MINUTES OF THE  
TREASURE COAST REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL  
JUNE 17, 2016

Chairman Davis called the meeting to order at 9:40 a.m. and welcomed everyone to the meeting. He led the pledge of allegiance and requested roll call.

The following members and alternates were present:

Indian River County: Commissioner Flescher, Alternate  
Vice Mayor Old  
Councilmember Webber  

Martin County: Commissioner Haddox  
Commissioner Fielding  

St. Lucie County: Commissioner Lewis  
Commissioner Mowery  

Palm Beach County: Vice Mayor Valeche  
Commissioner Taylor  
Commissioner Burdick  
Mayor Gerwig  
Vice Mayor Hmara  
Mayor DuBois  
Mayor Brennan, Alternate  
Commissioner Ryan, Alternate  

Gubernatorial Appointees: Douglas Bournique  
Michael Davis  
Tobin Overdorf  
Reece Parrish  
Peter Sachs  
Steven Weaver, Sr.  

Ex-Officios: Ann Benedetti, St. Johns River Water Management District  

Council Staff: Kathryn Boer  
Michael Busha  
Phyllis Castro  
Kim DeLaaney  
Liz Gulick  
Stephanie Heidt  
Dana Little  
Peter Merritt
Council Attorney: Keith Davis

The Executive Director announced a quorum is present.

AGENDA APPROVAL

Commissioner Fielding moved approval of the Agenda. Commissioner Haddox seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Staff provided a letter that was sent to Elizabeth Zimmerman with the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. The letter was sent at the request of Council to get their guidance and recommendations for conducting a risk assessment or preparedness exercise to test the region’s vulnerability, readiness and response to incidents involving the Florida East Coast (FEC) Railway and the St. Lucie Nuclear Power Plant. Staff indicated Council members will be updated on Ms. Zimmerman’s response.

As an addendum to Agenda Item 13, Treasure Coast Local Emergency Planning Committee Update, staff provided a list of the Treasure Coast Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) members.

Staff stated Council has two very important committees, the LEPC, and the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) Committee. Staff noted the LEPC handles Council’s emergency preparedness and hazardous materials responsibilities, and the CEDS committee helps frame many of the region’s economic development policies and provides a framework for Council to work with economic development organizations around the region.

CHAIRMAN’S COMMENTS

Chairman Davis stated Council’s two priority issues for 2016 are water and housing. He noted at the last meeting the Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) gave a presentation on the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan (CERP) and the Comprehensive Everglades Planning Project, and today the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) will be providing a presentation on water quality issues. With respect to housing, he stated there have been conversations with elected officials, local government officials, and community leaders regarding development of policies to address affordable and workforce housing. He stated he would like for Council to consider being a facilitator of a one-half to one day event that will center around meaningful conversation on current policies and if they are being implemented, and how policies can be developed or made more effective. He suggested Council should create a temporary committee on housing, asking for volunteers to help frame the working session being planned for October.

Mayor Gerwig from the Village of Wellington noted she serves on the Housing Leadership Council, which does this type of work. She said she would like to put staff in touch with them. Chairman Davis stated he does not want to duplicate any efforts, but rather complement what is occurring at a larger scale. Mayor Gerwig said they will be a great partner in this effort. Commissioner Taylor stated Palm Beach County held a housing summit two week ago, and she suggested contacting
county staff, because they are considering doing a larger meeting in October with experts coming from around the country.

Councilmember Bournique noted this is a good idea and suggested part of this should address the type of houses being built. He stated the regional planning councils need to be steering individuals toward the right type of building materials to ensure housing can withstand major hurricanes. Chairman Davis asked for Council members who would like to participate to contact staff.

COUNCIL MEMBER UPDATE

Commissioner Fielding from Martin County noted Duane DeFreese, Executive Director of the Indian River Lagoon Council, is present and may want the opportunity to speak on the agenda item to support the 2016 Water Resources Development Act (WRDA).

Commissioner Taylor from Palm Beach County stated the county has been working on getting a penny sales tax increase and are now at the place of trying to convince their citizens of the need for the tax. She stated the county is also concerned they are losing residents to St. Lucie County, because of the lack of affordable housing in Palm Beach County.

