In Attendance:

**County Representatives:**
- Commissioner Jim Barfield, Brevard County
- Commissioner Sean Parks, Lake County
- Commissioner Emily Bonilla, Orange County
- Commissioner Bryan Nelson, Orange County
- Commissioner Cheryl Grieb, Osceola County
- Commissioner Lee Constantine, Seminole County
- Commissioner John Horan, Seminole County
- Commissioner Don Burgess, Sumter County
- Councilwoman Deborah Denys, Volusia County
- Councilwoman Billie Wheeler, Volusia County

**Municipal Representatives:**
- Mayor Gary Bruhn, Tri-County League of Cities (Town of Windermere)
- Commissioner Jim Fisher, Tri-County League of Cities (City of Kissimmee)
- Mayor David Mealor, Tri-County League of Cities (City of Lake Mary)
- Vice Mayor Leigh Matusick, Volusia County League of Cities (City of DeLand)
- Deputy Mayor Stuart Glass, Space Coast League of Cities (City of Indialantic)

**Gubernatorial Appointees:**
- Mr. Jose A. Rivas, Orange County
- Mr. John Lesman, Seminole County

**Ex-Officio Members:**
- Ms. Lisa Kelley for Ms. Nancy Christman, St. Johns River Water Management District
- Mr. William Graf, South Florida Water Management District
- Ms. Laura Kelley, Central Florida Expressway Authority (CFX)

**Other Attendees:**
- Ms. Jamie Boerger, Orange County
- Mr. Tim McClendon, Lake County
- Ms. Arlene Smith, Volusia County

**Members not in Attendance:**
- Commissioner Kristine Isnardi, Brevard County
- Commissioner Josh Blake, Lake County
- Commissioner Viviana Janer, Osceola County
- Commissioner Garry Breeden, Sumter County
- Commissioner Patty Sheehan, City of Orlando
- Ms. Heather Garcia, Florida Department of Transportation
- Mr. Jeff Prather, Florida Department of Environmental Protection
- Mr. Russell Gibson, City of Sanford
ECFRPC Staff in Attendance:
Attorney Jerry Livingston  Mr. Hugh Harling, Jr.
Mr. PJ Smith Ms. Lelia Hars
Mr. Luis Nieves-Ruiz Ms. Pegge Parker
Ms. Tara McCue Mr. Rick Stilp

I. Call to Order and General Business
Commissioner Constantine called the meeting to order at 10:08 a.m. Ms. Pegge Parker called the roll and announced a quorum was present. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Bruhn.

Mayor Bruhn discussed the election in Windermere.

II. Consent Agenda
- January 2017 Council Meeting Minutes: Commissioner Constantine asked if there were any discussions, deletions or additions to the minutes. There was one change requested by Councilwoman Wheeler to correct her title from Councilman to Councilwoman. With this one change, Mayor Bruhn made a motion to approve the minutes and Vice Mayor Matusick seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion to approve the minutes passed unanimously.
- Financial Reports: Mr. Harling discussed the Financial Reports for December 2016 and January 2017 which includes the financial forecast for February 2017. Mayor Bruhn made a motion to accept the Financial Reports for December 2016/January 2017 for informational purposes. Since a vote to approve was not taken at the last meeting in January 2017, Commissioner Constantine asked that this current motion include those financial reports for October 2016/November 2016 as well. Mayor Bruhn agreed and amended his motion to include all and Councilwoman Denys seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion to approve passed unanimously.

III. Public Comments – There were no public comments at this time.

IV. Nomination Recommendations
- Executive Committee: Commissioner Constantine explained that at the preceding Executive Committee meeting, there were only two Board members present, himself and Vice Mayor Matusick, with the third board member not attending but there was a majority for the Nominating Committee so they were able to recommend for the two vacant positions on the Executive Board as well as for the FRCA Policy Committee Member representatives.
- Vice Mayor Matusick explained the recommendations for the Executive Board: Commissioner Lee Constantine, Chair; Vice Mayor Leigh Matusick, Vice Chair and move Commissioner Garry Breeden up to Secretary. They recommend nominating Commissioner Jim Barfield of Brevard County to Treasurer and Mr. John Lesman, Seminole County Gubernatorial Appointee, to At Large since there was not a past Chairman who would typically fill the At Large position. A motion was made to approve the recommendations by Mayor Bruhn and seconded by Commissioner Grieb. A vote was taken and the motion to approve passed unanimously.
• FRCA Policy Committee Member Appointments: Commissioner Constantine explained the recommendations to fill the two vacant positions to be Vice Mayor Matusick and Mr. John Lesman. A motion was made to approve the recommendations by Mayor Bruhn and seconded by Councilwoman Wheeler. A vote was taken and the motion to approve passed unanimously.
• Vice Mayor Matusick explained that this would be only until the election of the new Board in October.

