



The **Quarterly Board of Directors Meeting** of the Regional Community Institute of Northeast Florida, Inc. (RCI) was held on Monday, January 25, 2016 at 12:17pm. The Regional Leadership Academy (RLA) Class of 2016 Orientation and Meet & Greet were held prior to the start of the Board of Directors Meeting. All meetings took place at the Northeast Florida Regional Council, Soforenko Board Room, 6850 Belfort Oaks Place, Jacksonville, Florida, 32216.

The following RCI board members were present representing a quorum: Mr. Doug Conkey, Mr. Bob Page, Mr. Bob Rhodes, Mr. Wilfredo Gonzalez (via phone), Ms. Tracy Nazzaro, Mayor Jon Netts, Ms. Shari Schurr, Mr. Art Graham, Mr. Rob Palmer, Ms. Sarah Owen Gledhill

Note: Mr. Sgroi resigned from the RCI Board of Directors. He is no longer on the Regional Council and wished to be removed from the RCI Board of Directors as well.

The following staff was present: Mr. Brian Teeple, Ms. Margo Moehring, Ms. Lindsay Haga, and Mr. Michael Calhoun.

Chair Mayor Netts called the meeting to order, roll call was completed and introductions made. Mayor Netts extended an invitation for any public comment. No public comment was made. The minutes of the September 28, 2015 Annual Meeting were approved unanimously.

The Honorable Art Graham graciously accepted accolades and a token of appreciation for his leadership and tireless efforts serving as the Chair of the Economic Development Committee on Thriving Small Business. Accomplishments of the committee work included adding metrics to the State of the Regional annual report, continuation of the Microenterprise Working Group, Marketing the Region meetings and partnership with the agricultural community and tourism development sector.

Update on Policy Work:

2015/16 Implementing First Coast Vision and the Strategic Regional Policy Plan: Transportation. The general activity update/discussion was led by RCI Board Members, Mr. Doug Conkey and Mr. Rob Palmer. Discussion included bringing together diverse parties to consider the alignment of a transportation corridor between Jacksonville and Tampa, in advance of a statewide analysis of alternatives. Mr. Brian Teeple is coordinating efforts to form a committee to ensure that the goals, objectives and policies of First Coast Vision and the Strategic Regional Policy Plan are carried forward with the plan.

2016/2017 Regional Water Supply: Ms. Margo Moehring discussed the Regional Water Supply policy work to be done in collaboration with targeted stakeholders, including the Water Management Districts and regional entities as well as utilities in Florida and Georgia. She was asked to develop a work plan for this policy issue, as it has the potential to be eligible for funding or grant opportunities.

A staff proposal to change the time of the June 27th Meeting to 2pm was unanimously approved, to allow the Board to attend the Regional Resiliency Action Items celebration later that afternoon.

Ms. Margo Moehring reviewed the 2016 Regional Leadership Academy curriculum overview and schedule including monthly activities across the region and a Graduation Ceremony planned for September 26,

2016. She thanked the Leadership Committee of Mr. Rob Palmer and Ms. Tracy Nazzaro for their creative input and guidance.

General Discussion

Mr. Doug Conkey initiated discussion regarding alternative fuel/energy. Oil prices will not stay as low as they are currently. CNG alternatives are still needed. The Board was asked to consider whether RCI should collaborate on alternative fuel projects with the North Florida TPO. Ms. Tracy Nazzaro asked to be included in discussions related to the work plan on regional water supply.

Mayor Netts once again invited public comment. None was received. Next meeting dates are March 28, June 27, and September 26, 2016. The meeting adjourned at 1:30 pm.

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