



**Roundtable of Volusia County Elected Officials
May 9, 2016
MEETING MINUTES**

CALL TO ORDER - 12 p.m.

Dennis McGee room of Daytona Beach International Airport, 800 Catalina Drive, Daytona Beach, Florida.

Those attending included the following Roundtable members: Chairman Bob Apgar, DeLand Mayor; Vice-Chairman John Penny, Holly Hill Mayor; Volusia County Chair Jason Davis; New Smyrna Beach Mayor James Hathaway; Ormond Beach Mayor Ed Kelley; Pierson Mayor James Sowell; Deltona Mayor John Masiarczyk; Orange City Mayor Tom Laputka; Ponce Inlet Council Member Lois Paritsky; DeBary Vice-Mayor Lita Handy-Peters; Edgewater Mayor Michael Ignasiak; Daytona Beach City Commissioner Paula Reed; South Daytona Mayor George Locke, III; Oak Hill Mayor Douglas Gibson; Port Orange Mayor Allen Green; Deltona Mayor John Masiarczyk; and Daytona Beach Shores Mayor Harry Jennings.

Others attending included Kelli McGee, Volusia County Growth and Resource Management Department Director; Brad Blais, Quentin L. Hampton Associates; James Dinneen, Volusia County Manager; George Recktenwald, Volusia County Deputy Manager; Doug Daniels, Volusia County Council Member; Joyce Shanahan, Ormond Beach City Manager; Nancy Christman, St. Johns River Water Management District (SJRWMD) Intergovernmental Coordinator; Ann Benedetti, SJRWMD Intergovernmental Coordinator; Jim Cameron, Daytona Beach Regional Chamber of Commerce Senior Vice-President of Government Relations; Dr. Willie Kimmons; Dave Brannon; Wendall Bradford; Heather Post; Al Smith; Cindy Finney, County Manager's Office; and Jeff Crumbley, Volusia County Community Information. Taking minutes was Debbie Kelley with the County Manager's Office.

WELCOME

Roundtable Chairman Bob Apgar welcomed those attending. Everyone introduced themselves, then stood to say the Pledge of Allegiance.

DISCUSSION

Mayor Apgar provided updates from the latest Florida League of Mayors conference that was held the previous weekend. He encouraged all mayors to attend the 2017 conference.

Port Orange Mayor Allen Green, the Roundtable's Water Subcommittee

Chairman, provided information from a recent meeting. He introduced Brad Blais with Quentin L. Hampton Associates, who had been invited to speak on water issues.

Mr. Blais spoke about the Volusia County Water Summit held at Stetson University on April 30, funding from the St Johns River Water Management District (SJRWMD), and federal funding initiatives. Some ways that would improve water quality included the removal of septic tanks, surface water adjustments and targeting where water was discharged. Water interconnects and reclaimed water connections were important. He noted the issues, concerns and possible funding for the Indian River Lagoon, Blue Spring, and the St. Johns and Halifax rivers.

Kelli McGee, Volusia County Growth and Resource Management Department Director, spoke about the 2014 matrix of water projects created by Volusia County; various funding initiatives available for water quality improvement, such as the Clean Water Act; the National Estuary Program, Amendment One funding, Volusia Forever, and the proposed *Volusia Governments Water Resource Compact*. She gave information on the Indian River Lagoon, Mosquito Lagoon, and a trip to Washington, D.C. by the County Chair and staff to meet with federal elected leaders.

A lengthy discussion ensued among many Roundtable members regarding water issues and concerns and the need for municipalities to work together. There was a consensus among the members that the Roundtable group should take charge of the proposed *Volusia Governments Water Resource Compact*.

There was no report from the Beach Driving Subcommittee.

Vice-Chairman John Penny, Holly Hill Mayor, gave the updates from the Homelessness Subcommittee. He discussed the *Progress toward Ending Homelessness: A Report from the Commission on Homelessness* and *Point in Time: Sheltered and Unsheltered Count* handouts that had been provided to each Roundtable member. A public awareness campaign would begin in the near future.

A question and answer session among Roundtable members followed. Mayor Masiarczyk suggested municipal or county employees ride with Salvation Army representatives when the *Point in Time* study was done.

Mayor Apgar said the City of DeLand was hosting a comprehensive workshop on homelessness at DeLand City Hall on May 23.

Mayor Hathaway said he thought a better tracking process was needed. Residents should be informed about the commitment by Volusia cities to helping the homeless.

There was no report from the Transportation Subcommittee.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Michael Pastore said he thought it was taking too long for help to be provided to the homeless community.

Jim Cameron, Daytona Beach Regional Chamber of Commerce Senior Vice-President of Government Relations, spoke about the Indian River Lagoon and Amendment One funding.

CLOSING COMMENTS

Mayor Laputka said the water presentation was very informative and timely.

Mayor Green spoke about Port Orange inclusiveness.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:54 p.m.