

Wednesday, October 9, 2024 | 9:30 a.m.

How to Attend:

In Person: Okeechobee County Historic Courthouse
 “Judge William L. Hendry Courtroom” – County Commission Chambers
 304 NW 2nd Street, Okeechobee, FL 34972

An optional tour of the Lake Okeechobee S-191 Basin Surface Runoff Phosphorus Removal Project will immediately follow the Council Meeting with an estimated start time of 11:30 am, and anticipated end time of 12:30 pm.

Call To Order – Chair Nathaniel J. Birdsong, Jr.

- Invocation
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Roll Call
- Announcements

1) Opportunity for Public Comments

2) Council Administration

- A) Approval of Minutes
- B) August 2024 Financial Report

Actions Requested:	Approval by Council
Exhibits:	#2A: August 7, 2024 Council Meeting Minutes #2B: August 2024 Financial Report

3) Okeechobee County Activities Report

Deborah Manzo, Okeechobee County Administrator, has been invited to update the Council on current activities in Okeechobee County.

Actions Requested:	Information Only
Exhibits:	None

4) City of Okeechobee Activities Report

Gary Ritter, City of Okeechobee Administrator, has been invited to update the Council on current activities in the City of Okeechobee.

Actions Requested:	Information Only
Exhibits:	None

5) South Florida Water Management District

A representative from the South Florida Water Management District will provide an update on current SFWMD projects including the Lake Okeechobee S-191 Basin Surface Runoff Phosphorus Removal Project. A tour of this project will immediately follow the Council Meeting.

Actions Requested:	Information Only
Exhibits:	None

6) Adoption of the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) 2024 Update

The CFRPC serves as the Economic Development District for the Central Florida Region, as designated by the US Economic Development Administration (EDA). One role of the EDD is to develop and maintain the five-year Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) for the region, including updating the CEDS annually. The annual update to the CEDS has been drafted and is presented for Council approval.

Actions Requested:	Adopt 2024 CEDS update and approve for publishing and transmitting to EDA.
Exhibits:	#6: 2024 Supplemental Update of the CEDS

7) U.S. Economic Development Administration Disaster Supplemental Grant

The CFRPC has been awarded the US Economic Development Administration 2023 Disaster Supplemental Grant for a multi-jurisdictional transportation corridor study. Staff requests authorization to execute the agreement and administer this grant.

Actions Requested:	Approve Resolution 2024-10A authorizing Executive Director to execute agreement and administer EDA Grant
Exhibits:	#7: Resolution 2024-10A

8) Title VI/Nondiscrimination Plan

Staff recommends updating the CFRPC Title VI/Nondiscrimination Plan adopted in December 2018. The plan includes the Title VI/Nondiscrimination policy, as well as other elements to meet the requirements of the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), the Federal Transit Administration (FTA), and other federal agencies.

Actions Requested:	Adopt CFRPC Title VI/Nondiscrimination Plan Update
Exhibits:	#8: CFRPC Title VI/Nondiscrimination Plan Update

9) Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Grant Applications

Each year the Council submits requests to the Florida Department of Transportation for FTA funding. The annual grant applications for operating and capital support the Transportation Disadvantaged Program, rural transit services and mobility management programs in DeSoto, Hardee, Highlands, and Okeechobee counties.

Actions Requested:	Adopt Resolution 2024-10B
Exhibits:	#9: Resolution 2024-10B covering FTA 5310, 5311, and 5339 Grant Programs

10) Report on the Florida Regional Councils Association (FRCA) August Policy Board Meeting

The Executive Director and Policy Board Members will report on the FRCA Policy Board meeting which was held in August in Pinellas Park.

Actions Requested:	Information Only
Exhibits:	None

11) Appoint Committee to Nominate Council Officers for 2025

The Council Chair will appoint a committee to nominate officers of the Council for 2025. The election will take place at the December 11, 2024, Council Meeting.

Actions Requested:	Chair to Appoint Nominating Committee
Exhibits:	None

12) 2025 Holiday Schedule

The 2025 Holiday Schedule will be presented for Council approval.

Actions Requested:	Approval of 2025 Holiday Schedule
Exhibits:	#12: Proposed 2025 Holiday Schedule

13) Executive Director’s Annual Performance Evaluation

The Council is responsible for conducting an annual evaluation of the Executive Director’s performance over the past year. The link to the Evaluation has been sent to each Council Member via email. A summary of the evaluation results will be presented.

Actions Requested:	Approve Evaluation
Exhibits:	None

14) Executive Director’s Report

The Executive Director will report on Florida Regional Councils Association (FRCA) activities, and Council programs.

Actions Requested:	Information Only
Exhibits:	#14: FRCA Monthly Activities Report

15) Next Meeting and Other Business

A) Next Meeting: December 11, 2024 at 9:30 AM
SunTrax, 100 Transformation Way, Auburndale, FL 33823
(SunTrax facility tour will immediately follow the meeting)

B) Other Business

16) Adjourn to Optional Tour of the Lake Okeechobee S-191 Basin Surface Runoff Phosphorus Removal Project

If any person decides to appeal any decision made by the Board with respect to any matter considered at this meeting or hearing, he/she will need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceeding is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence from which the appeal is to be issued.

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