



The **Annual Meeting** of the Regional Community Institute of Northeast Florida, Inc. (RCI) was held on Monday, September 22, 2012 at 12:45pm. The Regional Leadership Academy Class of 2014 Graduation and celebration lunch was held prior to the start of the Annual Meeting. The Annual and Board Meetings took place at the Northeast Florida Regional Council, 6850 Belfort Oaks Place, Jacksonville, Florida, 32216.

The following members were present representing a quorum:

Mr. Bob Page, Mr. Bob Rhodes, Mr. Wilfredo Gonzalez (by phone), Ms. Teresa Bishop, Mr. Perry Bechtle, Mr. David Strickland, Ms. Barbara Goodman, Ms. Beth Payne, Dr. Quint White, Mr. Rob Palmer, Ms. Laura Lane, Ms. Tracy Nazzaro, Ms. Michele Crownover, Mr. Brian Lee, Mr. Jason Sheffield, Mr. Eric Anderson, Ms. Lindsay Haga, Mr. Benjie Bates, Ms. Susan Cohn, Mayor Jon Netts, Ms. Shauna Allen, Mr. Thad Crowe, Ms. Shari Schurr, Ms. Sarah Owen Gledhill

The following staff were present: Mr. Brian Teeple, Ms. Margo Moehring, Ms. Donna Starling

Immediate Past Chair Page called the meeting to order, and introductions were made. The public was invited to provide input. The minutes of the September 23, 2013 Annual Meeting were approved unanimously (Netts motion /Rhodes 2nd). Ms. Starling made a brief presentation on the financial report and audit results, which were moved (Strickland), seconded (Bishop), and unanimously approved.

Election of Board of Directors

The RCI unanimously accepted the report of the Nominating Committee given by Mr. Rhodes and approved a two year term on the Board of Directors for the following members:

Renewal of Term: Mr. Page, Mr. Palmer, Mr. Gonzalez, Mayor Netts, Mr. Graham, Ms. Bishop, Mr. Strickland, Dr. White, Mr. Preston

Board Membership: Ms. Nazzaro, Mr. Crowe, Mr. Bates

General Activity Update

The general activity update was given by Ms. Moehring. She noted that the NEFRC adopted the Regional Action Plan on Sea Level Rise as policy in November 2013, and that implementation was underway. The overview of the RCI Economic Development Committee work on Thriving Small Business would be part of the presentation to the Board to follow immediately. She provided an overview of the One Spark experience, the status of the R2 Challenge and the partnership with First Coast Fresh. The RCI Board will meet again in June 2015, in preparation for policy work to be done in 2016. The Board Chair will discuss policy issue ideas with the NEFRC Legislative Policy Committee before the next annual meeting. For consideration so far, senior plan, water quantity and quality and agriculture plan have been identified. Opportunity was provided but there was no general public comment.

The next Annual Meeting was unanimously set for September 28, 2015 (Rhodes motion/Strickland 2nd).

Immediate Past Chair Page called the **RCI Board Meeting** to order at 1:07pm with the following Board members present (in person).

Ms. Nazzaro, Mr. Bates, Mr. Crowe, Mr. Page, Mr. Rhodes, Mayor Netts, Mr. Wilfredo Gonzalez (by phone), Ms. Bishop, Dr. White, Mr. Strickland, Ms. Schurr, Ms. Owen Gledhill, Mr. Palmer

Mr. Teeple and Ms. Moehring represented staff, and Mr. Anderson, Ms. Haga and Ms. Allen represented the RLA Class of 2014. The Minutes from the September 23, 2013 and June 23, 2014 meeting were unanimously approved (Rhodes motion/Schurr 2nd). The winning team project on water quality and quantity was presented by Mr. Anderson and Ms. Allen.

Election of Officer: Secretary/Treasurer

Ms. Schurr was elected by unanimous vote.

Policy/Committee Work for 2013/2014

Mr. Page introduced the Committee's work, and Ms. Moehring provided an overview of the action items included in the Regional Action Plan for Thriving Small Business. Mr. Page will address the NEFRC Board on October 2, 2014 to discuss the Regional Action Plan, and their role in implementation. Mr. Rhodes moved, and Mr. Palmer 2nded the release of the document without change by unanimous vote.

Other Issues

Ms. Moehring proposed a new Leadership Committee to assist with curriculum, recruitment and presenters for RLA, and proposed Mr. Palmer as Committee Chair. This was moved by Mr. Rhodes and 2nded by Mr. Bates and approved unanimously. Ms. Moehring gave an overview of funding efforts and prospects. General discussion followed with a focus on the importance of the water issues raised by the RLA Class of 2014 report. General public comment was invited. Ms. Bishop moved the meeting schedule for 2015 with Mr. Rhodes as 2nd: June 29 and September 28. The meeting adjourned at 2:19 pm.