



The **Quarterly Meeting** of the Board of Directors of the Regional Community Institute of Northeast Florida, Inc. (RCI) was held on Thursday, January 24, 2013 at 12:00pm. There was no quorum so the meeting was a workshop. The Board Meeting took place at the Northeast Florida Regional Council, 6850 Belfort Oaks Place, Jacksonville, Florida, 32216.

The following members were present:

Hon. Bob Page, Mr. Michael Boyle, Mr. David Reed, Ms. Mary Alice Phelan, Ms. Teresa Bishop, Dr. Quint White, Ms. Elaine Brown and Mr. David Strickland.

Chair Page called the meeting to order at 12:25pm, after lunch. Approval of minutes was tabled because of the lack of a quorum. Margo Moehring reminded the Board of the new officers added since the last meeting. Mr. Conkey is now Vice Chair, and Dr. Emerick is now Secretary/Treasurer. Mr. Reed gave an overview of the work of the Emergency Preparedness Committee. Board members were provided with handouts from the January 16 Committee meeting for their reference, as well as a draft of the minutes from that meeting. The consensus was that the Committee is on track. Ms. Moehring then gave an overview of two pending funding applications. There was Board discussion regarding the possibility of reaching out to law firms in the region to ask if they would be willing to provide some funds to be used by RCI in its work on sea level rise. Ms. Moehring will draft a letter for the review of the Chair to implement this suggestion.

The Board then discussed next steps for RCI, and the following issues were raised. The Board acknowledged that there has not previously been a discussion of the role and philosophy of RCI after the vision. The issue was posed that NEFRC could continue to "assign" policy issues to RCI, and RCI could make policy recommendations, or RCI could have a broader role. Concern was expressed over the apparent disconnect between RCI's policy work and implementation of its policy recommendations. RCI work should be ending up in the hands of all regional decision makers, not just the NEFRC Board of Directors. Elected officials should be more involved. It was suggested that all of RCI policy recommendations need to include an action plan, and there should be an effort to bring media attention to recommendations and implementation. Could JCCI reports be a model for RCI? RCI could be the organization that figures out how to get things done. RCI should keep the issues it addresses regional, and not work on issues relevant to only one county. RCI should be getting busy working on the recommendations of the vision. RCI may be duplicative of the NEFRC- why are the issues it has worked on not done by NEFRC directly? The Board agreed to include this item on the agenda of the March 28, 2013 meeting for further discussion.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:35pm.