V. Emergency Management Project Presentation – Rick Stilp, ECFRPC

Mr. Stilp gave an overview of last years’ Emergency Management projects, as well as current and upcoming projects that the Staff has been working on since the beginning of the year. This years’ projects included the 5th Annual Florida Hazardous Materials Training Symposium with 287 total registrants, up 12% from the previous year’s Symposium, which included 51 training sessions over a 3-1/2 day period; Exercises for: Brevard/Volusia Counties – Wildland Fire/Large Animal Rescue; Lake, Orange, Osceola and Seminole Counties – Regional Mass Casualty Full Scale Exercise; Kissimmee Gateway Airport – Command and Control Functional Exercise; and, Sumter County – Hurricane Emergency Operations Center Functional Exercise. These simulated exercises prepare for very similar events that happen throughout Florida for the protection of their residents and visitors.

VI. Osceola County – Commissioner Cheryl Grieb/Ms. Tawny Olore

• Ms. Tawny Olore, Executive Director of Transportation and Transit, gave an update on SunRail and Phase 2 South of the SunRail project. Her overview included current ridership trends and average daily ridership statistics, as well as construction updates on the Tupperware and Poinciana Station, and the Kissimmee Station.
• Commissioner Grieb gave an update on NeoCity, Osceola County’s 500-acre tech campus. On April 13, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. there will be the Grand Opening of one of the projects, the new 109,000sf BRIDG (Bridging the Innovation Development Gap) facility that has been in construction since 2014 and specializes in smart sensors and imagers research and development. This project was originally named the International Consortium for Advanced Manufacturing Research. Over a 10-year period, it is anticipated 4,000-5,000 high-tech jobs will be created with another 12,000-20,000 jobs projected to support those efforts. Commissioner Grieb also discussed the partnerships and the role of local government involvement. There was a request for an invitation to the Grand Opening. The Commissioner will send the information to the ECFRPC to be forwarded to the Council.

VII. Planning Director’s Report – Tara McCue

• ECFRPC 2016 Annual Report: Ms. McCue gave an overview of last year’s Annual Report which includes highlights of projects and programs the Staff has facilitated, completed or assisted with during the year. Some of the areas of planning include Community Development, Emergency Preparedness, Coastal Resiliency, Economic Development and Transportation. The report concludes with ongoing Programs and Projects that will continue into 2017 as well as new Programs and Projects scheduled to start in 2017.
• Commissioner Constantine stated it was a great presentation showing a wide example of the different types of projects the ECFRPC has created or assisted with over the last year. Vice Mayor Matusick agreed and recently invited the Executive Director to the Volusia County League of Cities dinner to do a presentation and to show the cities what the ECFRPC can do for them. She suggested this might be something the other counties might consider.
• Projects and Activities: Ms. McCue gave an overview on current, ongoing and prospective projects and activities for January and February 2017. A handout was provided with more specific information for each of these projects.

VIII. Executive Director’s Report

• FRCA Update: Mr. Harling discussed the FRCA monthly meetings of the ten RPCs. Two key items discussed at the last meeting were the dollars going to hurricane damaged areas, specifically for Hurricane Matthew and Hermine and the St. Johns County area, as well as the Volkswagen settlement dollars and how that money will be distributed throughout Florida. FRCA has also completed their FRCA 2015-2016 Annual Report which is included as a handout and which will be added to our website with a link to the site emailed to the Council for their use and distribution.
• Office Tour/Open House after Meeting: Commissioner Constantine invited the Council and members of the public to attend an Open House in the ECFRPC offices on the fourth floor following this meeting.

IX. Chair’s Report

• Legislative Update: Commissioner Constantine discussed the current situation with the legislature. Discussions occurred on: the Senate Joint Resolution for an additional $25,000 homestead; the House trend of taking away Home Rule, for example vacation rentals; House Bill 17 – the telecommunications bill.

X. Brief County Updates – County Representatives

• Ms. Lisa Kelley, St Johns Water Management District – Water shortage warning issued for some counties; April has been proclaimed as Water Conservation Month and Springs Protection Month; during the month of March, they have been promoting STEM employment opportunities for Women.
• Commissioner Burgess, Sumter County - An additional 14,000 new homes proposed for The Villages which is affecting the road system; new interchange on I-75 corridor and the Turnpike.

XI. Announcements/Public Comments

• No other items to report at this time.

XII. Next Meeting: May 17, 2017

XIII. Adjournment

There being no further business before the Council, Commissioner Constantine adjourned the meeting at 11:45 a.m.