Vice Mayor Valeche from Palm Beach County stated he is against the sales tax, because he believes it is overly complicated. Commissioner Taylor stated they should not be speaking on this issue in order to avoid any Sunshine Law violations.

Commissioner Flescher from Indian River County agreed with Councilmember Bournique’s comment on housing construction. He stated he was in law enforcement during Hurricanes Charley, Frances, and Jeanne and he has hundreds of pictures of sheared roofs, because they were not made of metal. He said roofing must be addressed.

Commissioner Mowery from St. Lucie County stated they are also looking at a half cent sales tax. He noted everyone has been dealing with a lot of issues this week because of the shooting in Orlando, and they held an event the previous evening to honor the victims and those affected by the shooting. He said it is nice to see people coming together, and at these moments people need to pull together and look for reasonable solutions, re-examine purposes, and discuss how we can help make our communities better and stronger.

Mayor Gerwig stated the village has an entirely new council working together and do visioning sessions. She said she may need some support with this, noting Council is always very helpful with this type of planning.

Vice Mayor Hmara from the Village of Royal Palm Beach noted there has been a lot of discussion about having a multi-modal plan to handle the traffic for the additional 15,000 homes that have been approved for central Palm Beach County. He stated the discussion at the Palm Beach Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) meeting the previous day was to deal with the inevitable, which is who will pay the mobility/impact fees. He stated it is good to have these discussions not just at each municipality, but at the county and regional levels as well, and by having these discussions early, we may be able to develop a good plan and determine exactly what needs to be done.
Mayor Brennan from the Village of Tequesta indicated the village has started the process of replacing water lines that are over 50 years old and wrapped in asbestos throughout the areas they service. She also noted the Town of Jupiter Inlet Colony is replacing old and installing new sewer lines. She indicated the village has begun repaving Tequesta Drive, which will include going from 6 lanes to 4 lanes and widening of the sidewalks. She stated there has been another incident of the Loxahatchee River Bridge not being able to go into the down position. She stated they cannot wait for problems to be addressed through the All Aboard Florida (AAF) project, noting the AAF engineering reports have proven the bridge is in trouble, because they are going to completely replace the bascule section as well as replace or repair sections of bridge. However, she said they are not sharing that engineering report, and have basically said they will not do anything they do not have to. She said the next step is to try to work with the FEC Railroad, because we do not want to have an incident where someone cannot get to the hospital, or a train derails over the Loxahatchee River.

Mayor DuBois from the Town of Lake Park thanked staff for recently providing the town an update on all the rail projects. He noted in the Palm Beach Post today there is an interesting article on the Brewhouse Gallery.

Commissioner Lewis from St. Lucie County stated they are moving forward with a referendum for a half cent sales tax, which will be on the November ballot. She stated there has been cooperation and support for this, and they did a survey where the need for water quality, infrastructure, and public safety improvements has been identified. She said they intend to be very specific with the projects that will be done over the next 20 years, and they will have a citizen’s advisory board to guide the process.

Ann Benedetti from the St. Johns River Water Management District indicated on Tuesday their governing board approved the staff cost-share program ranking of projects. She noted the original program was for $25 million to fund 49 projects, but at the meeting the board authorized another $5 million to fund another 10 projects. She stated the projects will address water supply, water quality, water conservation, and flood protection. She noted the two projects in Indian River County that were approved are the North Sebastian Phase 1 Septic to Sewer project, and the Osprey Acres Stormwater Park. She said all together the projects will conserve approximately 2 million gallons of water per day; develop 8 million gallons per day of alternative water supply; provide an estimated nutrient load reduction of 151,200 pounds of nitrogen and 22,400 of total phosphorous per year; and protect approximately 800 acres from flooding. Chairman Davis asked how Indian River County Council members who are interested in participating in the process can be eligible. Ms. Benedetti stated at various times throughout the fiscal year the District will announce a cost-share program. She stated there will be a pre-application meeting to help local government staff through the application process. She said requirements for the project include projects needs to be close to shovel-ready and have a completion date. They then have about a year to get the project started and underway. She said the District typically will put all the information on their site. Councilmember Bournique indicated he is a District board member, and he is very proud of this program that takes a tax allocation and multiplies it so they are really getting almost $100 million worth of water quality benefits. Chairman Davis asked Commissioner Flescher if he feels the county is properly engaged
in this process. Commissioner Flescher indicated yes, stating they are proud of their existing projects.

