



The **Quarterly Board of Directors Meeting** of the Regional Community Institute of Northeast Florida was held on June 19, 2017. The meeting took place at the Northeast Florida Regional Council Office located at 100 Festival Park Avenue, Jacksonville, Florida 32202.

Ms. Bishop called the meeting to order. Roll call was made and a quorum was present. Members in attendance, either in person or on the telephone were: Teresa Bishop, Ed Preston, Dr. Quint White, Thad Crowe, Mary Alice Phelan, Bob Rhodes, Valerie Jenkins, Tracy Nazzaro, Benjie Bates, and Patrick Juliano.

**Staff Present:** Brian Teeple, Margo Moehring.

**Approval of Minutes:** Mr. White motioned to approve the March 27, 2017 meeting minutes; seconded by Mr. Crowe; approved by unanimous vote.

**Invitation for Public Comments:** The public was invited to speak. There were no public speakers.

**Update on Policy Work:**

- **2015/2016 Implementing First Coast Vision and the Strategic Regional Policy Plan:** Mr. Teeple provided a summary of the FDOT work for the transportation planning for the I-75 corridor. He explained FDOT is not at this time going forward with any Northeast Florida implementation. He further provided that FDOT agrees with the guiding principles, agrees on the current corridors but there is no agreement on future corridors.
- **2016/2017 Regional Water Supply:** Ms. Moehring and Mr. White provided a summary of the water supply planning. Mr. White provided the Committee meetings have been well received and there is coordination between the states of Georgia and Florida but more is needed. The committee has developed a list of possible recommendations that will be formalized by September. Committee work is on track. Ms. Phelan indicated she believes that the St. Mary's River may be an area of focus.

**RLA Update:** Ms. Moehring provided an update on the Regional Leadership Academy. She said the class participated in Growing Assets program, where they visited farms within the tri-county farming area and learned about affordable housing. They also visited NAS Jax and heard about the First Coast Expressway and how this is anticipated to change Clay County. The class is next travelling to Flagler County to discuss recreation, sea-level rise and resiliency. The final class will be in Putnam County. Graduation is September 25, 2017. Ms. Moehring explained there is no class project this year but instead, class discussion on what we should do. The class discussed equity and resiliency in this format.

**NEFRC Legislative Priorities:** Mr. Teeple provided the Florida Legislature will be beginning early in 2018. He will be seeking the Northeast Florida Counties priorities in the near future. He mentioned that sea-level rise and resiliency has been an issue with some of the local governments.

**Suggestion to NEFRC: Topics to Work On Next Year:** This topic resulted in much discussion. Topics included:

- Amendment 1
- Equity/thriving community/affordable housing
- Childcare

- Target workforce training beginning from K-12 to tech school to community college to college to work
- Disparity in education systems for the working poor - Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed (ALICE) Program
- Regional Tourism
- Much discussion about regional small businesses, livability standards, the quality of life standards since JCCI stopped the study and who should continue that work.

Ms. Moehring suggested the Institute consider Regional Tourism as the focus for 2018. Discussion continued.

Mr. White motioned to accept Regional Tourism as the 2018 focus for the Institute; seconded by Ms. Phelan, motion passed with Mr. Crowe in opposition.

Ms. Phelan motioned that the Regional Council study the feasibility for the continuance of the regional quality of life study; seconded by Mr. Crowe, motion passed unanimously.

**General Discussion:** Mr. White indicated to move forward with Regional Tourism, the right people need to be on board. Ms. Moehring was for thanked for her assistance and lunch.

**General Public Comment:** None

**Next Meeting Date:** September 25, 2017 11:00 AM and includes the RLA graduation.

**Adjourn:** The meeting adjourned around 1:00 PM.