hearings — one (1) prior to the public comment period.
  - 45-day public comment period.
  - Citizen advisory committee.
  - Webinars.
  - Stakeholder Meetings

For more information visit RebuildFlorida.gov
### 2016 Eligible Florida counties as declared in DR-4280 and/or DR-4283

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### 2017 Eligible Florida counties and ZIP codes as declared in DR-4337 and/or DR-4341

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Office of Disaster Recovery - Mitigation Program

Public Comment Card

Name: ___________________________ Date: ________________

Phone: ___________________________ Email: ___________________________

Representing an Entity? Y ___ N ____ Name of Entity: ___________________________

Comment Category

☐ Infrastructure ☐ Citizen Advisory Committee
☐ Programming ☐ Funding
☐ Eligibility ☐ Public Hearings
☐ Risk Assessment ☐ Other: ___________________________

Comments: ____________________________________________________________

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Strategic Plan 2020
THIS IS WHAT WE HEARD - MEETING CHANGES

Quarterly meetings

Half Day Event Meeting (Mini Conference)

Short Business Meeting followed by a meaningful Presentation on an Important Issue
Moving Forward
OPERATIONAL CHANGES

RPC Quarterly Board Meetings
(4 meetings/yr. plus 1 workshop)

**One workshop meeting**
in addition to the 4 board meetings to determine topics and discuss speakers

**Three short business meetings**
followed by a speaker on a relevant topic

**One major event/conference**
Annual full/half day conference
NEW MEETING SCHEDULE
FY 19-20

21
NOVEMBER
2019

• Workshop to determine relevant issues and potential speakers for the year.
• Nominating Committee appointed for election of 2020 Officers.

16
JANUARY
2020

• Election of Officers
• Speaker on subject determined at workshop

19
MARCH
2020

• Speaker on subject determined at workshop

18
JUNE
2020

• Audit Report
• Budget & Workplan
• Speaker on subject determined at workshop

17
SEPTEMBER
2020

• Host Major Event
RELEVANCY:

This Is What We Heard from County Managers...

- **Water Quality**: Regional mitigation, resolutions, and eco-systems calculations of negative impacts of red tide and algae blooms.

- **Affordable Housing**: Regional and state coordination of planning for communities, policies, and programs.

- **Regional Transportation**: Proactively planning for alternative and multi-modal transportation.

- **Storm Resiliency & Climate Change**: Capacity-building for economic, social, community health, infrastructure, and environmental issues.

- **Quality of Life**: Regional opioid prevention, public safety, mental health, and healthy futures.

- **Inter-governmental Coordination & Communication**: Region-wide facilitation, research, and developing partnerships in many areas that make a difference locally and statewide.
RELEVANCY ISSUES FROM THE RPC BOARD...!

May 16, 2019

Water Quality

Affordable Housing

Regional Coalition Common Voice in Tallahassee

Beach Renourishment

Quality of Life

Information on Common Issues

Collective Force to combat erosion of Homerule

The “Go-To” People for Organizing Among Counties

Impact of Development on Adjacent Counties

Coordinate and Share Information with County Staff
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Since then he has earned a Doctorate of Education in organizational leadership and development and has trained organizations across the globe on the importance of moving away from “the way we’ve always done it” mentality.

David has been on both ends of the spectrum. From resisting learning and change in a dramatic way, all the way to producing scientific research through his doctoral studies focusing on the importance of organizational learning. He has the experience and the knowledge to ensure that our organization can take advantage of this essential aspect of growth and development.
State Agency Comments