

**MINUTES OF THE
SOUTHWEST FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL
FEBRUARY 19, 2015 MEETING**

The meeting of the **Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council** was held on **February 19, 2015** at the offices of the Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council - 1st Floor Conference Room at 1926 Victoria Avenue in Fort Myers, Florida. Chair Robert Mulhere called the meeting to order at **9:03 AM** Councilman Banks led an invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance. SWFRPC Administrative Assistant, Jerilyn Walker conducted the roll call.

MEMBERS PRESENT

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

Collier County: Commissioner Penny Taylor, Mr. Bob Mulhere

Glades County: Commissioner Weston Pryor

Hendry County: Commissioner Karson Turner

Lee County: Commissioner Frank Mann, Councilman Forrest Banks, Councilman Jim Burch, Vice Mayor Doug Congress

Sarasota County: Commissioner Carolyn Mason, Mayor Willie Shaw, Commissioner Cheryl Cook

Ex-Officio: Mr. Jon Iglehart - FDEP, Mr. Phil Flood - SFWMD, Ms. Melissa Dickens - SWFWMD

MEMBERS ABSENT

Charlotte County: Ms. Suzanne Graham

Collier County: Commissioner Tim Nance, Councilwoman Teresa Heitmann Mr. Alan Reynolds

Glades County: Commissioner Donna Storter-Long, Commissioner Paul Beck, Councilwoman Pat Lucas, Mr. Thomas Perry

Hendry County: Commissioner Don Davis, Commissioner Sherida Ridgill

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

Sarasota County: Mr. Felipe Colón, Commissioner Charles Hines, Councilman Kit McKeon

Ex-Officio:

Ms. Sara Catala for Ms. Carmen Monroy - FDOT

Ms. Walker announced that there wasn't a quorum present at the time that the roll call was done. Chair Mulhere took time to introduce the new members Commissioner Ken Doherty from Charlotte County, Commissioner Penny Taylor from Collier County and Commissioner Weston Pryor from Glades County. Commissioner Doherty is looking forward to work with everyone. Commissioner Pryor explained he is in the agriculture business which is 90 percent of Glades County and looking forward to growth and working with the Council. Commissioner Taylor explained her back ground City Council from 2000 till 2010 became a Commissioner around 100 days ago and looking forward to working with everyone. Chair Mulhere than introduced Katherine Mohr as Councils new Attorney. Katherine Mohr Thanks for letting me be part of the team as a native Floridians she believes in what the Council does. Commissioner Mason asked if Ms. Wuerstler said the people on the phone do not count as a quorum. Ms. Wuerstler said if we would like to start meeting with director's report she would explain.

**AGENDA ITEM #4
PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments made at this time.

**AGENDA ITEM #5
AGENDA**

**AGENDA ITEM #6
Minutes of the January 15, 2015 Meeting**

Minutes for January meeting tabled till March due to no quorum.

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

Katherine Mohr explained the Sunshine law supersedes our bylaws which state both on the phone and physically in the room votes count. Next month Katherine Mohr will present updated bylaws to coincide with the Sunshine Law for approval from Council. Councilwoman Prafke suggested looking to see if there is a purposed bill about telecommunication. Also look into alternates for the member to send in the case a member cannot be at the meeting and can they vote legally.

Ms. Wuestle spoke about the bills Senator Simpson has filed three bills all dealing with the RPC's. First one is SB484 which eliminates RPC's altogether. Second one is SB562 which deals with the DRI process going to DEO. Third is SB 862 which deals with sector plans. FRCA the letter in front of everyone is the response from FRCA to the Governor. The committee that was asked to respond to the bills Senator Simpson created was Ron Book, Northeast Florida RPC and Central Florida RPC. FRCA does not represent us. FRCA wants to go from 11 RPC's to 8 or 9. Ms. Wuestle then ask Council what their recommendations where. Councilman Banks replied it is about boundaries more than anything please talk to your lobbyist and tell them no boundary

change. Councilman Burch purposed to draft resolution to take back to all Commissions and Councils. Ms. Mohr will work on resolution for next meeting to present.

Ms. Wuestle announced the Promise Zone Grant we are the only rural application in Florida. Ms. Wuestle announced the audit is done will bring to the March meeting. Financials are down but will break even in April. Over 2 million dollars out in pending grants.

Ms. Wuestle presented video funded by Visit Florida titled Our Creative Economy.

Ms. Wuestle announced John Gibbons retired and Ms. Nichole Gwinnett would be taking over John's programs.

Ms. Wuestle presented to Dave Crawford a plaque and letter from Governor on behalf of his retirement.

