



# Council Minutes

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April 11, 2016

## REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT

Mayor Woody Brown, City of Largo, Chair  
Councilman Patrick Roff, City of Bradenton, Vice Chair  
Commissioner Janet Long, Pinellas County, Secretary/Treasurer  
Commissioner Victor Crist, Hillsborough County, Past Chair  
Mayor Chris Alahouzos, City of Tarpon Springs  
Councilmember Bob Boss, City of Temple Terrace  
Mr. Jacob Cremer, Hillsborough County Gubernatorial Appointee  
Commissioner Jonathan Davis., City of Palmetto  
Commissioner Carlos Diaz, City of Safety Harbor  
Commissioner Robin DiSabatino, Manatee County  
Vice Mayor Bill Dodson, City of Plant City  
Mr. Robert "Pete" Edwards, Hillsborough County Gubernatorial Appointee  
Commissioner Rick Falkenstein, City of St. Pete Beach  
Council Member Hoyt Hamilton, City of Clearwater  
Ms. Angeleah Kinsler, Hillsborough County Gubernatorial Appointee  
Commissioner Ronald Kitchen, Citrus County  
Councilor Bob Matthews, City of Seminole  
Mayor Bob Minning, City of Treasure Island  
Mr. John Neal, Manatee County Gubernatorial Appointee  
Commissioner Gail Neidinger, City of South Pasadena  
Councilwoman Darden Rice, City of St. Petersburg  
Commissioner Diane Rowden, Hernando County  
Mr. Frank Rygiel, Pasco County Gubernatorial Appointee  
Mr. Tim Schock, Hillsborough County Gubernatorial Appointee  
Mr. Robert Sebesta, Pinellas County Gubernatorial Appointee  
Ms. Barbara Sheen Todd, Pinellas County Gubernatorial Appointee  
Commissioner Mike Wells, Pasco County  
Mr. Waddah Farah, Alt., Ex-officio, FDOT

## REPRESENTATIVES ABSENT

Mayor Scott Black, City of Dade City  
Councilwoman Yvonne Yolie Capin, City of Tampa  
Mr. Nick DiCeglie, Pinellas County Gubernatorial Appointee  
Council Member Michael Fridovich, City of Gulfport  
Commissioner Bruce Livingston, City of Dunedin  
Mr. Andy Núñez, Pinellas County Gubernatorial Appointee  
Deputy Mayor Bill Phillips, City of New Port Richey  
Council Member Eric Seidel, City of Oldsmar  
Mr. Scott Sheridan, Hillsborough County Gubernatorial Appointee  
Councilman Ed Taylor, City of Pinellas Park  
Ms. Mary Yeagan, Ex-officio, FDEP  
Mr. David Dunbar, Ex-officio, SWFWMD

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Trisha Neasman, Planner, SWFWMD  
Kyle Brotherton, Planner, City of Clearwater  
Dixie Hollins, President Citrus Mining & Timber-Landowner  
Ivena Kajtezasic, Pl. Progr. Manager, TBW  
Rob Duncan, Solution Consultant, ABM  
Chris Owen, Tampa Bay Water, Regulatory Compliance

**STAFF PRESENT**

Sean Sullivan, Executive Director  
Don Conn, Legal Counsel  
Maya Burke, Senior Planner  
Randy Deshazo, Principal Planner  
Marshall Flynn, GIS Director  
Wren Krahl, Director of Administration/Public Information  
John Meyer, Principal Planner  
Brady Smith, Principal Planner  
Beth Williams, Accounting Manager  
Avera Wynne, Planning Director

**Call to Order – Chair Brown**

The April 11, 2016 regular meeting of the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council (TBRPC) was called to order at 10:04 a.m. A quorum was present.

**Voting Conflict Report – None**

The invocation was given by Councilor Bob Matthews, followed by the pledge of allegiance.

**Public Comment: None**

Motion to close the Public Comment passed without objection.

**Announcements:**

Council members welcomed Commissioner Robin DiSabatino, from Manatee County and Mayor Chris Alahouzos, City of Tarpon Springs, as a new members.

The Future of the Region Awards is taking place on Friday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> at the University of South Florida, St. Petersburg Campus. We have a record number of entries this year, 45. Registration is complimentary for Council Members. Please RSVP to Wren.

Lori Denman, Administrative Assistant for the last 16 years, is retiring at the end of the month. She was presented with art supplies for her dedicated service.

1. **Approval of Minutes – Sec/Treasurer Long**  
Approved the minutes from the March 14, 2016 regular meeting without objection.
2. **Budget Committee – Sec/Treasurer Long**
  - A. Approved the Financial Report for the period ending 2/29/16 without objection.

