

**Treasure Coast Regional League of Cities
November 18, 2015, 10:30 am
Hilton Garden Inn, Port St. Lucie**

Board members Present: Mayor Richard Gillmor, Mayor Joel Tyson, President Ann Kagdis, Commission Tom Campenni, Councilman Robert Gibbons, Commissioner Vinny Barile, Mayor Jay Kramer. Mayor Gregory Oravec, Councilman Tom Slater, Council Dowling Watford, Mayor Linda Hudson and Alderman Ingrid Van Hekken

Also present: Alternate Linda Bartz and Alternated Earlene Cairenes

Meeting called to order at 10:35 by President Richard Gillmor. The Pledge was led by President Gillmor and Invocation by Board Member Watford.

Self - Introduction of members, guest and Associate Members.

Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Board Member Tyson and seconded by Vice Chairman Hudson to approve the consent agenda. There was no discussion. Motion was approved unanimously.

President's Report

President Gillmor spoke about the Mini Grant Program available to the Member Cities. He reminded everyone that the program was still available to those cities/towns that hadn't applied or produced a civics program in their community.

Commissioners Barile and Campenni spoke briefly about their partnership of Sewall's Point and the City of Stuart in working with the local middle school, and would update the board in January on the outcome.

President Gillmor update the Board on the Indian River Lagoon Council and the seat that he would be filling, representing the cities/towns in Indian River County, in place of the County, itself, holding the seat.

Nominating Committee

Board Member Joel Tyson reported that the Nominating Committee met at Marsh Landing. Tom Slater and Linda Bartz were also present with Executive Director Christensen. He stated that the committee had agreed to keep the existing Board positions in place for an additional year.

There was some discussion on whether there should be term. By consensus, it was agreed that the Bylaw Committee would review the Bylaws and make a recommendation. Election will be in January.

Joel announced the slate as:

Richard Gillmor for President
Linda Hudson for Vice Present
Ingrid Van Hekken for Secretary
Dowling Watford for Treasure for one final year

There was also discussion that the Bylaw committee would also address the position of Treasure to transfer some duties to the Executive Director effective the next budget year.

Guest Speaker

Duane DeFreese spoke to update the Board on the progresses mad on the Indian River Lagoon Council. He took over the position of Executive Director on October 1.

Resolutions

Resolution R2015-006, Off Shore Sand- Presented by Board Member Kagdis.

Motion to approve the resolution by Board Member Tom Campenni, seconding by Vice Chairman Linda Hudson. There was a brief discussion from members. President Gillmor called the vote, which passed unanimously.

New Business

- a. **Treasure Coast Regional League of Cities Priorities:** Executive Director Christensen reminded the members that if their cities/towns had issues that they were working on with the Legislature, to forward all information to her for the Advocacy Team to work on when they went to Tallahassee.
- b. **Florida League of Cities Conference and TC Advocacy Tem Trio to Tallahassee:** Executive Director Christensen reminded the members of the two trips to Tallahassee during the upcoming legislative session. The FLC trip in Feb. 2 & 3. The Advocacy Team is going January 19-21 and will coincide with the Research Coast Legislative Conference, made by the three chambers of commerce and the business community.
- c. **Ethics Class:** Executive Director Christensen asked the board if they wanted her to organize another Ethics Class for the 2016 year. After a brief discussion, the consensus was to organize on class, central to the elected officials in the Treasure Coast region, rather than two classes. It was agreed that April would be a good time to hold the class.
- d. **January Meeting Date – January 20:** Since the January 20 date would coincide with the next meeting, it was agreed by consensus to hold our next meeting on January 27.
- e. **Permanent Location for TCRLC Meetings:** Executive Director Christensen shared the interest of the Hilton Gardens Inn to do a trade out for membership in lieu of using their conference/banquet room for meetings 5 times per year. After a lengthy discussion, the consensus was to continue to hold the meetings in different locations each meeting month, with the exception of July, which is always in Okeechobee.

Committee Reports

Florida League of Cities: Board Member Kagdis again spoke briefly on the FLC Priorities

Treasure Coast Advocacy Team: Commissioner Campenni didn't have anything to update on the Advocacy Team, however updated the Board on his trip to Washington, D.C. with the FAST from Florida League of Cities.

Treasure Coast Council of Local Government: Board Member Tyson reported on the Bill in the House sponsored by Rep. Caudwell, which was discussed during the Local Government meeting.

Executive Director's Report Executive Director Christensen reported that past due notices have gone out for Associate Members, and a few Associate Members are considering not renewing.

She also passed out flyers from FLC University and the upcoming classes being offered.


Board Announcements were made.

Associate Member Announcements were made.

Public Comment – None

Adjourn for Lunch at 12:05

Respectfully Submitted



Secretary Ingrid Van Hekken

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