**AGENDA ITEM #8
Grant Activity Sheet**

This item was for information purposes only.

**AGENDA ITEM #9
CONSENT AGENDA**

**AGENDA ITEM #10
REGIONAL IMPACT**

**AGENDA ITEM #10(a)
Collier County Comprehensive Plan Amendment (DEO15-1ESR)**

**AGENDA ITEM #10(b)
City of Moore Haven Comprehensive Plan Amendment (DEO 15-1ESR)**

**AGENDA ITEM #10(c)
City of Clewiston Comprehensive Plan Amendment (DEO15-1ESR)**

**AGENDA ITEM #10(d)
Palmer Ranch AIDA Master Development Order Update**

**AGENDA ITEM #10(e)
Palmer Ranch AIDA NOPC (Increment XXII 9A)**

**AGENDA ITEM #10(f)
Palmer Ranch AIDA NOPC (Increment XXIII 9B)**

**AGENDA ITEM #10(g)
Pelican Preserve DRI - Review of City of Fort Myers Development Order**

All item where tabled till next meeting due to no quorum.

AGENDA ITEM #11

REGIONAL ISSUES

AGENDA ITEM #11(a)

Caloosahatchee Watershed - Regional Water Management Issues Presentation Vice Mayor Doug Congress.

Resolution accepting and endorsing the Caloosahatchee Watershed Regional Water Management Issue is tabled till next month due to no quorum.

AGENDA ITEM #11(b)

Overview of SWFWMD Water Quality Metrics - Ms. Melissa Dickens

Ms. Melissa Dickens staff planner of SWFWMD presented a power point on water quality in our area and explained all agencies that contribute to the quality of water in our region.

AGENDA ITEM #12 COMMITTEE REPORTS

AGENDA ITEM #12(a) Budget & Finance Committee

Reported will be meeting within the next two weeks.

AGENDA ITEM #12(b) Economic Development Committee

AGENDA ITEM #12(c) Energy & Climate Committee

Mr. Don McCormick announced great job with Solar Ready presentation from Jennifer Pellichio and Rebekah Harp.

AGENDA ITEM #12(d) Estero Bay Agency on Bay Management (EBABM) Committee

Mr. Jim Beever announced Karen Bickford is the new Chair for the ABM. Springcreek Restoration meeting with each community getting feed back from each community the full report on line. First deliverable is due in May. Letter was sent out to get appraisal for Battista Island for 2020 proposal. Next meeting will be the annual review.

AGENDA ITEM #12(e) Executive Committee

Chair Mulhere no report at this time.

AGENDA ITEM #12(f) Legislative Affairs Committee

Vice-Mayor Congress need new chair for committee Vice Mayor Congress suggested Don McCormick.

AGENDA ITEM #12(g) Quality of Life & Safety Committee

Mayor Shaw reported meeting to follow Council meeting will have report next month.

AGENDA ITEM #12(h)
Regional Transportation Committee

Ms. Wuerstle no report at this time. Chair Bob Mulhere presented need to find out about funding for Transportation Committee.

AGENDA ITEM #13
NEW BUSINESS

None at this time.

AGENDA ITEM #14
STATE AGENCIES COMMENTS/REPORTS

SFWMD - Mr. Flood announced partnership with Likes Brother to pay to store water on property. Also Governor passed bill for the C43 Reservoir. Next month will be giving presentation.

FDOT - Ms. Catala

FDEP - Mr. Iglehart announced March 20th 3rd Annual Brownfield Conference at the Lee County School Building on Colonial Blvd.

SWFWMD - Ms. Dickens

AGENDA ITEM #15
COUNCIL ATTORNEY'S COMMENTS

Ms. Katherine Mohr keeping a eye on House Bills 824 and 826 dealing with Comprehensive Plans and new exceptions to Sunshine Law. Also watching for Bills on recyclable and solar energy.

AGENDA ITEM #16
COUNCIL MEMBERS' COMMENTS

Don McCormick thanks to everyone in the room.
Vice Mayor Doug Congress last meeting enjoyed working with everyone and looking forward to watching from a far.
Commissioner Ken Doherty is looking forward to working with all.
Councilman Jim Burch losing a big part with Vice Mayor Doug Congress thank you.
Councilwoman Nancy Prafke is glad to be back.
Commissioner Weston Pryor thanks for letting me be a part of the Council. I will push to get others from Glades County here to meetings
Commissioner Cheryl Cook 11 thousand acres called Orange Hammock hugh project for Charlotte County to preserve land.

AGENDA ITEM #17
ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 11:09 a.m.

Councilman Forrest Banks, Secretary

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