

Palm Beach County League of Cities, Inc.
SPECIAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Tuesday, December 28, 2010 at 10:00 a.m.
McEaddy Conference Room – Governmental Center, West Palm Beach

MINUTES

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

President Isaac Robinson Jr. called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

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

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

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

Also in attendance were Executive Director Jamie Titcomb; Jennifer Ashton, Esq., Corbett and White; Mayor David Browning, Vice Mayor Dennis Lipp, Councilmembers Ryan Liang, and Ron Jarriel of the Town of Loxahatchee Groves; John Ryan, Darlene Crawford, Mary Viator and Robert Snowball, Loxahatchee Groves Water Control District; George Webb, Palm Beach County Engineer; Todd Bonlarron, Palm Beach County Legislative Affairs Director; Rachael Ondrus, Legislative Delegation Director; David Ramba, Ramba Law Group; Loxahatchee Groves residents Frank Schiola, Marge Herzog, David DeMarois, Michael Cirulb, and Wilma and Subu Subramanti; and League staff Kristen Puhalainen.

2. Additions, Deletions, and/or Modifications to the Agenda - None

3. Miscellaneous Business

a. Loxahatchee Groves Water Control District Proposed Local Bill

President Robinson invited David Ramba, representing the Loxahatchee Groves Water Control District, to address the Board. Mr. Ramba gave the background and purpose of the proposed bill to amend chapter 2004-410, Laws of Florida.

President Robinson asked League Counsel Trela White to explain her concerns with the bill. She feels the language is too broad, setting precedent for special districts.

Mr. Titcomb explained that the Board was meeting on this because it is a legislative matter, and staff seeks direction from the Board on the issue.

There was discussion. Mr. Ramba and Ms. White answered questions from the Board.

President Robinson asked Loxahatchee Groves Town Attorney Michael Cirillo to give the Town's position on the bill. He said the Town Council passed a resolution in support of the bill. He took questions from the Board.

President Robinson asked County Engineer George Webb for his opinion on the issue.

Motion of Lisa Tropepe to direct League staff to work with the Loxahatchee Groves Water Control District and the Town of Loxahatchee Groves (LGWCD) to further identify and specify special language which will: 1) accomplish the specific goal of correcting the roads set out in the LGWCD proposed local bill; and 2) not create a broad precedent which may affect municipal home rule powers. Second by David Levy.

Mr. Levy asked that the motion be amended to include wording stating the League of Cities opposes the bill as written.

Lisa Tropepe amended her motion to add language opposing the bill as written. David Levy seconded the amended motion.

There was discussion.

Ms. Tropepe restated her amended motion; Mr. Levy restated his second. There was discussion. Mr. Levy rescinded his second.

Motion by Lisa Tropepe, second by David Levy that the League of Cities Board of Directors opposes the Loxahatchee Groves Water Control District proposed local bill to amend Chapter 2004-410, Laws of Florida. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Lisa Tropepe, second by David Levy, authorizing League staff to work with the Loxahatchee Groves Water Control District and the Town of Loxahatchee Groves to further identify and specify language which will: 1) accomplish the specific goal of correcting the roads set out in the LGWCD proposed local bill; and 2) not create a broad precedent which may affect municipal home rule powers.

There was discussion.

Motion carried 6-4.

Motion by Lisa Tropepe, second by Martha Webster, authorizing the League President, Executive Director and Counsel to attend the January 6, 2011 Legislative Delegation meeting to explain the position of the League of Cities. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Member Comments - None

5. Adjournment - The Board adjourned at 11:24 a.m.