In Attendance:

**County Representatives:**
Commissioner Bryan Lober, Brevard County (Alternate: Regine Weiler)
Commissioner Wendy Breeden, Lake County
Commissioner Sean Parks, Lake County
Commissioner Jeff Gold, Marion County
Commissioner David Moore, Marion County
Commissioner Emily Bonilla, Orange County
Commissioner Lee Constantine, Seminole County
Commissioner Amy Lockhart, Seminole County
Volusia Chair Ed Kelley, Volusia County

**Municipal Representatives:**
Council Member Rocky Randels, Space Coast League of Cities (City of Cape Canaveral)
Council Member Dina Sweat, Lake County League of Cities (City of Groveland)
Mayor Gary Bruhn, Tri-County League of Cities (Town of Windermere)
Commissioner Jim Fisher, Tri-County League of Cities (City of Kissimmee)
Commissioner Chris Cloudman, Volusia League of Cities (City of DeLand)

**Gubernatorial Appointees:**
Chair John Lesman, Seminole County

**Ex-Officio Members:**
Mr. Aaron Watkins, Florida Department of Environmental Protection
Ms. Laura Kelley, Central Florida Expressway Authority (Alternate: Will Hawthorne)

**Other Attendees:**
Mr. Ken Weyrauch, Marion County Growth Services
Mr. Juan Cantillo, Marion County Growth Services
Ms. Angela Corona, UF/IFAS Extension Family Nutrition
Mr. Michael Ulrich, Volusia County
Ms. Erin Sterk, Brevard County
Mr. Jeff Shoobridge, City of Groveland

**Members not in Attendance:**
Commissioner Curt Smith, Brevard County
Commissioner Betsy VanderLey, Orange County
Commissioner Peggy Choudhry, Osceola County
Commissioner Brandon Arrington, Osceola County
Commissioner Garry Breeden, Sumter County
Commissioner Don Burgess, Sumter County
Councilmember Billie Wheeler, Volusia County
I. **Call to Order and General Business**
   - Chair Lesman called the meeting to order at 10:39 a.m.
   - Ms. Parker called the roll and announced a quorum was present.
   - Councilmember Randels led the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. **Consent Agenda**
   - November 2018 Council Meeting Minutes
   - October and November 2018 Financial Reports
   - Memorandum of Understanding: Brownfields Assessment Coalition for the Environmental Protection Agency Assessment Grant

   As there were no objections to the three items on the Consent Agenda, Commissioner Parks made a motion to approve. Council Member Dina Sweatt seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion to approve the Minutes, the Financial Reports and the Memorandum of Understanding passed unanimously.

III. **Public Comments/Announcements**

There were no public comments at this time.

IV. **Presentation: Central Florida: The Impact of Hunger** – Ms. Karen Broussard, Vice President, Agency Relations & Programs, Second Harvest Food Bank

Ms. Karen Broussard gave a presentation on food insecurity in Central Florida; how Second Harvest Food Bank of Central Florida fights hunger; and the intersection of health and hunger. She discussed the problems, the solutions and the network of 550 Partner Agencies which help to serve 500,000 people each year. Ms. Broussard also gave an overview of the Second Harvest Initiatives for the next three years. Commissioner Constantine stated that the MPO has a meeting at the Second Harvest Food Bank once a year and perhaps the RPC could have a meeting there in the future.
V. **Presentation: Regional Long-Term Recovery and Resilience** – Ms. Jenifer Rupert, Regional Disaster Resilience Coordinator, ECFRPC

Ms. Jenifer Rupert, ECFRPC, Regional Disaster Resilience Coordinator, discussed how in addition to each county’s response efforts for emergency situations, Long Term Recovery Groups are vital partners in resilience efforts. By working together, they are able to leverage resources, fill gaps of unmet needs, and work in spaces that local governments can’t fund due to budgetary or legal constraints. There are at least 20 of these groups throughout Florida and seven in our region.

VI. **Presentation: Volusia County Update: Water Quality Grants** – Volusia Chair Ed Kelley and Mr. Michael Ulrich, Director, Water Resources and Utilities, Volusia County

Volusia Chair Ed Kelley introduced Michael Ulrich, Director of Water Resources and Utilities for Volusia County Government. Mr. Ulrich discussed the water quality challenge and addressed becoming part of the solution by assessing existing facilities, developing partnerships, and finding the common goals. He also discussed their accomplishments to-date and what is still in the works.

Volusia Chair Kelley stated that they are looking at, and planning for, economic development grants to help businesses with their own package plants to take better care of water. In a year from now they will give a report on how it’s working out. Mayor Bruhn asked whether any of Amendment #1 money has been able to be used. Volusia Chair Kelley responded that none was used as far as he knew. He talked to three senators last week and they are going to ask the Governor to utilize money for what he just proposed.