**3. Consent Agenda – Chair Brown**

**A. Budget and Contractual**

**Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) Contract**

Since the 1988 passage of the Emergency Planning and Community Right to Know Act (EPCRA), which created Local Emergency Planning Committees and the State Emergency Response Commission, the Tampa Bay LEPC had operated under a basic annual contract between the FDEM (formerly DCA) and the TBRPC. Again, for this upcoming year, a contract between FDEM and the TBRPC for LEPC operations has been offered. The funding allotment for the Tampa Bay LEPC for FY 2016-17 will be \$59,000.

Action Recommended: Motion to authorize the Chair to sign the LEPC contract with FDEM for FY 2016-17.

Staff Contact: John Meyer, ext. 29, [johnm@tbrpc.org](mailto:johnm@tbrpc.org)

**B. Intergovernmental Coordination & Review (IC&R) Program**

1. IC&R Reviews by Jurisdiction – March 2016

2. IC&R Database – March 2016

Action Recommended: None. Information Only.

Staff Contact: John Meyer, ext. 29, [johnm@tbrpc.org](mailto:johnm@tbrpc.org)

3. IC&R #022-16 – Pasco County MPO FY 2016-17/2017-2018 Draft Unified Planning Work Program, Pasco County

4. IC&R #024-16 – Sarasota-Manatee MPO FY 2016-17 thru 2017-18 Draft Unified Planning Work Program, Sarasota & Manatee Counties

Action Recommended: Approve staff reports.

Staff Contact: Avera Wynne, ext. 30, [avera@tbrpc.org](mailto:avera@tbrpc.org)

**C. DRI Development Order Report (DOR) - None**

**D. DRI Development Order Amendment Report (DOAR)**

DRI # 191 – Fishhawk Ranch, Hillsborough County (Essentially Built-Out Agreement)

Action Recommended: Approve staff report

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**E. Notice of Proposed Change (NOPC) Report - None**

**F. Annual Report Summaries (ARS)/Biennial Report Summaries (BRS)**

1. DRI #161 - University Center Research & Development Park, RY 2015-16 ARS, City of Tampa

2. DRI #217 - Harbour Island, RY 2015-16 ARS, City of Tampa

3. DRI #408 - 1981 Beverly Hills, RY 2015-16 ARS, Citrus County

4. DRI #409 - Clearview Estates, **RYs 2013-15 BRS**, Citrus County

5. DRI #416 - Citrus Hills II, **RYs 2013-15 BRS**, Citrus County

6. DRI #420 - Meadowcrest, RY 2015-16 ARS, Citrus County

7. DRI #430 - Cross Florida Barge Canal Cruise Ship Dock, **RYs 2014-16 BRS**, Citrus County

8. DRI #521 - Seven Hills, **RY 2014-15 ARS**, Hernando County

9. DRI #524 - Hickory Hill, RY 2015-16 ARS, Hernando County

Recommended Action: Approve staff reports.

Staff Contact: John Meyer, ext. 29, [johnm@tbrpc.org](mailto:johnm@tbrpc.org)

**G. DRI Status Report**

Recommended Action: None. Information Only.

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**H. Local Government Comprehensive Plan Amendments (LGCP)**

*Due to statutory and contractual requirements, the following reports have been transmitted to the State Land Planning Agency and the appropriate local government in accordance with Rule 29H-1.003(3), F.A.C. No report is prepared for adopted amendments that do not require Council comments.*

1. DEO # 16-2ESR, Manatee County
2. DEO # 16-1ESR, City of Clearwater
3. DEO # 16-1ER, City of Inverness
4. DEO # 16-1ESR, Hillsborough County

Recommended Action: Approve staff reports.

Staff contact: Brady Smith, ext. 42, [brady@tbrpc.org](mailto:brady@tbrpc.org)

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda passed without objection.

**4. Item(s) Removed from the Consent Agenda and Addendum Item(s)**

*Council members shall notify the Chair of any items they wish to be pulled from the Consent Agenda. These items will be discussed and voted on separately after the remainder of the Consent Agenda is approved.*

**5. Review Item(s) or Any Other Item(s) for Discussion – None**

**6. Tampa Bay Water**

Staff from Tampa Bay Water will review the utility's control processes that assure water quality in our region and provide a brief update on the status of the Master Water Plan (due to be revised in 2018). In light of events in Flint, MI, concerns about lead contamination in the public water supply have increased. Tampa Bay Water uses multiple processes, including a state-of-the-art, multi-barrier treatment plant that removes particles and other contaminants; ozone, the most powerful disinfectant used in drinking water; and alkalinity and pH adjustments to ensure the water is stable and not corrosive. Safe drinking water and superior water quality delivered from the treatment plant to the tap is achieved as a result of a robust, continuous monitoring program and close collaboration with member governments and their respective utilities.

