

**WITHLACOOCHEE REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

**DATE:** May 21, 2009  
**TIME:** 7:00 P.M.  
**PLACE:** Withlacoochee Regional Planning Council  
1241 S. W. 10<sup>th</sup> Street  
Ocala, FL 34471-0323

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Ken Hinkle, Citrus County Municipal Representative  
Winn Webb, Citrus County Commissioner  
Dennis Damato, Citrus County Commissioner  
Joe Meek, Citrus County Commissioner  
Richard Wesch, Citrus County Governor's Appointee  
Joe Johnston, III, Hernando County Municipal Representative  
Walter "Buddy" Selph, Hernando County Governor's Appointee  
Pat O'Neal, Levy County Municipal Representative  
Nancy Bell, Levy County Commissioner  
Barbara Fitos, Marion County Commissioner  
Mike Amsden, Marion County Commissioner  
Ed Abshier, Marion County Governor's Appointee  
Martha Hanson, Marion County Governor's Appointee  
Ronald Allen, Sumter County Municipal Representative  
Richard Hoffman, Sumter County Commissioner

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Bill Murray, Citrus County Governor's Appointee  
James Adkins, Hernando County Commissioner  
Rose Rocco, Hernando County Commissioner  
John Druzbeck, Hernando County Commissioner  
Danny Stevens, Levy County Commissioner  
Fred Ward, Marion County Municipal Representative  
Stan McClain, Marion County Commissioner  
Charlie Stone, Marion County Commissioner  
Ed Kelly, Marion County Governor's Appointee  
Mary Sue Rich, City of Ocala Municipal Representative  
Garry Breeden, Sumter County Commissioner  
Ed Nowe, Sumter County Governor's Appointee  
Glenn Horvath, Non-Voting Ex-Officio Member representing SRWMD  
Deborah Getzoff, Non-Voting Ex-Officio Member representing DEP

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Fred Landt, WRPC Attorney  
Chase Daniels, Senator Charles Dean's Office  
Doug Sanders, Southwest Florida Water Management District

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Michael R. Moehlman, Executive Director  
Glenda J. Roberts, Office Manager/Board Secretary

**AGENDA ITEM #1 - CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Allen called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**AGENDA ITEM #2 - INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Invocation was given by Mr. Hinkle and the Pledge of Allegiance followed.

**AGENDA ITEM #3 - WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Chairman Allen welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked that they introduce themselves.

**AGENDA ITEM #4 - ROLL CALL**

Ms. Roberts called the roll and a quorum was present.

**AGENDA ITEM #5 - ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

A motion was made by Ms. Bell and seconded by Mr. Hinkle to adopt the agenda as presented. Mr. Moehlman needed to add item G. MPO Agreements to the agenda. The addition was accepted and the motion carried unanimously.

MOTION TO ADOPT  
AGENDA

**AGENDA ITEM #6 - APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE APRIL 16, 2009 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

Mr. Johnston pointed out in the minutes that he was still listed as a Governor's Appointee and he is now a Municipal Representative.

A motion was made by Mr. Damato and seconded by Ms. Bell to approve the minutes of the April 16, 2009 Board of Directors meeting as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES

**AGENDA ITEM #7 - REGULAR BUSINESS**

**A. FDOT District 5 Contract**

Mr. Moehlman stated that FDOT wishes to partner with the WRPC on a DRI Plus Data Inclusion and GIS Mapping Project. Costs involved with this project amount to \$121,400 annually. He noted that Bruce Day and Jason Garcia have done a lot of work on this project

A motion was made by Mr. Damato and seconded by Ms. Bell to approve the contract with FDOT and to authorize the Chair or Executive Director to sign contracts along with signing the resolution which gives the executive director signature authority.

MOTION TO APPROVE FDOT CONTRACT & RESOLUTION

Fred Landt suggested tabling the motion and approving the resolution first.

Mr. Damato and Ms. Bell motioned and seconded to table approving the FDOT contract and resolution. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Johnston and seconded by Mr. Hinkle to approve Resolution #2009-1 which gives the executive director signature authority relating to the FDOT contract. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION TO TABLE

The authorization to sign the FDOT contract was removed from the table.

MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION

A motion was made by Mr. Damato and seconded by Ms. Bell to give authorization to sign the FDOT contract and for the Chair or Executive Director to execute. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION TO GIVE AUTHORIZATION TO SIGN FDOT CONTRACT

**B. Levy TD Contract**

Mr. Moehlman noted that the WRPC has assisted Levy County in Transportation Disadvantaged (TD) planning for several years. The annual contract for 2009/2010 needs to be approved. The contract amount is \$17,850 and will cover the period of July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2010.