Commissioner Ryan from the City of West Palm Beach stated she wanted to follow-up on Vice Mayor Hmara’s comments regarding the discussion at the MPO the previous day regarding mobility fees versus transportation fees. She indicated the city has been struggling with this for years and she is pleased to see they are starting to engage in more activity with Council, stating it is going to take a village to get the work accomplished. Staff noted Council has been engaged with the MPO and county staff looking at an impact fee ordinance to allow not just widening of roads, but to allow those fees to be used for improving walkability and the multi-modal nature of the county. Commissioner Ryan stated on Monday the city council will be voting to send out a request for qualifications for a consultant to do a mobility study for the city. She stated every community is different, but they are hoping to develop a policy with broader implications and can be used county-wide. Chairman Davis stated he wanted to recognize the great work of the city’s Downtown Development District and the efforts of their executive director who has put together evening events on walkability and complete streets, and done a good job of engaging the people downtown.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

None.

CONSENT AGENDA

Chairman Davis stated he needed to recuse himself from voting on the Consent Agenda, because his firm is involved with amendments on item 8H, Palm Beach County Comprehensive Plan Amendment No. 16-4ESR. There was discussion of whether he should recuse himself from the one item or the entire Consent Agenda. Mr. Keith Davis indicated he should just recuse himself from the one item that presents a conflict. Commissioner Mowery stated he would request Item 8H be removed for a separate vote.

Commissioner Burdick moved approval of the Consent Agenda as amended. Mayor Gerwig seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Items remaining on the Consent Agenda were: 8A, Financial Report – April 30, 2016; 8B, Minutes – May 20, 2016; 8C, City of Fellsmere Comprehensive Plan Amendment No. 16-1ESR; 8D, Indian River County Comprehensive Plan Amendment No. 16-2ESR; 8E, Town of Jupiter Comprehensive Plan Amendment No. 16-1ER; 8F, Martin County Comprehensive Plan Amendment No. 16-1ESR; 8G, City of Port St. Lucie Comprehensive Plan Amendment No. 16-2ESR; 8I, 2016-2017 Florida Division of Emergency Management Contract Agreement; 8J, 2016-2017 Hazards Analysis Contract Agreement; and 8K, Intergovernmental Coordination and Review Log.

PALM BEACH COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENT NO. 16-4ESR

Commissioner Taylor moved approval of Palm Beach County Comprehensive Plan Amendment No. 16-4ESR. Commissioner Burdick seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.
Mr. Whiting provided an overview of the process FDEP is undertaking to update human health-based water quality standards. He noted the human health-based water quality criteria are designed to protect the public from unacceptable levels of risk from exposure to chemicals, through ingesting fish and shellfish, as well as through drinking potable water from the state surface waters. He noted the water standards were last updated in 1992, with the current updates being done to incorporate new scientific information and methods, including national guidance published by the U.S. Department of Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

Vice Mayor Valeche noted there is a problem with coliform bacteria in our water supply. He asked if the fish absorb this, what danger that poses to the population. Mr. Whiting stated they have been testing for fecal coliform bacteria, which are not necessarily pathogens, but rather indicators. He said bacteria are used to show higher concentrations of pathogens, because they are easier to detect in the water.

Councilmember Overdorf suggested future presentations should be done without using the metric system. He stated EPA has said local analyses are better than setting a national standard. He asked if the EPA has provided FDEP with any funding for the analyses. Mr. Whiting stated not typically.

