In Attendance:

**County Representatives:**
Commissioner Jim Barfield, Brevard County  
Commissioner Josh Blake, Lake County  
Commissioner Viviana Janer, Osceola County  
Commissioner Lee Constantine, Seminole County  
Councilmember Billie Wheeler, Volusia County

**Municipal Representatives:**
Councilmember Dina Sweatt, City of Groveland, Lake County League of Cities  
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. John Lesman, Seminole County

**Ex-Officio Members:**
Ms. Jean Parlow, Florida Department of Transportation  
Ms. Susan Davis, 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  
Ms. Stacy Van Camp-Garcia, Orange County  
Mr. J. Marsh, Osceola County  
Ms. Arlene Smith, Volusia County

**Members not in Attendance:**
Commissioner Kristine Isnardi, Brevard County  
Commissioner Sean Parks, Lake County  
Commissioner Emily Bonilla, Orange County  
Commissioner Bryan Nelson, Orange County  
Commissioner Cheryl Grieb, Osceola County  
Commissioner John Horan, Seminole County  
Commissioner Garry Breeden, Sumter County  
Commissioner Don Burgess, Sumter County  
Councilmember Deborah Denys, Volusia County  
Commissioner Patty Sheehan, City of Orlando  
Mr. Jose A. Rivas, Orange County  
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.
Ms. Tara McCue                   Ms. Lelia Hars
Mr. Luis Nieves-Ruiz             Ms. Pegge Parker
Mr. PJ Smith                     Mr. Rick Stilp

I.  **Call to Order and General Business**
Commissioner Constantine called the meeting to order at 10:15 a.m. Ms. Tara McCue called the roll and announced a quorum was present. Commissioner Constantine congratulated Windermere Mayor Gary Bruhn on being newly elected as President of the Florida League of Mayors. Mayor Bruhn led the Pledge of Allegiance.

II.  **Consent Agenda**
- March 2017 Council Meeting Minutes: Commissioner Constantine asked if there were any discussions, deletions or additions to the minutes. There were none. Mayor Bruhn made a motion to approve the minutes and Commissioner Janer 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 February and March 2017 which includes the financial forecast for April 2017. Mayor Bruhn made a motion to accept the Financial Reports for February/March 2017 for informational purposes and Councilmember Wheeler seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion to approve passed unanimously.
- Resolution #02-2017 – CFGIS: Mr. Harling presented the Resolution authorizing the ECFRPC to enter into an amendment of the current Joint Participation Agreement between ECFRPC and the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) for the addition of tasks and funding for CFGIS. A motion to approve was made by Commissioner Janer and seconded by Commissioner Fisher. A vote was taken and the motion to approve passed unanimously.
- Intergovernmental Coordination and Review (ICAR) Joint Participation Agreement (JPA) between FDOT and Space Coast TPO: Mr. Harling stated that this is a JPA between FDOT, ECFRPC and all the agencies in Brevard County that are working with transportation and coordination. As part of the JPA, this document needs to be approved and executed by the ECFRPC. Councilmember Wheeler made a motion to approve for signature and Commissioner Barfield seconded the motion.

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

IV.  **Volusia County Update – Embry-Riddle Presentation**
Dr. Stephanie Miller, Director of Technology, Transfer and Research Park Initiatives presented an overview of the Embry-Riddle Research Park. She explained the overall plan for the site and different buildings and their uses that make up the Research Park including the MicaPlex, designed for “productive collisions” between companies, partners, university staff and students. In addition to the labs in the MicaPlex, tenant partners and incubator clients will have access to equipment on campus. Phase one of the research park also includes the construction of a second building to house a large wind tunnel and test facility, and research hangars.

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V. Brevard County Update – Save the Lagoon Funding Presentation

Commissioner Jim Barfield discussed the history and implementation of the Save the Lagoon program including how the funding would be utilized.

VI. Planning Director’s Report – Tara McCue

Projects and Activities: Ms. McCue gave a presentation overview on current, ongoing and prospective projects and activities for March and April 2017. A handout was provided with more specific information for each of these projects.

VII. Executive Director’s Report

Mid-Year Review – Mr. Harling gave a presentation on the Mid-Year Review of the ECFRPC Budget which explained the increase in Revenues of $196,845 from 15 new projects, along with $178,859 reduction to expenses, which has decreased the deficit (without pending) by $375,704 leaving a new deficit of $76,062. There is $75,000 in new pending projects. Mr. Harling explained that Staff is requesting a motion to approve Amendment #1 to the Budget reflecting the current situation. Mayor Bruhn made a motion to approve the Budget Amendment and Mr. Lesman seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion to approve passed unanimously.