A motion was made by Ms. Bell and seconded by Mr. Hinkle to approve the Levy TD contract and for the Chair or Executive Director to execute all necessary documents. Motion carried unanimously.

**MOTION TO  
APPROVE LEVY TD  
CONTRACT**

**C. DCA Contract**

Mr. Moehlman stated that the WRPC has annual contracts with the Department of Community Affairs to perform a number of tasks as required by State Statute. Both contracts will cover the period July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2010. The contracts during the current year amount to \$220,910 - \$180,000 in general revenue and \$40,910 in Title III (Hazardous Materials & LEPC). For the year beginning July 1, 2009, we expect to receive approximately the same amount. He added that Mr. Ron Book and FRCA did a good job with securing our funds.

A motion was made by Mr. Selph and seconded by Ms. Bell to approve the DCA contracts and to authorize the Chair or Executive Director to execute the necessary documents. Motion carried unanimously.

**MOTION TO  
APPROVE DCA  
CONTRACTS**

**D. Discussion of Senate Bill 360**

Mr. Moehlman stated that as of 6:00 p.m. today the Governor had not signed Senate Bill 360. He indicated that he would have staff come to a Board meeting and explain the particulars in Senate Bill 360. Also in June, staff will be presenting a growth management workshop. Normally staff of local governments attend that workshop.

Mr. Moehlman felt the bill did not include much that helped with growth management. It defines dense urban areas. He noted an additional handout in addition to what was mailed out in the packet. Mr. Moehlman commented that the bill is complicated. He felt one of the biggest concerns is the lack of money that local governments and municipalities will be able to collect from developers. Board members wondered if it would help if the WRPC Board recommended the Governor veto the bill. Mr. Moehlman said he felt cities and counties are more effective to send letters requesting the Governor veto the bill.

Mr. Moehlman said he will have staff work on a presentation for the next meeting. Mr. Hinkle felt it would be a good idea to send an e-mail to the Governor's office asking him to veto the bill. Mr. Allen asked if it could be done by consent and Mr. Landt said it could. Mr. Allen asked Mr. Moehlman to send an e-mail to the Governor requesting that he veto Senate Bill 360. This was approved by general consent.

**E. EDA Supplemental Grant**

Mr. Moehlman stated that this supplemental grant from EDA would be additional money and would be a part of the existing grant. The amount of the supplemental grant is \$10,000 with a \$6,000 matching contribution. He said no action was needed from the Board.

**F. Executive Director Contract**

Fred Landt reported that he met with the Executive Committee on their concerns and then he met with Mr. Moehlman and they reached an agreement. He noted that Mr. Moehlman was hired at a lower rate but was given some longevity in his contract at the time. Mr. Moehlman was more interested at the time in having some longevity. Mr. Landt stated that Mr. Moehlman has been with the Council for some time and now some of that longevity that was built in his contract has become expensive. He explained that in the event of termination, PLT will not include his car allowance and retirement. WRPC retirement contribution will be based only on his salary. Mr. Landt stated that Mr. Moehlman agreed to a cap of 500 days in the event of severance and longevity. He added that some corrections need to be made to the contract and it will be on the next agenda for the Board's approval.

**G. MPO**

Mr. Moehlman noted that FDOT Districts throughout Florida are requiring MPO's and planning districts to coordinate with us through agreements. He stated that there is no money involved. We have Sumter MPO, Hernando MPO and Marion MPO. He requested approval for the Chair or Executive Director to sign the agreements.

**MOTION TO SIGN  
MPO AGREEMENTS**

A motion was made by Mr. Johnston and seconded by Mr. Damato to authorize the Chair or Executive Director to sign the agreements with Sumter, Hernando and Marion MPOs. Motion carried unanimously.

**AGENDA ITEM #8 - CITIZEN'S INPUT**

None.

**AGENDA ITEM #9 - CHAIR'S REPORT**

Mr. Allen appointed the Budget Committee. They are: Dennis Damato, Rose Rocco, Nancy Bell, Barbara Fitos, and Richard Hoffman. The Budget Committee will meet prior to the next Board meeting.

The next meeting of the WRPC Board of Directors was announced for Thursday, June 18, 2009, at 7:00 p.m. at the WRPC office in Ocala.

**AGENDA ITEM #10 - DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Mr. Moehlman gave an update on our budget status for 2008/2009. He indicated that we are doing very well this year. This report is through March. He mentioned he would be attending the FRCA Policy Board meeting that is scheduled at the end of June and Mr. Allen and Ms. Fitos will also be attending on behalf of the WRPC.

**AGENDA ITEM #11 - OTHER BUSINESS**

None.

**AGENDA ITEM #12 - ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m. by the Chair, Mr. Ronald Allen.

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Ronald B. Allen