Commissioner Fielding thanked Mr. Whiting. He stated the interim objective is Total Maximum Daily Loan (TMDL), but he would like to have a longer term objective, because periodically we realize pollutants may be causing greater adverse consequences than we realize. He stated he supports using TMDLs and the other statistical methodologies, but would like to see a tighter end result. He said we use TMDLs as a pathway to achieve elimination of the contributors in our waters, but not as an end result. He said we need to resist stepping back, and under this methodology the Department is loosening up on things. He said once we have achieved some level of diminishment, that may be a good thing, but for now we need to hold tight. Mr. Whiting said he does not disagree with the concept or the logic. He said FDEP has approached the revision to the criteria trying to maintain a scientific approach and trying not to make policy calls that would be less defensible in a court of law.

Commissioner Burdick stated she has seen some negative articles about the new water quality standards and asked Mr. Whiting to define the word impaired and clarify some of the misinformation that is being reported. Mr. Whiting stated one thing being incorrectly reported is FDEP is increasing the amount of arsenic by a thousand fold. He stated FDEP is not updating the arsenic criteria. He said what appears to have happened is someone was looking at drinking water criteria and reported the results in milligrams per liter, and another report was done in micrograms per liter, so it was reported FDEP was increasing arsenic criteria by a thousand fold, when it was just a different unit of measure. He defined impaired as not meeting its designated use, with Class III for fishable, swimmable, and supporting a healthy aquatic ecosystem; Class II is for shellfish harvesting; and Class I being a potable drinking water source. He said to be impacted means the contamination levels are above the
level for the particular use. Commissioner Burdick asked if the public should stay out of that water and refrain from eating the fish from that water. Mr. Whiting stated it depends on the impairment and the use of that water. Staff noted Council members, as policy makers, need to understand the FDEP’s process from now until adoption. Mr. Whiting said there has been a public comment period, which closed on June 2\textsuperscript{nd}. He said they are still receiving comments and they are working to incorporate the comments. He said they will then go before the Florida Environmental Regulatory Commission at their next meeting to propose criteria. He said they do not currently have a date for this, but it could be this summer or in the fall. Staff requested Council members make sure their utility directors are plugged into this process, because it is changing drinking water quality standards and surface water standards, so there may be some water treatment changes.

**TRANSIT-ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT PILOT PROGRAM AGREEMENT WITH SOUTH FLORIDA REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY**

Staff indicated this item is to request Council authorization to enter into an agreement with the South Florida Regional Transportation Authority to accept $1.2 million in grant funds that have been awarded to the region to assist in planning along the Tri-Rail Coastal Link corridor. Staff noted Council will be responsible for stationary planning activities totaling approximately $860,000 to be split among various projects that will be identified by local governments. Staff noted the South Florida Regional Council will be doing a corridor length analysis for this project, and Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council staff will play a support role for those activities. Staff stated it is expected the agreement will be finalized in July.

Commissioner Taylor moved approval of the staff recommendation. Commissioner Fielding seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE 2016 WATER RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT ACT**

Chairman Davis stated at the last meeting the presentation by the Corps discussed the process for how their projects are authorized by Congress, which has historically been done biennially through WRDA. He noted over the last decade and a half, the funding has not been done every two years. He stated WRDA is an important piece of legislation that authorizes a variety of projects done by the Corps such as CERP, flood protection, and navigation projects. He noted WRDA is a two-step authorization process, with the first step in the process being legislature that authorizes the project, and the second step producing a separate piece of legislation for appropriating funding for the project. He noted WRDA of 2016 is moving through Congress and there is a chance it will be on the Senate floor before July 4\textsuperscript{th}, but it is more likely nothing will happen until after Labor Day. He encouraged Council members to approve the draft staff resolution in support of WRDA of 2016.

Commissioner Fielding moved approval of the resolution. Commissioner Burdick seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.
MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE INDIAN RIVER LAGOON COUNCIL – INDIAN RIVER LAGOON NATIONAL ESTUARY PROGRAM

Staff gave an overview of proposed memorandum of understanding (MOU), which will foster coordination, cooperation, and the sharing of resources and information between Council and the Indian River Lagoon (IRL) Council. Staff noted that under the MOU, the parties agree to cooperatively work together to improve communication and provide technical assistance and mutual support towards accomplishing their shared goals related to a healthy, sustainable Indian River Lagoon.

