

Palm Beach County League of Cities, Inc.
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Wednesday, March 26, 2014 at 10:00 a.m.
Greenacres Community Center, Greenacres

MINUTES

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

President Scott Maxwell called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m. Mo Thornton called the roll and a quorum was attained.

Board members present were: Scott Maxwell, Steve Wilson, Dawn Pardo, Mo Thornton, Bill Manuel, Jerry Beavers, Robert Gottlieb, Allie Biggs (*arrived 10:24*), Mike Mullaugh, David Levy, Keith James, Robert Shalhoub, Gail Coniglio and Todd Wodraska

Absent were: Bill Thrasher and Matt Willhite

Past Presidents in attendance: Lisa Tropepe (*arrived at 10:08*), Isaac Robinson, David Stewart, Susan Haynie and Bev Smith (*arrived at 10:04*)

Also in attendance were Executive Director Richard Radcliffe; League Counsel Trela White, Esq., Corbett, White & Davis, P.A.; Drew Abrams, Fire Fighter Association; Woodrow Hay; Vice Mayor Robert Gebbia, North Palm Beach; Commissioner on Ethics Carmine Priore; Vice Mayor Kimberly Glas-Castro, Lake Park; Don Pellowitz and Marc Bruner, Solid Waste Authority; Laura Corry, South Florida Water Management District; Geoff Sluggett, Sluggett & Associates; Rosemary Raymond and Harry Raucher, Lake Worth Drainage District; Councilmember Michael Gawdy, Glen Ridge; John Casagrande, Southern Waste Systems.

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

Addition(s):

4a. Solid Waste Authority – Excess Capacity

Motion by Robert Shalhoub and second by Dawn Pardo to approve the addition to the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Consent Agenda

a. Minutes of Board Meeting, February 26, 2014

b. Financial Reports for February 2014

Motion by Bill Manuel and second by Dawn Pardo to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Special Presentations

Mr. Dan Pellowitz, Managing Director for the Solid Waste Authority informed the board that the Authority is currently at 80% capacity and will be proposing the usage for the remaining 20% for the disposal of garbage from outside sources. Mr. Pellowitz stated that the plant which is currently being built would maximize the life of the facilities and extend the life of the landfill, providing an excess capacity in the first five to eight years. With that Mr. Pellowitz informed the board that this excess provides the Authority with a short term opportunity to generate revenue over the course of those years by bringing in materials from outside the area. Mr. Pellowitz stated

that the approval of the proposal would help lower the rate the residents and businesses pay and the governmental assessment. He informed the board that the usage of the excess capacity can generate an estimate of \$45million in revenue. Mr. Pellowitz clarified that the \$25 rate that everyone was inquiring about is simply a figure used for illustrative purposes and the actual amount is not known until they issue an RFP. He explained that the Authority would evaluate the proposals in terms of how much waste would be brought into the county, the composition of the waste, heating value and the tip fee. Mr. Pellowitz stated that those who contract with the Authority for this service would not be eligible for access to the transfer station network, recycling programs, household hazardous waste drop off program, community service and must deliver directly to the waste facility. He continued by saying they will only have access to the waste energy facility. Mr. Pellowitz concluded by stating the implementation of the proposal would generate a significant net revenue and reduction in current rates.

5. Miscellaneous Business

a. Amendments to the League By-Laws

President Maxwell informed the board that as per the League Articles of Incorporation the by-laws with the requested amendments which was presented to the board at their January meeting has been sent out to the League membership and have received no comments.

Motion by Allie Biggs and second by Bill Manuel to approve the amendments to the League By-Laws. Motion carried unanimously.

b. Appointment to the Countywide Coastal Council

President Maxwell informed the board that Chair Pro Tem Dawn Pardo of Riviera Beach has expressed her interest in serving on this committee.

Motion by Robert Shalhoub and second by Steve Wilson to approve the appointment of Chair Pro Tem Dawn Pardo to the Countywide Coastal Council. Motion carried unanimously.

