

**Treasure Coast Regional League of Cities
Minutes – May 21, 2025
Boat House, Stuart, FL
Board and Lunch Meeting**

Board Members attending: Mayor Linda Hudson, Mayor Karen Ostrand, Councilman David McAuley, Mayor Penny Townsend, Commissioner Kaija Mayfield, Mayor Ed Dodd, Councilman David Pickett, (alternate for Vice Mayor Jolien Caraballo), Councilman William Dane, Mayor Campbell Rich and Alderwoman Ingrid Van Hekken

Absent: Mayor Robert Gibbons, Councilwoman Shayla Macias, Councilman John Carroll and Vice Mayor Jolien Caraballo.

Others Present: See attendance list of other attendees and guests.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by President Ed Dodd at 11:15 a.m.

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance: President Hudson led the pledge, and the invocation led by Mayor Watford.

Self-Introduction of Board Members, Alternate Members and Guests President Hudson asked for a self-introduction of members and guests.

Additions and deletions to the agenda: None

Approval of the Agenda: Mayor Rich made a motion to approve the agenda, and Councilman McAuley seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Consent Agenda:

- a. Approval of the Minutes for March 2025
- b. Approval of Treasurer's Report for March and April 2025

Motion to approve the consent agenda was made by Councilman Dodd, seconded by Councilman Pickett. passed unanimously.

President's Report: Mayor Hudson mentioned that SB 102 was becoming a bigger issue. There was discussion among the members.

Presentations: Mr. Paul Gray from Audubon gave a detailed presentation on Lake Okeechobee.

New Business

- a. **Report for Nominating Committee-** A report was given by Councilman Ed Dodd, Chair of the Nominating Committee that the committee met and after discussion made the recommendation that Mayor Campbell Rich, who is incoming President represent the Treasure Coast on the District 9 seat of the Florida League of Cities.

Councilman Dodd made a motion to recommend Mayor Rich. Alderwoman Van Hekken seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

- b. **Scholarship Committee** – Mayor Hudson reported the Scholarship Committee met via Zoom and they reviewed many applications. They made the recommendation to award the scholarship to Correll Brown for the Ag/Vocational/Technical Scholarship, and Lenita Evans for the Public Administration Scholarship.

- c. **Introduction of the Scholarship Recipients** – Mayor Hudson introduced Sherri Monds, from Indian River College Foundation who introduced Lenita Evans the recipient of the Public Administration Scholarship. Ms. Evans spoke about how she wanted to finish school to become a County Administrator.

Old Business

- a. **Housing Accelerator Task Force Update** – Vice Mayor Caraballo was not present. Executive Director Christensen reported that a virtual meeting took place, and the members were given the National League of Cities documentation to review for the next meeting. There will be meetings every other week for several months.
- b. **IEMO Reimbursement Program** – Exec. Director Christensen presented the updated reimbursement program that was discussed during the April meeting. The request form for reimbursement was included for review. There was no further discussion and the changes to the program had been approved in April. No further action was needed.
- c. **Greg Langowski** – Mr. Langowski made a presentation introducing himself as a candidate for 2nd Vice President for Florida League of Cities. After the presentation was complete a motion was made by Councilman McCauley to send a letter of recommendation to the Nominating Committee for Florida League of Cities. The second was made by Mayor Ostrand. Motion passed 9-0 with Mayor Rich abstained due to his position on the FLC Nominating Committee.

Executive Director Report – Exec. Director Christensen encouraged members to register for Policy Committees. The applications will be out soon. She also reminded everyone about the upcoming FLC Conference in August. There was brief discussion on the House Select Committee on Taxes Relief.

The meeting was recessed for lunch at 12.15 pm.

Submitted by,

Commissioner Kaija Mayfield
Secretary