The Quarterly Board of Directors Meeting of the Regional Community Institute of Northeast Florida, Inc. (RCI) was held on January 28, 2019. The meeting took place at the Northeast Florida Regional Council, 100 Festival Park Avenue, Jacksonville, Florida, 32202. It started at 12:03pm, immediately following Regional Leadership Academy (RLA) orientation. Several RLA candidates stayed to monitor the meeting.

Chair Tracy Nazzaro called the meeting to order. The following RCI board members were present representing a quorum: Mr. David Richardson, Ms. Mary Alice Phelan, Mr. Bob Rhodes, Mr. Thad Crowe, Mr. Benjie Bates (on the phone), Hon. Paul Waldron, Mr. Doug Conkey (on the phone) Mr. Bob Page, Ms. Denise Bevan and Dr. Quinton White.

The following staff was present: Ms. Beth Payne, Ms. Margo Moehring, Mr. Aaron Glick, Ms. V. Christiansen

Roll call was completed and introductions made. The Chair extended an invitation for any public comment. No public comment was made. The minutes of the September 24, 2018 Quarterly Board of Directors Meeting were approved by unanimous vote under a motion by Mr. Richardson and 2nd by Ms. Phelan.

Update on Policy Work:

- 2016/2017: Work is progressing well on the Low Impact Development model ordinance being undertaken by JU Grad Student Jen Johns. Materials have been received related to the issue of sharing data about the St. Mary’s across borders when a conversation was convened on the subject in 2011. This will inform current efforts. The next step is the confirm that sharing is possible, and then to collaborate with the GA councils to determine if councils are able to host or enable data sharing.

- 2017/2018: The NEFRC approved the Regional Tourism Action Plan in October. Staff will distribute the spreadsheet designed to collect data on the first round of information to be collected on outdoor assets. Once the spreadsheet is vetted, partners will be asked to populate it with their data.

Ms. Moehring provided an update on resiliency, and noted that the vulnerability assessment is past due but still progressing. She also provided an update on "harmonization", the approach that will align the economic development strategy from Elevate NE Florida with the CEDS and the Strategic Regional Policy Plan. She provided an overview of the Regional Leadership Academy, and distributed the curriculum. She reminded the group that the NEFRC Legislative Policy Committee would welcome an RCI Board member to monitor their meetings. Whether RCI has an advocacy role remains an open question. There was discussion on recognition. The Chair read a letter to former RCI Chair Jon Netts, thanking him for his service to the RCI and Northeast Florida. Mr. Rhodes noted that he would be speaking at Mr. Teeple’s retirement event, and he asked members to contact him if they had ideas about what to include in his remarks. Mr. Crowe received “the mug”, in recognition of his chairmanship of the Economic Development- Regional Tourism Committee. There was general discussion of the red tide issue and its importance to the region. Ms. Payne noted that other regional councils may have been addressing this issue and Ms. Moehring was asked to provide information from other regional councils if it was available. There was no public comment.

Next meeting dates are March 25, June 24, and September 30, 2019 (11am RLA Graduation).

The meeting adjourned at 1:05pm, under a motion by Mr. Richardson and a 2nd by Comm. Waldron, which was approved unanimously.