In Attendance:

**County Representatives:**
Commissioner Jim Barfield, Brevard County
Commissioner Bryan Nelson, Orange County
Commissioner Lee Constantine, Seminole County
Commissioner Garry Breeden, Sumter County

**Municipal Representatives:**
Mayor Gary Bruhn, Tri-County League of Cities (Town of Windermere)
Mayor David Mealor, Tri-County League of Cities (City of Lake Mary)

**Gubernatorial Appointees:**
Mr. John Lesman, Seminole County

**Ex-Officio Members:**
Ms. Judy Pizzo for Ms. Heather Garcia, Florida Department of Transportation
Mr. Aaron Watkins for Mr. Jeff Prather, Florida Department of Environmental Protection
Mr. Russell Gibson, City of Sanford

**Other Attendees:**
Mr. Rocky Randels, Space Coast League of Cities
Mr. Pedro Leon, Volusia County Economic Development
Ms. Virginia Oros, Department of Environmental Protection and Wekiva Wild and Scenic Advisory Management Committee
Dr. Daniel Smith, University of Central Florida
Ms. Beth Kirkland, BRPH
Mr. David Bottomley, Orange County

**Members not in Attendance:**
Commissioner Andy Anderson, Brevard County
Commissioner Welton Cadwell, Lake County
Commissioner Sean Parks, Lake County
Commissioner Scott Boyd, Orange County
Commissioner Cheryl Grieb, Osceola County
Commissioner Viviana Janer, Osceola County
Commissioner John Horan, Seminole County
Commissioner Don Burgess, Sumter County
County Chair Jason Davis, Volusia County
Councilwoman Joyce Cusack, Volusia County
Commissioner Patty Sheehan, City of Orlando
Commissioner Michael Holland, Lake County League of Cities (City of Eustis)
I. Call to Order and General Business

Commissioner Constantine called the meeting to order at 10:14 a.m. Ms. Pegge Parker called the roll and announced a quorum was present. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Constantine.

II. Consent Agenda

- Commissioner Constantine asked if there were any discussions, deletions or additions to the first five attachments which include: September 2015 Council Meeting minutes, August and September 2015 Financial Reports, Current Assets/Liabilities; FY2015 Year End Budget Adjust; and, the Memorandum of Understanding for the Brownfields Assessment Grant between ECFRPC, the City of DeBary and the City of Longwood. As there were no objections, Commissioner Breeden made a motion to approve all the attachments. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lesman, voted on and passed.

III. Public Comments

- There were no public comments.

IV. Personnel Leave Policy and Payout – Hugh Harling

- The changes to the Personnel Leave Policy were reviewed. They include:
  - As of September 30, 2015, employees with more than 225 hours will be paid down to 225 hours by the end of FY 2016;
  - a new breakdown for years of employment and how many days will be earned;
  - the maximum number of 225 hours can be accrued and carried over to the next year; any unused hours over 225 not used will be forfeited;
  - the maximum payout to an employee who resigns or retires is 225 hours;
  - an employee who terminates cannot be paid for accrued paid leave time prior to completion of twelve continuous months.
  - The Pay-out schedule details payout for two employees who have accumulated more than 225 hours to be completed by 9/30/2016.
Mr. Lesman asked if these changes are in line with the other Counties and RPCs. Commissioner Constantine explained that much research had gone into checking with the others and the committee now feels they are in line with the others.

Commissioner Breeden made a motion to recommend approval of the new Personnel Leave Policy and Payout. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Nelson, voted on and passed.

V. FDOT Freight Prioritization – Mr. Ryan Marks, FDOT District 5, District Freight Coordinator

Mr. Marks discussed the FDOT Freight Prioritization Tool that FDOT D5 will be developing and make available on a public facing platform. Mr. David Bottomley asked if the Freight Tool would include rail. Mr. Marks responded that the tool would look at rail freight.

VI. Satellite Beach Coastal Resiliency – Ms. Tara McCue

Ms. McCue provided an overview of the Department of Environmental Protection CPI grant project that occurred from July 2014 – June 2015 in the City of Satellite Beach. The project focused on vulnerabilities; public outreach and input; and, policy development.

Ms. Parker will send a link to this presentation on the ECFRPC website to the Council members.

