



The **Quarterly Board of Directors Meeting** of the Regional Community Institute of Northeast Florida, Inc. (RCI) was held on January 13, 2020. The meeting took place at the Northeast Florida Regional Council, 100 Festival Park Avenue, Jacksonville, Florida, 32202. It started at 12:07pm, immediately following Regional Leadership Academy (RLA) orientation. Several RLA candidates stayed to monitor the meeting.

Chair Valerie Hendriex Jenkins called the meeting to order. The following RCI board members were present representing a quorum: Mr. Bob Page, Mr. Thad Crowe, Mr. Bob Rhodes, Ms. Denise Bevan, Mr. Taco Pope, Ms. Teresa Bishop (on the phone), Mr. Bill Garrison, Mr. Rob Palmer, and Mr. Ed Perez.

The following staff were present: Ms. Beth Payne, Ms. Margo Moehring, Mr. Sean Lahav (also an RLA candidate), and Ms. Kate Haigh.

Roll call was completed and introductions made. The Chair extended an invitation for any public comment. No public comment was made. The minutes of the September 30, 2019 Quarterly Board of Directors Meeting were approved by unanimous vote under a motion by Mr. Rhodes and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Perez.

Update on Policy Work:

- 2016/2017: Work is progressing well on the Low Impact Development model ordinance being undertaken by JU Grad Student Jen John. FDEP and GDNR have agreed to data sharing related to water quality in the St. Marys. The next step is deciding what data to share and implementation.
- 2017/2018: The NEFRC approved the Regional Tourism Action Plan in October 2018. Staff has distributed the spreadsheet designed to collect data on the first round of information to be collected on outdoor assets. So far, Nassau and Duval data has been collected and shared.

Mr. Garrison and Ms. Moehring discussed the proposed workplan for 2020, as included in a handout. The Board was supportive. There was discussion that as partners are joined or assembled, the Urban Land Institute, the JaxUSA Partnership and the stakeholders involved with Innovate NE Florida and Elevate NE Florida should be included. The decision was made by consensus to not create a formal committee at this time but to reassess as the work progresses. It was noted that Mr. Colon had resigned from the Board and the Board expressed their thanks for his hard work. The Chair indicated that she would send him a letter on the Board's behalf commending him on his service to RCI and Northeast Florida. Ms. Payne and Mr. Lahav reported on the Resilient First Coast workplan approved by both the P2R2 Committee and the NEFRC Board in December. Ms. Moehring reported on "harmonization" and the update to the SRPP. She provided the RLA curriculum and potential candidates list for RCI Board members who had not been able to attend RLA orientation earlier that day. The NEFRC 2020 legislative priorities document was distributed, and there was discussion as to whether this was the year to seek a budget appropriation for regional planning councils. Ms Haigh addressed marketing and noted that RLA and potentially the results of Water Beyond Borders, including the model LID ordinance, provide opportunities for press releases and social media. The Board reviewed the list of policy issues that have been discussed related to future RCI work. Ms. Moehring was asked to add affordable housing as an issue. Under general discussion, it was mentioned that the legislature may consider legislation related to sea level rise this session. There was no public comment.

Next meeting dates are March 30, June 29, and September 28, 2020.

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 1:15pm.