



Chair Doug Conkey called the **RCI Board Meeting** to order at 12:50 pm on Monday, September 28, 2015 with the following Board members present: Ms. Nazzaro, Mr. Page, Mr. Rhodes, Mayor Netts, Mr. Gonzalez, Ms. Bishop, Dr. White, Ms. Schurr, Mr. Baker, and Ms. Owen Gledhill (by phone). Mr. Teeple and Ms. Moehring represented staff. No members of the public were present.

The Board Meeting took place at the Northeast Florida Regional Council, Soforenko Board Room, 6850 Belfort Oaks Place, Jacksonville, Florida, 32216. The minutes from the June 29, 2015 meeting were approved by consensus.

**Election of Officers due to expiring term: Chair & Vice Chair:** SLATE: Chair: Mayor Netts, Vice Chair: Ms. Nazzaro. Under a motion by Mr. Rhodes and a 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Page, the proposed slate of officers was elected by unanimous vote.

**RLA Class of 2015 Projects/Policy Issue Update:** Marketing the Region and Age-Friendly Region tied for first place in the RLA Class projects on regional policy issues. The issues being considered to be addressed next year were brought up by previous classes.

**Subcommittee Report: Policy Work:** The subcommittee recommended and the Board agreed by motion of Mr. Conkey and 2<sup>nd</sup> of Chair Netts to adopt the following motions unanimously:

RCI Policy Work for 2016: Implementing First Coast Vision and the Strategic Regional Policy Plan: Transportation (Regional Partners: North Florida Transportation Planning Organization and the Regional Transportation Commission)

Regional Community Institute (RCI) will convene interested parties to consider the alignment of a transportation corridor between Jacksonville and Tampa, in advance of statewide analysis of alternatives. The purpose of this work is to ensure that the goals, objectives and policies of First Coast Vision and the Strategic Regional Policy Plan are carried out in this important transportation improvement. Another purpose is to ensure diverse representation in the public and stakeholder engagement that considers a project with the potential for significant impacts on the future of Northeast Florida. When the State focuses on Northeast Florida, RCI will reconvene its group to ensure that the State process benefits from the full diversity of regional participation. If appropriate, RCI will recommend metrics to be tracked by NEFRC as part of its annual State of the Region report. RCI will report results to NEFRC in Fall, 2016.

RCI Policy Work for 2017: Regional Water Supply

RCI will discuss the regional water supply work program in 2016 in collaboration with stakeholders including, at a minimum, the Water Management Districts and regional entities and utilities in both Florida and Georgia.

**Leadership Report:** This was the first year we have had a Leadership Committee. The committee led by Rob Palmer developed the curriculum for RLA 2015 which will be updated for 2016 to keep the content fresh and as up to date as possible. Ms. Nazzaro agreed to join the Committee.

**Marketing Report:** Ms. Moehring led the discussion on marketing RCI, RLA and NEFRC. She reported on a lunch meeting that was held to initiate review and brainstorming on the best means to create and promote a consistent message across the three and how to document and then communicate effectively.

**Funding Report:** Minimal fundraising opportunities exist at this time. As the policy topics heat up there may be future opportunity to increase fundraising efforts.

**Proposed change to Bylaws:** Distributed prior to the meeting for review/comments. Change reflects that election to an office may extend membership. Approved unanimously under a motion by Chair Netts and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Rhodes.



**Recognition:** A big thank you was extended to Mr. Doug Conkey for his tireless efforts serving as immediate past RCI Chairman. He was recognized and presented with a gift in honor of his service. It was noted that NEFRC will consider a resolution of commendation recognizing the service to RCI of both Mr. Conkey and immediate past Vice-Chair Mary Alice Phelan at their December meeting.

**General Discussion:** No members of the public were in attendance. There was discussion on the timing of the Transportation Committee work (1 year) and the recommendation was made that Mr. Conkey chair the upcoming policy effort.

**Next meeting dates:** January 25, March 28, June 27, and September 26, 2016. These were agreed to by consensus.

The meeting adjourned at 2:10 pm.