Staff contact: Maya Burke, ext. 40 [maya@tbrpc.org](mailto:maya@tbrpc.org)

**Questions & Comments:**

Vice Chair Roff: The City of Bradenton went into aquifer storage and it has done an amazing amount to push our water needs well into the future. We aren't looking at water shortages for a lifetime, at a fraction of the cost.

That's exactly what we are looking at. We looked at putting the wells with Hillsborough County and we also at one point had a location in Pasco. Right now it makes sense for them to look at that because the City of Tampa has an abundance of reclaimed water out of the Howard Curran Plant so we do have a lot of resources that we are looking at and how we can best use them to improve the environment and if it can be used for drinking water. The cost of the treatment and the cost associated with that is what people have on their minds.

Vice Chair Roff: I wasn't talking about reclaimed, I was talking about excess surface water in the rainy season and then we use it in the dry season. We actually store it underground and use it in the dry season.

We do not have a concept like that. The only storage we have is the reservoir and one of the components of expanding the surface water system is potentially building a second reservoir if we were able to get more water to put into the reservoir.

Vice Chair Roff: Check with our engineers in Bradenton because it was a fraction of the cost to do it underground.

Councilwoman Rice: Does Tampa Bay Water have policy recommendations to local governments on gray water permitting? By that I mean specifically for those who want to retrofit their homes to make them as water conservation as possible. I'm not talking toilet water but shower, dishwasher, laundry – where that drain water could be used alternatively to water the lawn.

We do not. We are specifically precluded from doing anything with reclaimed water, gray water, and anything that is not potable water. All of that is on our member governments and we do have staff who work with them.

Councilwoman Rice: Is the Regional Planning Council in a position to make such recommendations?

Mr. Sullivan said yes, the Council can look into it in the near future.

Do you have plans for a direct re-use?

The concepts as they stand right now are all indirect use. Once direct potable use becomes more accepted by the public those projects could be converted to that potable use. We've done a public opinion survey, nationally as well as regionally, the idea of direct potable use is still not as popular as indirect potable reuse so there's something about the perception of putting reclaimed water into a buffer and then treating it again and putting it in the drinking water supply.

Mr. Edwards: The counties and the cities have established neighborhood civic associations. It could be more cost efficient and more public relations wise.

Mr. Schock: You mentioned 2028 when clean water supply is needed based on current demand projections. Where are we short in funding and planning? I know there are several projects on board, but where are they as far as active planning and funding capabilities? Also there was an Interlocal agreement trigger, what is that?

The trigger means that we only have groundwater so it was mathematical to say you have 100 million gallons capacity and you use 75% of that, then you would start planning and building. You can't really rely on that number which is why we're redoing our long term forecast model. I don't know when that trigger would be today which is why we're doing this every year. As far as funding, right now we have so many projects on the list and we know that we won't need all of them. What this year and ½ of next year will answer is basically whether it's one or two that have passed the feasibility test that are most feasible for us to consider. When you look at where the demand is located it's mostly in south Hillsborough County. It doesn't make sense for us to build a Gulf Coast desalination in Pasco and pipe that water for miles and miles down to south Hillsborough if that's where the demand is. It would make more sense to look at south county projects because of the cost of infrastructure. In the past we have gotten funding from the "District" and there are different federal and state grants that we plan to apply for.

Mr. Schock: What do you need from a body such as us?

At this point getting the word out helps with public information and education. Also being a spokesperson as a regional council.

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**7. Council Members' Comments - None**

**A. Announcements/Events- None**

**B. Emerging Issues for Local Governments- None**

**8. Program/Project Reports**

**A. Legislative Committee – No Report**

**B. Agency on Bay Management (ABM) – No Report**

**C. Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) – No Report**  
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**9. Other Council Reports - None**

**10. Executive/Budget Committee Report – Chair Brown**

The Committee met prior to the Council meeting and discussed the 2015/2016 Mid-Year Budget Amendment which will be brought before the full Council at the May meeting. We also discussed opportunities with a collaborative effort moving forward with some other organizations and we will bring that to the full Council as well in the future.

**11. Executive Director's Report – Mr. Sean Sullivan**

The Executive Budget Committee met this morning at 9:00am to discuss the mid-year budget that Accounting Manager Beth Williams and Accounting assistant Sue Geer prepared. I'm happy to say that our budget remains fiscally sound.

### **I-75 Relief Task Force**

Participated in the I-75 Relief Task Force meeting on April 6th at the Villages. The purpose of the task force is to provide consensus recommendations on transportation improvements for the Tampa Bay/Northeast Florida connection. FDOT is the lead agency and this type of task force is only the second time that FDOT has utilized this type of broad range Task Force to determine alternatives for transportation improvements and TBRPC is happy to serve as a member of the Task Force to represent the interests of the Tampa Bay Region. The next Task Force meeting is scheduled for May 4<sup>th</sup> in Hernando County.