VIII. Chair’s Report

- Relocation of FDOT District 5 – Mr. Harling explained that this item has been dropped from the agenda.
- Marion County Potential Reassignment - Commissioner Constantine discussed last years’ history of the RPCs and the consolidation of 11 down to 10 RPCs. Due to the consolidation, a few of the counties were redistributed and Sumter County joined the ECFRPC. Another of the counties, Marion County, joined North Central Regional Planning Council. Marion County has since petitioned the Governor’s office to leave the NCRPC and join the ECFRPC as they feel they have more in common with the ECFRPC. This would increase the total assessment dues paid to the ECFRPC by an additional $75,000. Commissioner Constantine stated that If the Governor signs off on the request, Marion County would need to leave the NCRPC on good terms.
- Legislative Update: Commissioner Constantine discussed the additional proposed $25,000 Homestead Exemption which won’t affect the counties this fiscal year or next, but would take a large amount of dollars from the following year’s budget. He explained there will need to be either cuts or increases to revenue to make up the difference in the counties.
- FRCA Update Presentation: Commissioner Constantine presented the Florida Regional Councils Association presentation which was developed over two years to broaden the knowledge of what the association provides.

IX. Brief County Updates – County Representatives

- Ms. Lisa Kelley, St Johns Water Management District – There will be a ribbon cutting July 27 for a portion of the Wekiva Parkway to Kelly Park Road. The entire road should be complete by 2021.
- Commissioner Janer, Osceola County – BRIDG has just opened up; during the State of the County Address, $150 million of new projects was announced with most projects around the SunRail Tupperware Station, including Orlando Health’s new stand-alone emergency room and medical pavilion, this will be the first time Orlando Health will be in Osceola County.
• Councilmember Wheeler, Volusia County – Had a great State of the County Address meeting; continue dealing with the homeless situation and moving forward.
• Commissioner Barfield, Brevard County – Commissioner Barfield stated that the Senate and the House have both approved Brevard County to be on the CFX Authority board and are just waiting for the Governor to sign the paperwork.
• Councilmember Dina Sweatt, City of Groveland – Introduced herself and gave a brief summary of her background and the Council and committees she is working on.
• Commissioner Josh Blake, Lake County – Just recently hired new County Manager, Jeff Cole, former Chief of Staff for the St. Johns River Water Management District.
• Orange County – Not represented.
• Sumter County – Not represented.
• Commissioner Lee Constantine, Seminole County – Opened up a new recreation facility today called Soldiers Creek Park; recently received approval from the Florida Communities Trust to transfer part of the money from one of the previously approved projects to the Rolling Hills area so Seminole County can purchase the country club and turn it into a public facility which will keep housing development away from that area.
• Mr. Harling has been visiting each of the County Managers discussing a possible adjustment to the annual assessment. Currently the rate is $0.16/capita, which is the lowest in the state. In 2008, it was $0.23/capita but was lowered due to the recession. The Executive Board, which met prior to this meeting, discussed the need to balance the budget and what can be done to cease tapping into the reserves. Reduction of staff and rent, and increasing revenue has helped but not enough. One of the ways the Board is looking at is to increase the per capita rate to $0.2089, or a possible incremental adjustment over two years, which will be addressed at the next meeting. Commissioner Barfield and Commissioner Constantine both felt that until they received full endorsement from the County Managers, they were not comfortable bringing it to the Council for approval. Vice Mayor Matusick suggested that Staff show each county what the RPC has done for them and also show their return on investment. Commissioner Constantine asked the Executive Board to stay after to discuss this further, for informational purposes only.
• Mr. Harling stated that ECFRPC is providing office space upstairs in the RPC offices for use, if needed, by visiting Council members between meetings. He also discussed additional projects that have potential including working with Lynx and all the counties School Boards regarding money coming from the Volkswagen lawsuit.
• Commissioner Constantine also mentioned the possibility of a special meeting for the Executive Board during June or meeting earlier than normal for the July meeting to focus on the increase in per capita for the counties.

X. **Announcements/Public Comments**

• No other items to report at this time.

XI. **Next Meeting: July 19, 2017**

XII. **Adjournment**

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