

**Palm Beach County League of Cities
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
Wednesday, April 28, 2010, 12:00 p.m.
Lake Okeechobee Outpost – Pahokee**

MINUTES

1. Call to Order, Invocation, Flag Salute, and Welcome

President Tom Lynch called the meeting to order at 12:23 p.m.

Dave Harden gave the invocation and led the pledge of allegiance.

Pahokee Mayor J.P. Sasser welcomed everyone. He thanked the Lake Okeechobee Outpost, Southern Waste Systems, PNC Bank and the Lake Worth Drainage District for helping with the meeting and lunch. He thanked County staff and the South Florida Water Management District for assistance on various projects in the city. He spoke about the economic developments in the city, including an \$8 million downtown redevelopment project, paid for by the merchants and landowners.

2. Roll Call Cities, VIP and New Member Introductions

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

Cities represented were: Atlantis, Belle Glade, Boca Raton, Boynton Beach, Briny Breezes, Delray Beach, Glen Ridge, Golf, Greenacres, Gulf Stream, Haverhill, Highland Beach, Hypoluxo, Jupiter, Lake Worth, Lantana, Loxahatchee Groves, North Palm Beach, Ocean Ridge, Pahokee, Palm Beach Gardens, Palm Beach Shores, Palm Springs, Riviera Beach, Royal Palm Beach, South Palm Beach, Tequesta, Wellington and West Palm Beach. **Absent were:** Cloud Lake, Juno Beach, Jupiter Inlet Colony, Lake Clarke Shores, Lake Park, Manalapan, Mangonia Park, Palm Beach, and South Bay.

Executive Director Jamie Titcomb recognized County Commissioner Jess Santamaria; Michelle McGovern, aide to U.S. Sen. Bill Nelson; Steve Martino, aide to U.S. Sen. George LeMieux; Stephen Leighton, aide to Congressman Tom Rooney; Jim McGinn, and David Murray, Florida League of Cities; Brad Merriman, Assistant County Administrator Brad Merriman and aide Melissa McKinlay; Assistant County Administrator Vince Bonvento; Jen Mahoney, Tax Collector's Office; Sherri Howard, County Economic Development Director, and Michael Jackson, former aide to Commissioner Santamaria.

Mr. Titcomb invited to the podium Assistant County Administrator Vince Bonvento, who introduced Bill Johnson, the county's new Emergency Management Director. Mr. Johnson told the membership about his background.

3. Additions, Deletions, and Modifications to the Agenda

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

4. Approval of Minutes – General Membership, February 24, 2010

Mr. Titcomb announced that corrections were required to the proposed slate of officers listed in Item 5b.

Motion and second to approve the minutes of the General Membership meeting of February 24, 2010 as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

5. President's Report

a. Board Meeting Report

President Lynch reported that at this morning's meeting, ad hoc Lobbyist Registration Committee reported that they're in meetings with the county, and League counsel will prepare a model ordinance for cities wishing to opt in to the countywide program.

The Transportation Committee gave an update on the proposed changes to the Traffic Performance Standards. The changes were tentatively approved by the Board.

The Board had discussions on League appointments to County boards, and on the proposed Fire Rescue sales tax. There may be a May Board meeting to discuss the sales tax.

He recognized Ms. Tropepe for receiving a Business Leader Media's "2010 Women Extraordinaire" award.

6. Presentations

a. County Commissioner Jess Santamaria

Commissioner Santamaria addressed the group on the county's Ethics Commission and his support of the proposed Fire Rescue sales tax.

b. Presentation of 2010 William A. Cruickshank Scholarships

Scholarship Committee Chair Mo Thornton named the scholarship recipients who weren't able to attend the meeting: Evan Baumel, Wellington Community High School; Angella Chun, Alexander W. Dreyfoos School of the Arts; Frank Plageman, Jupiter High School; Juliana Prieto, Glades Central Community High School; and Taylor Welsh, Park Vista Community High School.

Ms. Thornton introduced the students present, who each addressed the group: Davona Williams, Claire Makley and Samantha Herman, all from Boca Raton Community High School.

Ms. Thornton encouraged others to volunteer for the Scholarship Committee.

7. Miscellaneous Business, and Board Updates & Actions

a. Ratification of 2010 – 2011 Board of Directors Slate

President Lynch read the proposed slate:

President: Commissioner Isaac Robinson Jr., West Palm Beach; **1st Vice President:** Commissioner Lisa Tropepe, Palm Beach Shores; **2nd Vice President:** Councilor Todd Wodraska, Jupiter; **Secretary/Treasurer:** Mo Thornton, Manager, Atlantis; **District 1:** Mayor Bill Manuel, North Palm Beach; **District 2:** Vice Mayor Martha Webster, Royal Palm Beach; **District 3:** Commissioner Scott Maxwell, Lake Worth; **District 4:** Bill Thrasher, Manager, Gulf Stream; **District 5:** Commissioner Steve Wilson, Belle Glade; **Large City Representatives:**

David Harden, Manager, Delray Beach; Vice Mayor David Levy, Palm Beach Gardens; Council Chair Dawn Pardo, Riviera Beach; Councilmember Mike Mullaugh, Boca Raton; Councilmember Matt Willhite, Wellington; Commissioner Woodrow Hay, Boynton Beach; **At Large Representatives:** Mayor James Newill, Highland Beach; Councilmember Calvin Turnquest, Tequesta.

He called for nominations from the floor; there were none.

Motion and second to close the nominations and approve the slate as proposed. Motion carried unanimously.

b. Ratification of Appointment to Land Development Regulation Advisory Board

President Lynch reported that this was continued to the next meeting, as the League works with the County on the issue of potential conflicts.

8. Legal Report

Ms. White reported that she is working on getting answers to the cities' questions on the Fire Rescue surtax.

Red light camera legislation has passed and has been sent to the Governor. The legislation designates the cameras as approved traffic control devices, sets a \$158 fine, and prevents vendors from getting a per ticket cut of the fine.

9. Executive Director's Report

Mr. Titcomb reported that House Bill 325, the red light camera legislation referenced by Ms. White, is supported by the county. He urged the affected cities to read it carefully.

The annual installation luncheon will be Friday, May 28th at the West Palm Beach Marriott. The League is seeking sponsors, and challenging all cities to buy a table for the event.

10. Member Comments – None

11. Upcoming Meetings - *Announced*

12. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 1:10 p.m.