6. Committee Reports

a. Nominating Committee

President Maxwell thanked this year's nominating committee members: Councilman Todd Wodraska, Jupiter; Commissioner Ike Robinson, West Palm Beach; Commissioner Lisa Tropepe, Palm Beach Shores; Mayor Bev Smith, Palm Springs; Mayor David Stewart, Lantana and Deputy Mayor Susan Haynie, Boca Raton, for their service. President Maxwell then informed the board of the 2014-2015 proposed slate. It is as follows: **President:** Mayor Steve Wilson, Belle Glade; **1st Vice President:** Chair Pro Tem Dawn Pardo, Riviera Beach; **2nd Vice President:** Vice Mayor Robert Shalhoub, Lake Clarke Shores; **Secretary/Treasurer:** Manager Mo Thornton, Atlantis; **District 1:** Councilman Bill Manuel, North Palm Beach; **District 2:** Councilmember Jerry Beavers, Haverhill; **District 3:** Councilmember Robert Gottlieb, South Palm Beach; **District 4:** Manager Bill Thrasher, Gulf Stream; **District 5:** Commissioner Allie Biggs, Pahokee; **Large City Rep.:** Councilman Jeff Hmara, Royal Palm Beach; **Large City Rep.:** Councilmember David Levy, Palm Beach Gardens; **Large City Rep.:** Councilmember Mike Mullaugh, Boca Raton; **Large City Rep.:** Mayor Jerry Taylor, Boynton Beach; **Large City Rep.:** Commission President Keith James, West Palm Beach; **Large City Rep.:** Councilman Matt Willhite, Wellington; **At Large Rep.:** Vice Mayor Kimberly Glas-Castro, Lake Park; **At Large Rep.:** Mayor Gail Coniglio, Palm Beach

b. Fire Service Committee

Executive Director Richard Radcliffe reported that at the committee meeting on Friday, they added two new members. He stated they were the President of the Fire Chief Association Chief Donatto from Palm Beach and Drew Abrams of the Fire Fighters Union.

7. Legal Report

Attorney Trela White reported that the ruling for the red light camera case in Fort Lauderdale is that the citation would only be given to the first named owner of the vehicle.

Mrs. White informed the board that the I.G. lawsuit was pushed back and is now on the calendar call for July 25th.

8. Executive Director’s Report

Executive Director Richard Radcliffe informed the board that he has copies of the MPO’s 2040 Long Range Transportation Road plan for everyone to review. He stated that if you have any questions or concerns regarding the future plans to contact the MPO.

Mr. Radcliffe informed the board that he was able to obtain copies of the book “The Role of Elected Officials During a Disaster” and they will be available during the General Membership Meeting.

Mr. Radcliffe reminded the board of the Elected Officials Workshop on April 23rd at the Atlantis Country Club following the General Membership Meeting. He informed the board of the topics that will be discussed.

Mr. Radcliffe also reminded the board of the Installation Gala which will be held at the Kravis Center on May 21st. He asked if anyone would like to be a sponsor to contact the League office.

Mr. Radcliffe informed the board that he will be attending Legislative Action Day in Tallahassee next week, April 1st-3rd and asked if anyone else would be attending.

9. Member Comments

Commissioner Robinson asked if any municipality that has or had a youth group to contact Je’Riise Hansen. He stated that the Palm Beach County did not have any representation at the National League of Cities Conferences and was missed.

Deputy Mayor Susan Haynie reiterated what Executive Director Richard Radcliffe stated regarding the 2040 maps and added that any projects in which a municipality may have concerns about should definitely contact the MPO so that they can discuss the project ahead of time.

10. Meetings Announcements

- a. Board of Directors Meeting, Atlantis Country Club.....10 a.m., April 23rd
- b. General Membership Meeting, Atlantis Country Club.....Noon, April 23rd
- c. Elected Officials Workshop, Atlantis Country Club.....1:30 p.m., April 23rd

11. Adjournment - The Board adjourned at 11:10 a.m.