Dr. De Freese stated the MOU is not just symbolic, noting the League of Cities in Volusia, the Treasure Coast, and Space Coast have all passed a compact to work together. He said this is the first time in 25 years where he sees not just leadership, but action at the city and county levels and looking at things regionally. He noted the IRL Council office is set up in Sebastian, because it is centrally located for the 5 counties, 50 cities, and 1.7 million residents it represents. He thanked Council for the offer of support, noting many of the water quality issues in the lagoon relate to growth management. He said we have the opportunity to re-think our entire region as it relates to our communities and how they grow and prosper, and how they are connected to the lagoon.

Commissioner Fielding moved approval of the memorandum of understanding. Councilmember Bournique seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

TREASURE COAST LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE UPDATE

Staff provided an overview of Council’s emergency management program that works with the region’s local emergency management directors and planners to ensure that both locally and regionally first responders are prepared for any disaster. Staff noted the LEPC is primarily made up of first responders and others such as planners, the media, elected officials, and state agency representatives. The main job of the LEPC is to make sure there is coordination and collaboration between local, regional, state and federal partners. Additionally, Council’s LEPC serves as the regional repository for information related to extremely hazardous substances. Staff noted Council is not a regulatory body, but rather staff is tasked with ensuring compliance with reporting requirements, and coordinating information between the first responder agencies. Staff indicated the LEPC program areas include: a State Homeland Security grant program; hazardous materials emergency preparedness; hazards analysis; evacuation and post-disaster redevelopment planning; and local mitigation strategy planning. Staff also noted that in 2010 the regional planning councils were tasked with doing regional evacuation plans state-wide. These plans use an all hazards approach to disaster by using consistent methodologies for evacuation and transportation analyses. Chairman Davis stated this program is of great value to our communities and we need to make sure the public is aware of this program.

Councilmember Weaver noted there are 30 to 40 people on the committee, but he has noticed some municipalities and organizations are not included. He stated it is good FEC has come to meetings, but he noticed they, as well as Florida Power and Light (FPL) Company, do not have a standing committee member. Staff indicated there are areas that are not filled, and both FEC and FPL have been invited. Also, Council staff works closely with FPL on a regular basis to exchange
information. Staff noted Commissioner McKinlay from Palm Beach County has been nominated as a primary member, and when she is appointed in July will be the committee’s first elected official. Staff noted CSX has also been extended an invitation, and Florida Department of Transportation staff regularly attend meetings. Staff stated a local category has been added, which can be used for an education or safety representative. Councilmember Weaver noted several coastal communities and communities along the rail corridor, such as Jensen Beach and Fort Pierce, are not involved on the committee. He said to be comprehensive and truly represent the region it seems there should be more diverse representation. Staff noted it is desirable to have as many representatives as possible, stating although the LEPC’s main mission is planning and training of first responders, community outreach and education are part of the mission. Staff stated participation and attending the meetings is open, noting there will be a full-scale exercise in March of 2017 that will include a large number of volunteers and participants from the public. Councilmember Weaver asked if there is an ex-officio for the committee. Staff noted there is no category of ex-officio, but individuals can be nominated or be appointed by the State Emergency Response Commission.

Mayor DuBois asked if the LEPC does emergency planning using Tier II reports. Staff stated planning does take into account information from Tier II reports. Staff added some facilities who carry a large amount of chemicals have also been invited to participate in exercises.

**ALL ABOARD FLORIDA UPDATE**

Staff indicated construction activity to double track and install safety equipment continues from West Palm Beach to Miami, and all local governments in Palm Beach County are positioned to establish quiet zones when the construction is complete. For the northern portion of the project, staff indicated all the local governments have received their 100 percent drawings for safety improvements. Council staff and MPO staff are working with the local governments from West Palm Beach north to Tequesta to evaluate what is necessary to establish quiet zones once AAF publishes a construction schedule for that phase of the project. Staff noted the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) will be coming to meet with individual local governments in July, and staff will continue to update Council on those meetings. Staff indicated there have been recent requests from St. Lucie County to re-initiate a discussion with FRA’s legal staff regarding indemnification and other legal issues related to quiet zones. Staff stated they will be reaching out to all local governments in the region to see if there are other legal questions to include in the discussions with FRA. With respect to marine navigation, staff noted there have been initial discussions to have the Jupiter Inland District (JID) apply for a Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery federal grant. It has been determined this is not appropriate and now JID is seeking a Florida Inland Navigation District grant to accomplish the improvements needed on the Loxahatchee River Bridge.