### **Trails Network**

On March 24<sup>th</sup> the TBRPC with the work of Avera and Marshall hosted a webinar here at the TBRPC offices on the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity Technical Assistance Grant Program to develop an Urban-Rural Design Overlay and conduct an opportunities inventory for the Florida Coast to Coast Connector (C2C or "Connector"). The Connector is a significant cross-state trail in the statewide network of Greenways and Trails, spanning from the Gulf of Mexico to the Atlantic Ocean and traversing nine counties. This multi-jurisdictional, multi-agency effort is aimed at closing seven trail gaps across the state to create the "Connector." C2C will be Florida's first cross-state paved trail. The Connector will span approximately 250 miles when completed. Currently, the C2C is nearly 75 percent complete. This trail will provide Floridians and visitors with a unique trail experience, both through natural Florida as well as through downtowns and other destinations. We are happy to be part of this Coast to Coast trail network initiative.

## **Transportation**

Met with Brad Miller, CEO of PSTA and Katharine Eagan, CEO of HART to learn more about the services offered by each of their respective transit agencies. As a result of our meeting Chair Brown endorsed a letter of support from the TBRPC for the joint HART-PSTA TIGER VIII application to USDOT that seeks \$10 million dollars to fund a Regional revenue collection and interjurisdictional mobility project that will provide for a consistent fare media collection system in an eight county region. HART & PSTA will attend a future TBRPC meeting to present the details of this project to the Council.

Met with Rick Homans of the Tampa Bay Partnership and Ray Chiaromonte from TBARTA to discuss a regional approach to improving the regional transportation network and public transit. A private/public partnership is one approach that is being discussed to enhance regional transportation.

## **Month Ahead**

The TBRPC continues to provide training for the Local Emergency Planning Committee on the dangers of hazardous materials.

The Pinellas Police Standards Council comprised of over 50 Law enforcement professionals from Pinellas County, held their monthly meeting in this room where best practices for Law Enforcement are discussed among members. TBRPC staff member John Meyer is instrumental in working with this group as we help to convene these meetings. I would like to recognize John for his efforts.

## **Recent Training Class**

John Myer recently attended training scenarios on March 17 in Hernando County and on March 23 in Pinellas County, each sponsored by the Florida Department of Health. Both exercises centered on the need for mass-dispensing of medication at a simulated POD (Points of Dispensing location). The March 23 exercise scenario was a simulation of an Anthrax release aboard a ship along the Pinellas County coastline.

## **Current Prospects**

The TBRPC will be submitting two grant applications to the State Department of Economic Opportunity for: 1) a Community Technical Assistance grant to help develop economic strategies and 2) to help promote innovative planning solutions to member counties and communities as well as to advance the Coast to Coast Trails Network. We also have submitted a grant application seeking funding from the Tampa Bay Environmental Restoration program to fund cost-effective projects that will implement the coastal, estuarine and freshwater wetland habitat and water quality restoration priorities that have been developed by the Tampa Bay Estuary Program and its partners.

At the request of Pasco County Economic Development Council we are in the process of analyzing assistance provided by the ECD to companies that choose to relocate or expand in Pasco County. We are using three different economic models and custom built tools to determine the number of jobs created over the last five years. Principal Planner Randy DeShazo has been spearheading this effort.

## **Staff Notes**

On April 4<sup>th</sup> Avera Wynne, who is a member of the American Institute of Certified Planners, presented a paper at the National American Planning Association Conference in Phoenix Arizona on the technical aspects of economic modeling. Avera's participation in this national conference is appreciated and helps to advance the goals of the Council on a national stage, and to brand the image and demonstrate the value of the TBRPC.

Devin Meyer son of Principal Planner John Meyer and his wife Phyllis and William Wynne son of Planning Director Avera Wynne and his wife Sharon have both recently been accepted to Florida State University and plan to attend FSU and live on campus in Tallahassee this fall.

This will be the last Council meeting for Administrative Assistant Lori Denman, since after 16 years of service as a member of the TBRPC team, Lori has announced her retirement effective April 30th. Although I have only known Lori for a short time, her many contributions to the daily function of our office are significant and we will miss her work ethic, and kindness.

Commissioner Long: I would like to take a moment to compliment Mr. Sullivan for the very comprehensive report. I have been on this board for several years now and it's the first time I really heard all of the activities that are going on within the organization and for me, I think it gives us all an opportunity to go forth and talk about what's going on here on a much more comprehensive way. Thank you for that, it is very much appreciated.

**12. Chair's Report**

Thank you to Lori for her years of service.

Next Meeting: May 9, 2016 at 10:00 a.m.

**Adjournment** – 11:06 a.m.

  
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Woody Brown, Chair

  
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Wren Krall, Recording Secretary