VII. Executive Director’s Report

- FRCA Update – Mr. Harling discussed the FRCA Path Forward Committee.
- Projects and Activities – Mr. Harling provided an overview on current, ongoing and prospective projects and activities for September and October 2015. A handout was provided with more specific information for each of these projects.
- UASI/MSA Combination Update: Mr. Harling explained that we have received Support Letters or Resolutions from 41 representatives, including the ECFRPC, and that as per the last Council meeting, letters were received from the Volusia and Brevard Sheriff’s Offices as well as:
  - Space Coast League of Cities and Treasure Coast League of Cities;
  - Four Sheriff’s Offices (Brevard, Volusia, Lake, Osceola);
  - Eight Police Departments (Casselberry, Indian Harbour Beach, Jupiter, Lake Mary, Orlando, Sewall’s Point, Windermere, Winter Garden);
  - Thirteen Fire Departments (South Daytona, Orange City, Port Orange, Winter Park, Maitland, Ocoee, Orange County, Volusia County, Orlando, Seminole County, Orange County, Sanford, Lake County);
  - Three Emergency Management facilities (Seminole County, Orange County, Brevard County EM and County Government);
  - Volusia County Fire Chiefs Association;
  - Central Florida Fire Chiefs Association;
  - And Senator Nelson; Representative Corrine Brown; Cape Canaveral Mayor Randels; Orlando Mayor Dyer; Volusia County Manager; the Town of Grant-Valkaria; Town of Palm Shores, and Town of Indialantic.
- Indian River Lagoon BMAP Letter – Mr. Harling shared, as a handout, the thank you letter received from Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council, and its attachment from the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, regarding producing the Regional BMAP Assessment for the Indian River Lagoon with the ECFRPC.
EDA Grant – Florida Institute of Technology – The Florida Institute of Technology in Brevard County was recently awarded a $1.4 million grant by the U.S. Economic Development Administration (EDA). EDA Public Works and Economic Adjustment Assistance grants are only available to communities that have a Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS). As the region’s Economic Development District and keeper of the CEDS, the East Central Florida Regional Planning Council supports economic diversification efforts and provides technical assistance to local governments and other organizations. This grant will help to launch the Center for Advanced Manufacturing and Innovative Design (CAMID) in Palm Bay, which will assist corporate clients and students by providing access to the latest manufacturing technologies.

VIII. Chair’s Report

- **2016 Council Meetings Schedule** – Commissioner Constantine stated that Executive Meetings will be held prior to the Council meetings on the same days but with additional meetings added, if needed.

- **Nomination for Council Representative for Wekiva Wild and Scenic River System Committee** – Commissioner Constantine was nominated by Commissioner Breeden as the ECFRPC Council Representative for the position vacated by Commissioner Brummer. Commissioner Nelson will serve as back-up representative for Commissioner Constantine. The nomination was seconded by Mayor Bruhn. A vote was taken and passed unanimously.

- **Mayor Rocky Randels Retirement** – Commissioner Constantine presented a plaque to Mayor Randels in appreciation for his service to the Executive Committee and the Council.

IX. Florida Black Bear Movement Study Update – Ms. Virginia Oros, Department of Environmental Protection, Wekiva River System Advisory Management Committee and Dr. Daniel Smith, University of Central Florida

Ms. Oros showed a short video based on a bear’s point of view as it travels through the Wekiva River Basin area by way of a video collar attached to the bear. The video shows clips of the bear and its cubs playing, feeding on vegetation and entering local neighborhoods to get to trashcans. The video shows how the bear moves on when they are not able to open bear resistant trash containers to open trashcans with garbage bags.

Dr. Smith answered questions and supplied a handout: “Evaluating Movement and Behavior of Florida black bears in the urbanized perimeter areas adjacent to the Wekiva National Wild and Scenic River System: A Pilot Study”.

X. Brief County Updates – County Representatives

- Brevard County – Commissioner Barfield stated that this will be his last Council meeting as he has become the Chair of the Board of County Commissioners but will make sure there is a replacement.

- Orange County – Commissioner Nelson discussed the county is working to forward a project which will work to address septic tanks in the county retrofits.
• Seminole County – Commissioner Constantine discussed the approval of zoning permits by the Seminole County Board of Commissioners for Legacy Pointe at UCF, a continuing care retirement community.
• Sumter County – no updates

XI. **Announcements/Public Comments**

• There were no announcements or additional Public Comments.

XII. **Adjournment**

There being no further business before the Council, Commissioner Constantine adjourned the meeting at 11:55 a.m.