

Palm Beach County League of Cities, Inc.
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Wednesday, January 26, 2011 at 10:00 a.m.
Jupiter Community Center – 200 Military Trail, Jupiter

MINUTES

1. Call To Order, Roll Call, Welcomes, Introductions

President Isaac Robinson Jr. called the meeting to order at 10:07 a.m.

Secretary Mo Thornton called the roll and a quorum was attained.

Board members present were: Isaac Robinson, Jr., Lisa Tropepe, Todd Wodraska, Mo Thornton, Bill Manuel, Martha Webster, Scott Maxwell, Bill Thrasher, David Harden, David Levy, Mike Mullaugh, Matt Willhite, and Jim Newill. **Absent were:** Steve Wilson, Dawn Pardo, Woodrow Hay, and Calvin Turnquest.

Past presidents in attendance were David Stewart, Bill Moss, Carmine Priore, and Richard Radcliffe.

Also in attendance were Executive Director Jamie Titcomb; Commission President Kimberly Mitchell, West Palm Beach; Councilmember Michael Jawdy, Glen Ridge; Councilmember Jerry Beavers, Haverhill; Geoff Sluggett, Geoffrey B. Sluggett & Associates; Clete Saunier, David DeMarois and John Ryan, Darlene Crawford, Loxahatchee Groves Water Control District; Murray Kalish, Rosemary Rayman, Joseph Walsh and Mike Baker, Lake Worth Drainage District; Jaene Mirand and Anitra Harmon, Palms West Chamber of Commerce; David Ramba, Ramba Law Group; Frank Schiola; Ed Chase, Executive Director, Northern Palm Beach County Chamber of Commerce; League Co-Counsel Brad Biggs, and Jennifer Ashton, Esq., Corbett and White; and League staff Kristen Puhalainen and Je'Riise Hansen.

2. Additions, Deletions, and/or Modifications to the Agenda

Mr. Titcomb reported that the County Environmental Resources Management has requested the withdrawal of Item 6c, Appointment to the Lake Worth Lagoon Initiative Committee.

3. Approval of Board Meeting Minutes

a. Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting, November, 24, 2010

b. Minutes of Special Board Meeting, December 28, 2010

Motion by Jim Newill, second by Matt Willhite to approve the minutes of the regular Board meeting on November 24, 2010 and the Special Board meeting on December 28, 2010. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Financial Reports

Mr. Titcomb presented the financial report.

Motion by Matt Willhite, second by Todd Wodraska to accept the monthly financial report. Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Thornton gave a report on the Inspector General funding subcommittee. There was discussion.

5. Scheduled Presentations - None

6. Miscellaneous Business

a. Proposed Loxahatchee Groves Water Control District Local Bill

Ms. White explained that per the Board's directive, she has been working with the attorney for the Loxahatchee Groves Water Control District on their proposed local bill. They have agreed on language that eliminates the concerns brought by the board, and she recommended that they withdraw their opposition.

There was discussion.

Motion by David Levy, second by Mike Mullaugh to withdraw opposition to the proposed bill by the Loxahatchee Groves Water Control District, and directing League Counsel to continue to monitor the bill. Motion carried unanimously.

b. Appointment to 2011 Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council

President Robinson reported that Tequesta Councilman Calvin Turnquest, West Palm Beach Commission President Kimberly Mitchell and Pahokee Councilmember Allie Biggs have applied for appointment to the TCRPC's Alternate Seat 7. Mr. Turnquest and Ms. Biggs were not present. Ms. Mitchell addressed the Board.

There was discussion.

President Robinson passed the gavel to First Vice President Tropepe.

Motion by Isaac Robinson, Jr., second by Mike Mullaugh, to continue this item to the February meeting, closing the process to these three applicants, in order to give the other applicants an opportunity to speak before the Board. Motion fails 4 to 7.

Motion by David Levy, second by Bill Thrasher to appoint Kimberly Mitchell to Alternate Seat 7 on the Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council.

There was discussion.

Motion carried unanimously.

d. Appointment to the Advisory Boundary Committee

President Robinson reported that Stephen Waldman and Pahokee Councilmember Allie Biggs are seeking reappointment for the committee for 2011.

Motion by Matt Willhite, second by Scott Maxwell to reappoint Stephen Waldman and Allie Biggs to the Advisory Boundary Committee for 2011. Motion carried unanimously.

e. New Member Application – Public Risk Underwriters

President Robinson reported that Public Risk Underwriters has applied for Associate Membership. They are sponsored by Jupiter Town Manager Todd Lukasik.

Motion by Mo Thornton, second by Lisa Tropepe to approve the Associate membership application of Public Risk Underwriters.

There was discussion.

Motion carried unanimously.

f. New Member Application – Branch Banking & Trust Company

President Robinson reported that BB&T has applied for Associate membership. They are sponsored by Boynton Beach Town Manager Kurt Bressner.

David Levy abstained from this item, reporting that he has appeared in a BB&T commercial.

Motion by Mo Thornton, second by Matt Willhite to approve the Associate membership of BB&T. Motion carried unanimously, with David Levy abstaining.

7. Committee Reports

a. ITE

Committee Chair Lisa Tropepe has been meeting and continues its research on the challenges facing the municipalities, and has suggested speakers to staff for League meetings.

b. Transportation

Committee Chair David Harden reported that according to the county's engineering department's August letter to the cities, the county would stop maintaining sidewalks and medians on county roads in municipalities as of October 1, 2010. The committee has reviewed and supports Ms. White's response memo. Ms. White explained her findings.

Motion by David Harden, second by Bill Manuel, to adopt the findings of League counsel Trela White that the county is responsible for the maintenance of sidewalks and median on county roads in municipalities, except where noted by Ms. White.

There was discussion.

Motion carried unanimously.

8. Legal Report

Ms. White reported on the Ethics Ordinances Drafting Committees, and she's seeking input from League members.

She has filed a petition to file an amicus brief on behalf of the Village of North Palm Beach in their annexation case, as directed by the Board.

She answered questions about the drafting committees.

9. Executive Director's Report

Mr. Titcomb reported that the Palms West Chamber of Commerce has asked the League to be a partner on their Green, Energy & Climate conference in May. By consensus the Board approved the League's involvement.

To avoid conflict with Legislative Action Days in Tallahassee, the March League meetings have been moved to the 5th Wednesday, March 30. The Village of Wellington, host of the meetings, is able to accommodate the change.

He received a letter from the Space Coast League in appreciation of his assistance with the dual referendum initiative in Brevard County, which passed with 70% of the vote.

The scheduled date for the next Gold Coast League meeting is February 18, but the Miami-Dade League has a conflict. He asked if the Board would consider moving it up or back a week, or postponing it to the Legislative Action Days in Tallahassee in March. The consensus of the Board was to move it to the March event.

He expressed condolences on behalf of the League to Scott Maxwell on the recent loss of his father.

League Attorney Trela White was again named a top municipal attorney in South Florida Legal Guide.

The member survey discussed at the Board retreat will be developed and distributed in the next few weeks.

The League bylaws state that the President must name his nominating committee in February. Anyone sitting on the committee cannot be considered for a position on the Board.

10. District Reports – None

11. Member Comments

President Robinson requested staff to forward the Board and General Membership meeting attendance records to the executive committee for review.

Richard Radcliffe reported that he served on the Keys to the City taskforce for the Governor's transition team, presenting 406 key municipal issues. The Governor has vowed to veto unfunded mandates.

Bill Manuel, referencing the Florida League of Cities' EPA memo, feels the League should make the issue a priority with the legislators.

12. Meetings Announcements

13. Adjournment - The Board adjourned at 11:40 a.m.