Councilmember Weaver asked if the 100 percent construction drawings include the cross sections of the sealed corridor for the downtown areas. Staff indicated they do not include this even though there have been several requests for this information. Staff noted the plans are limited to physical infrastructure improvements at the grade crossings.

Commissioner Flescher asked if there has been any news on the Railroad Rehabilitation & Improvement Financing loan. Staff stated there has been no recent action taken, but the loan
remains active as an option for financing. Staff also stated the private activities bonds also remain as a financing option.

Mayor Brennan noted for the Village of Tequesta to get quiet zones, 2 of their 3 crossings will need to be designated in Palm Beach County, and the other is split between Martin and Palm Beach counties. She asked staff how this will be handled. Staff stated Palm Beach MPO has taken very clear actions to prioritize quiet zones wherever possible. It is staff’s understanding, based on guidance from FRA, it will take a coordinated effort between the village and Martin County to establish a quiet zone at that crossing. Mayor Brennan asked if the Palm Beach MPO will be able to fund the quiet zone, and if Martin County has said they will include that in their funding. Staff stated we cannot presume the actions of the Palm Beach MPO, but funding would be consistent with MPO precedent to fund those improvements for the benefit of county residents.

PUBLIC COMMENT

With respect to hazardous waste, Drew Martin noted there is a proposal to run liquefied natural gas along the FEC line. He stated this gas is extremely cold and when it warms up it can explode in a devastating way. He stated this is something that needs to be addressed by Council, and requested a presentation on this and this be included in all emergency plans. He stated he attended a meeting in Stuart regarding the surface water quality standards, noting it is a lot of very complicated science that is being done by companies who manufacture the chemicals. He said a lot of the chemicals have to do with fracking getting into the surface water, noting some of those chemicals can be carcinogenic and they go into the water catchment area. He said this will impact the ability to send water south. He said a lot of the problems being experienced in the Indian River Lagoon are because the water cannot be transferred south due to the agricultural uses in the area that was originally a flood plain, or river of grass. He said no matter how many people argue the law permits this, which it does to guarantee flood protection, it is still causing a problem, because there is no natural connection between the St. Lucie River, Lake Okeechobee, and the Indian River Lagoon. He stated this is artificial and is done strictly to drain the lake. He stated the Avenir project will have a tremendous effect on North Lake Boulevard. He stated this should be a development of regional impact, because it is not just a Palm Beach Gardens issue, but one that will affect the whole area. He stated the county will end up paying for the roads, and asked if Council would request a detailed presentation of this project.

Jay O’Laughlin indicated he retired to Hobe Sound a year-and-a-half ago and lives near the Indian River Lagoon. He stated he is attending the meeting at the request of Commissioner Conze, whom he works with on the board of directors of the Guardians of Martin County. He noted he also serves on the Science Technology Engineering and Monitory advisory committee of the IRL Council. He thanked Dr. De Freese and Council for recognizing the value of the IRL Council and its potential to do work with the MOU.

STAFF COMMENT

None.
ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chairman Davis adjourned the meeting at 11:40 a.m. This signature is to attest that the undersigned is the Secretary or a designated nominee of the Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council, and that the information provided herein is the true and correct Minutes of the June 17, 2016 meeting of the Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council.

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Date                                                Signature
FORM 8B - MEMORANDUM OF VOTING CONFLICT FOR COUNTY, MUNICIPAL, AND OTHER LOCAL PUBLIC OFFICERS

LAST NAME—FIRST NAME—MIDDLE NAME

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Palm Beach

DATE ON WHICH VOTE OCCURRED

June 17, 2016

WHO MUST FILE FORM 8B

This form is for use by any person serving at the county, city, or other local level of government on an appointed or elected board, council, commission, authority, or committee. It applies to members of advisory and non-advisory bodies who are presented with a voting conflict of interest under Section 112.3143, Florida Statutes.

