



The **Annual Meeting** of the Regional Community Institute of Northeast Florida, Inc. (RCI) was held on Monday, September 23, 2013 at 12:50pm. The Regional Leadership Academy Class of 2013 Graduation and celebration lunch was held prior to the start of the Annual Meeting. The Annual and Board Meetings took place at the Northeast Florida Regional Council, 6850 Belfort Oaks Place, Jacksonville, Florida, 32216.

The following members were present representing a quorum:

Hon. Doug Conkey, Hon. Bob Page, Mr. Bob Rhodes, Hon. Art Graham, Mr. David Reed, Mr. Wilfredo Gonzalez, Mr. Wiatt Bowers, Ms. Kimberly Waterhouse, Ms. Nancy Stanton, Ms. Barbara Goodman, Ms. Betzy Santiago, Dr. Quint White, Dr. Linda Scaz, Ms. Bonnie Barnes, Ms. Denise Bevan, Mr. Aaron Bowman, Mr. Brad Thoburn, Ms. Cheryl Lynch, Mr. Peter King, Ms. Karen Mathis, Mr. Thad Crowe, Mr. Tony Robbins, Ms. Shari Schurr, Lt. Dan Chitworth, Ms. Sarah Owen Gledhill, Mr. Greg Tenuta (by phone)

The following guests were present: Ms. Shauna Allen, Mr. Ted Mikelson, Ms. Terry Joseph

Chair Page called the meeting to order, and introductions were made. The minutes of the September 27, 2012 Annual Meeting were approved by consensus. Ms. Moehring made a brief presentation on the financial report and audit results, which were moved and unanimously approved.

Election of Board of Directors

The RCI unanimously renewed these members of the Board of Directors for a two year term:

Ms. Mary Alice Phelan, Mr. Bob Rhodes

The following slate of RCI members proposed for new Board membership were unanimously approved for a two year term:

Mr. Perry Bechtle, Ms. Sarah Owen Gledhill, Ms. Shari Schurr, Ms. Nancy Stanton, Mr. Brad Thoburn

General Activity Update

The general activity update was given by Ms. Moehring. She noted that an overview of the RCI Emergency Preparedness Committee on Sea Level Rise would be part of the presentation to the Board to follow immediately. It was reported that Mr. Page has briefed the NEFRC Legislative Policy Committee on their findings, and discussed with them the policy issue to be worked on in 2014. Also a reminder was given to recruit for the next RLA Class and to "Save the Date" for the annual Elected Officials Luncheon and Regional Leadership Awards event which will be held December 5, 2013. Members were asked to provide Ms. Moehring with their advice on the approach to the next RCI Social.

The next Annual Meeting was set for September 22, 2014.

Chair Page called the **RCI Board Meeting** to order at 1:10pm with the following Board members present (in person).

Hon. Doug Conkey, Mr. Bob Page, Mr. Bob Rhodes, Mr. David Reed, Mr. Wilfredo Gonzalez, Ms. Nancy Stanton, Dr. Quint White, Mr. Brad Thoburn, Ms. Shari Schurr, Ms. Sarah Owen Gledhill, Hon. Art Graham

The Minutes from the June 24, 2013 meeting were approved by consensus.

Election of Officers: Chair and Vice Chair

Mr. Conkey was elected by unanimous vote as Chair. Ms. Phelan was elected by unanimous vote as Vice Chair. Mr. Page passed the gavel to Mr. Conkey.

Policy/Committee Work for 2012/2013

Mr. Reed introduced the Committee's work, and Ms. Moehring provided an overview of the two documents they produced: A Committee Compilation of recommendations, and a recommended Regional Action Plan. The latter is proposed to be widely released. Mr. Rhodes reminded the Board to be careful with message. The documents provide a framework for consideration of policy and do not recommend regulation. Mr. Reed agreed and noted that local governments would do well to consider sea level rise, and to consider best data as they are making decisions, so that they limit their vulnerability and that of their infrastructure, especially given limited budgets and the importance of resources like fresh water. Ms. Moehring noted that the Regional Action Plan would be launched at a October 28, 2013 event on sea level rise. Former Chair Page will address the NEFRC Board on November 7, 2013 to discuss the Regional Action Plan, and their role in implementation. The Board agreed to release the documents without change by unanimous vote.

Policy/Committee Work Proposed for 2013/2014

Ms. Moehring presented the motion of the NEFRC that recommended RCI work on "Thriving Small Business". The Board agreed by unanimous vote. Mr. Graham agreed to serve as Economic Development Committee Chair during the period required to do this work.

Other Issues

Ms. Moehring gave an overview of funding efforts and prospects. She was asked to schedule a more complete discussion related to funding 13/14 policy work for the next meeting, to include the NEFRC CFO. Former Chair Page's and Committee Chair Reed's service was recognized verbally, by small mementos and by resolutions signed by Chair Conkey.

The Chair stated that the meeting schedule for 2014 shall be: January 27, March 24, June 23, and September 22. The meeting adjourned at 2:10 pm.