



The **Annual Meeting** of the Regional Community Institute of Northeast Florida, Inc. (RCI) was held on Thursday, September 27, 2012 at 12:45pm. The Regional Leadership Academy Class of 2012 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:

Mr. Doug Conkey, Hon. Bob Page, Mr. Bob Rhodes, Mr. David Reed, Ms. Ameera Sayeed, Ms. Carolyn Bissonnette, Ms. Teresa Bishop, Mr. Rob Palmer, Mr. Ed Preston, and Mr. David Strickland, Mr. Robert Bennett, Ms. Lara Diettrich, Ms. Beth Payne, Mr. John Irvin, Ms. Linda Levin, Mr. David Richardson

Chair Page called the meeting to order, and introductions were made. Donna Starling 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:

Mr. Mike Boyle, Ms. Carol Brady, Commissioner Doug Conkey, Ms. Shannon Eller, Mr. Wilfredo Gonzalez, Mr. Art Graham, Ms. Linda Myers, Mayor Jon Netts, Mr. David Reed, Dr. Quint White

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

Ms. Teresa Bishop, Mr. Rob Palmer, Mr. Ed Preston, Mr. David Strickland

General Activity Update

The general activity update was given by Margo Moehring along with a reminder that while RCI was on hiatus, the Northeast Florida Regional Council collected information on climate change as a First Coast Vision action item. All information that has come in has been on sea level rise (SLR), and on August 2nd, 2012, the NEFRC passed a motion for RCI to study SLR and consider policies.

Also a reminder was given to "Save the Date" for the annual Elected Officials Reception and RCI social/Regional Leadership Awards event which will be held December 13, 2012.

The next Annual Meeting was set for September 26, 2013.

Chair Page called the **RCI Board Workshop** (lack of quorum for meeting) to order at 1:00pm with the following Board members present (in person).

Doug Conkey, Hon. Bob Page, Bob Rhodes, David Reed, Teresa Bishop, Rob Palmer,
Ed Preston, David Strickland
Staff: Brian Teeple, Margo Moehring, and Carolyn Bissonnette

The Approval of Minutes from the September 22, 2011 meeting was tabled due to lack of a quorum.

Election of Officers due to expiring terms: Vice-Chair and Secretary/Treasurer

Mr. Conkey volunteered for Vice Chair. There was no volunteer for the Secretary/Treasurer.

Policy/Committee Work Proposed for 2012/2013

Margo Moehring gave a slide presentation on the information collected by NEFRC on Sea Level Rise. She also presented a staff proposal for a work plan and an organizational approach that included assignment of the issue to the Emergency Preparedness Committee.

Members remarked that FDEP does not seem engaged in work on sea level rise, and there was discussion on FDEO's involvement. Members expressed support for inclusion of the insurance industry, as failure to plan is seen by the insurance industry as a risk factor. The Board discussed the benefits to using a resiliency strategy to engage local governments. The Board was reminded of the possibility of using the NEFRC Board as the platform group to gain buy-in to sea level rise policy, and of how local mitigation strategies can be used to assess and disseminate information on sea level rise risks.

Committee Chair Reed supported getting started on the issue so that the region is prepared to address changes as they arise, even if there is some feeling in the region that the priority for policy on the topic at this time may be low.

A motion was made to support the approach, and was unanimously approved.

Funding

Ms. Moehring asked for Board approval to go for grants that might provide funding in support of the RCI work program for FY 12/13. A motion of support was made and unanimously approved.

Recognition

Chair Page described to the Board the Florida Planning and Zoning Association Visioning Award, received by RCI for the First Coast Vision project, and the Award of Merit from the Florida Chapter of the American Planning Association Award for Outstanding Grass Roots Effort that was also received for First Coast Vision. Also, the Board presented Mr. Rhodes with an official Resolution recognizing his dedicated service and achievements as Board Chair.

General Discussion

The Chair reminded the group of the importance of recruitment for the RLA Class of 2013, and Ms. Moehring was asked to send the Board members the application electronically.

Next Steps:

The Chair stated that the meeting schedule for 2013 shall be: January 24, March 28, June 27, and September 26. The meeting adjourned at 2:00 pm.

POST MEETING UPDATE

By electronic polling after the meeting, the RCO Board of Directors elected Mr. Conkey as Vice-Chair and Dr. Emerick as Secretary/Treasurer.

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