**Presentation: Resolution #01-2019 - Regional Resiliency Action Plan** – Ms. Tara McCue, Director of Planning and Community Development, ECFRPC

Ms. Tara McCue, Director of Planning and Community Development provided a brief overview of the current Projects and Activities Report for the Staff for November and December 2018. She then discussed the Regional Resiliency Action Plan project which was completed in December. A template resolution for member communities and agencies to adopt the plan was created. She presented Resolution #01-2019 to the Council for their consideration and adoption.

Mayor Bruhn made a motion to approve the Resolution. Commissioner Bonilla seconded the motion and a vote was taken. Volusia Chair Kelley disagreed with the sea level rise projections and questioned why only one of the NOAA sites was used. He approved but not with the projections. The motion to approve passed.

VII. **Executive Director’s Report**

- FRCA Update – One of the items discussed at last Friday’s meeting was Hurricane Michael and the devastation to Mexico Beach. The FRCA President, Roxanne Horvath, obtained 70 Build-a-Bears and blankets and took them to the RPC to distribute to residents in Mexico Beach who were so impacted by the hurricane.

- How Did We Grow – Mr. Harling stated we are in the data collection phase from our counties and cities regarding building permits and how much growth has taken place over the past eight years.

- Volkswagen Settlement Update – The RPC is working with the school boards and transit agencies to help reduce their carbon footprint. Two LYNX buses are being retrofitted with a hydrogen model to see if it reduces emissions and improves gas mileage.
VIII. **Chair’s Report**

FRCA Policy Board Meeting – Items discussed included the decision to go back to the State and request funding again from the State legislature. The Regional Evacuation Study has not been updated in about eight years and, with Hurricane Irma and new technologies, it’s time for an update. Discussion items also included challenges facing crop production and the need for a 70% increase in the future; biosolids; and, resiliency.

IX. **Brief County Updates** – County Representatives

- **Brevard County** – No representatives present.
- **Lake County** – Commissioner Parks stated they are in the middle of updating their transit plan; they recently broke ground on a zero kill animal shelter; the Groveland Four has been pardoned and the community continues to heal; the opening of the Volleyball Field House will be in the next couple of weeks, it’s a $1.5 million facility and adds to existing courts.
- **Marion County** – Commissioner Moore’s updates included: they have just transmitted their comprehensive plan to the State of Florida; they strengthened their farmland preservation areas and areas where they will direct development which is enough for the next 100 years; they are preparing for the 175th Anniversary of their County; plans continue for Camp Izzard which is the next step in the development of a historical trail which will connect to our surrounding counties and boost the economic impact of history buffs who come through.
- **Orange County** – Commissioner Bonilla stated there are four out of seven new county commissioners on the Board which brings a great possibility for new change; received their appointments for the CRC and will have good changes in the charter coming up soon.
- **Osceola County** – No representatives present.
- **Seminole County** – Commissioner Constantine’s updates include introducing Commissioner Amy Lockhart as a new Seminole County Commissioner; the County is now the lightening capital of the world; congratulated Commissioner Park’s on their volleyball courts and facilities and stated that all Seminole County schools have a women’s 2-person volleyball program; he provided an update in regards to state funding and that FRCA has now decided that with a new government and legislature and the number of changes that have been made over the past five years in FRCA, the time might be right to again show our relevance and what we can do; Oxford Road area will be redeveloped in cooperation with Casselberry to give it a main street idea with neighborhood shops and give the area a boost; they are working to purchase Rosenwald School to get it back into private ownership and back on the tax rolls and continue to upgrade the community. A new development just went in next to the school that has been very successful. Commissioner Amy Lockhart introduced herself and stated that anytime you have good growth around historic communities, it is important to preserve the history of those communities and it will be an interesting project moving forward. Chair Lesman stated that also the Central Florida Highland Games are this weekend.
- **Sumter County** – Not in attendance.
- **Volusia County** – Volusia Chair Kelley stated that yesterday they held their annual State of the County address. Almost 600 people attended and it was very well received. They gave a recap of the past 12 months and what we are going to do over the next 12 months.
Volusia County is one of the charter counties affected by Amendment 10. We are appealing because we are a charter county developed by legislature 48 years ago. This is about eroding home rule and the vote should be left up to the individual county. Also they have two new county members on the Board.

X. **Next Meeting:** March 20, 2019, 10:30 a.m.

XI. **Adjournment**

There being no further business before the Council, Chair Lesman adjourned the meeting at 12:19 p.m.