Your responsibilities under the law when faced with voting on a measure in which you have a conflict of interest will vary greatly depending on whether you hold an elective or appointive position. For this reason, please pay close attention to the instructions on this form before completing and filing the form.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLIANCE WITH SECTION 112.3143, FLORIDA STATUTES

A person holding elective or appointive county, municipal, or other local public office MUST ABSTAIN from voting on a measure which would inure to his or her special private gain or loss. Each elected or appointed local officer also MUST ABSTAIN from knowingly voting on a measure which would inure to the special gain or loss of a principal (other than a government agency) by whom he or she is retained (including the parent, subsidiary, or sibling organization of a principal by which he or she is retained); to the special private gain or loss of a relative; or to the special private gain or loss of a business associate. Commissioners of community redevelopment agencies (CRAs) under Sec. 163.356 or 163.357, F.S., and officers of independent special tax districts elected on a one-acre, one-vote basis are not prohibited from voting in that capacity.

For purposes of this law, a “relative” includes only the officer’s father, mother, son, daughter, husband, wife, brother, sister, father-in-law, mother-in-law, son-in-law, and daughter-in-law. A “business associate” means any person or entity engaged in or carrying on a business enterprise with the officer as a partner, joint venturer, coowner of property, or corporate shareholder (where the shares of the corporation are not listed on any national or regional stock exchange).

ELECTED OFFICERS:

In addition to abstaining from voting in the situations described above, you must disclose the conflict:

PRIOR TO THE VOTE BEING TAKEN by publicly stating to the assembly the nature of your interest in the measure on which you are abstaining from voting; and

WITHIN 15 DAYS AFTER THE VOTE OCCURS by completing and filing this form with the person responsible for recording the minutes of the meeting, who should incorporate the form in the minutes.

APPOINTED OFFICERS:

Although you must abstain from voting in the situations described above, you are not prohibited by Section 112.3143 from otherwise participating in these matters. However, you must disclose the nature of the conflict before making any attempt to influence the decision, whether orally or in writing and whether made by you or at your direction.

IF YOU INTEND TO MAKE ANY ATTEMPT TO INFLUENCE THE DECISION PRIOR TO THE MEETING AT WHICH THE VOTE WILL BE TAKEN:

- You must complete and file this form (before making any attempt to influence the decision) with the person responsible for recording the minutes of the meeting, who will incorporate the form in the minutes. (Continued on page 2)
APPOINTED OFFICERS (continued)

- A copy of the form must be provided immediately to the other members of the agency.
- The form must be read publicly at the next meeting after the form is filed.

IF YOU MAKE NO ATTEMPT TO INFLUENCE THE DECISION EXCEPT BY DISCUSSION AT THE MEETING:

- You must disclose orally the nature of your conflict in the measure before participating.
- You must complete the form and file it within 15 days after the vote occurs with the person responsible for recording the minutes of the meeting, who must incorporate the form in the minutes. A copy of the form must be provided immediately to the other members of the agency, and the form must be read publicly at the next meeting after the form is filed.

DISCLOSURE OF LOCAL OFFICER’S INTEREST

Michael D. Davis, hereby disclose that on June 17, 2016:

(a) A measure came or will come before my agency which (check one or more)

- [X] inured to the special gain or loss of my business associate, UGE Inc.
- [ ] inured to the special gain or loss of my relative.
- [ ] inured to the special gain or loss of ____________________________, by whom I am retained; or
- [ ] inured to the special gain or loss of ____________________________, which is the parent subsidiary, or sibling organization or subsidiary of a principal which has retained me.

(b) The measure before my agency and the nature of my conflicting interest in the measure is as follows:

CENSUS AGENDA ITEM 8H.

My firm (UGE) is involved in item 8H (A) and 8H (B2).

If disclosure of specific information would violate confidentiality or privilege pursuant to law or rules governing attorneys, a public officer, who is also an attorney, may comply with the disclosure requirements of this section by disclosing the nature of the interest in such a way as to provide the public with notice of the conflict.

June 17, 2016

DATE FILLED

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SIGNATURE

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