

Palm Beach County League of Cities, Inc.
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Wednesday, September 28, 2011 at 10:00 a.m.
Greenacres Community Center – City of Greenacres

MINUTES

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

President Lisa Tropepe called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m. Kristen Puhalainen called the roll and a quorum was attained.

Board members present were: Lisa Tropepe, Todd Wodraska, Martha Webster, Mo Thornton (*arrived 10:32*), Bill Manuel, Jerry Beavers, Scott Maxwell, Bill Thrasher, Steve Wilson (*arrived 10:10*), David Harden, David Levy, Dawn Pardo, Matt Willhite, Woodrow Hay, Calvin Turnquest, and Robert Shalhoub. **Absent was:** Mike Mullaugh.

Past presidents in attendance were Isaac Robinson, Jr., David Stewart, Susan Haynie, Bill Moss, and Dr. Carmine Priore.

Also in attendance were Executive Director Richard Radcliffe; Palm Springs Mayor Pro Tem Joni Brinkman; Highland Beach Mayor Bernard Featherman; Lake Clarke Shores Vice Mayor Valentin Rodriguez, Jr.; Town Manager Michael Bornstein, Lantana;; Murray Kalish, Joe Walsh, Harry Raucher, Mike Baker, Lake Worth Drainage District; Chuck Stoddard; Steve Sigfried; League Counsel Trela White and Brad Biggs, Esq., Corbett and White; and League staff Kristen Puhalainen and Je'Riise Hansen.

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

Motion and second to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Approval of Board Meeting Minutes

a. Minutes of the Board Meeting, August 24, 2011

Motion and second to approve the minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting on August 24, 2011. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Financial Reports

Mr. Radcliffe presented the financial report. There was discussion.

Motion and second to accept the monthly financial report. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Scheduled Presentations - None

6. Miscellaneous Business

a. Proposed Changes to Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws

Policy and Procedures Committee Chair Martha Webster explained the proposed changes to the Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws.

Motion by Robert Shalhoub, second by Calvin Turnquest to approve the proposed changes to the Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws.

There was discussion.

By consensus the Board agreed to add wording to the Request for County Appointment form emphasizing the importance of attendance at committee meetings.

Amended motion by Robert Shalhoub, amended second by Calvin Turnquest to include in Article 10 Section 4, that ‘non-voting’ will be added to ‘ex officio members.’

There was discussion.

Second amended motion by Robert Shalhoub, second amended second by Calvin Turnquest to include in Article 7 Section 4, that excused absences shall also include ‘employment mandates’ and ‘religious obligations.’ Motion carried with Todd Wodraska opposed.

b. Appointment to Criminal Justice Commission

President Tropepe said Lake Clarke Shores Councilmember Valentin Rodriguez has applied for reappointment to the committee. Highland Beach Mayor Bernard Featherman has also applied. Both candidates addressed the Board.

Motion by Mo Thornton, second by Dawn Pardo to reappoint Valentin Rodriguez, Jr. to the Criminal Justice Commission. Motion carried with David Levy, Martha Webster and Matt Willhite opposed.

c. Appointment to the Land Development Regulation Advisory Board

President Tropepe reported that former appointee, Palm Springs Mayor Pro Tem Joni Brinkman, has received an opinion from the county attorney’s office that would allow her to serve on LDRAB without a waiver. She has submitted her interest in being reappointed.

Motion by Bill Thrasher, second by Mo Thornton to appoint Palm Springs Mayor Pro Tem Joni Brinkman to the Land Development Regulation Advisory Board. Motion carried unanimously.

7. Committee Reports

a. Education

Committee Chair Martha Webster reported that the YODEL students are seeking donations for conference travel, they’re working on a video project, and planning a public speaking competition.

There will be a meeting of the School Board, League Board and County Commission on November 2nd at the School Board headquarters.

b. Elections

Committee Chair Dr. Priore reported that the committee has agreed on a final agreement and thanked the municipal clerks on the committee and Trela White for making it happen. Also, there is no primary election date yet.

Motion by David Levy, second by Robert Shalhoub to approve the elections agreement.

There was discussion.

Motion carried unanimously.

c. Legislative

Committee Chair Todd Wodraska reported that the committee met to discuss priorities for the 2012 legislative session, which he explained.

There was discussion.

Motion by Todd Wodraska, second by Woodrow Hay to eliminate the first paragraph under “Gambling,” and under “Redistricting” add ‘at least’ to ‘three districts.’

There was discussion.

Motion carried with Bill Manuel opposed.

d. Lobbyist Registration

Mr. Radcliffe reported that the committee is working on the ordinance to enact a countywide lobbyist registration database. If there is no countywide registration program, the issue will go to referendum. It will not be mandatory for cities to participate.

8. Legal Report

Ms. White reported that if the presidential primary is moved to March 8th, which would not allow enough time for ballot machines to be recalibrated for March 13 elections, FS 100.3605 allows municipalities to move their election date and qualification period by Ordinance for one year.

The Broward County Commission term limits case is on appeal to the Florida Supreme Court.

Budgets and budget hearing notices are to be posted on city websites starting October 1st.

The firearm statute takes effect October 1st.

9. Executive Director’s Report

Mr. Radcliffe reported that the League was invited to present at a grand jury follow-up on ethics in Palm Beach County. The League did not attend, but sent a letter.

A Tri-Board meeting with the School Board, League of Cities and County Commission will take place November 2nd. We will have seven participants, who will be chosen at the next meeting. The two main issues on the agenda are concurrency and the IPARC Issues Forum.

The Florida League of Cities' Legislative Action Day is scheduled for January 25, 2012, coinciding with our meeting day. He proposes moving the January meetings to the 18th.

The 2012 Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council appointments will be made next month.

He reported on the availability of insurance for residential pipes between the street and the residence.

10. District Reports – None

11. Member Comments

Mr. Turnquest requested to include on next month's agenda the issue of MSTU for Sheriff service.

12. Meetings Announcements

13. Adjournment - The Board adjourned at 11:44 a.m.