In Attendance:

**County Representatives:**
Commissioner Wendy Breeden, Lake County
Commissioner Sean Parks, Lake County
Commissioner Mayra Uribe, Orange County
Commissioner Lee Constantine, Seminole County

**Municipal Representatives:**
Commissioner Patty Sheehan, City of Orlando
Council Member Rocky Randels, Space Coast League of Cities (City of Cape Canaveral)
Council Member Dina Sweatt, Lake County League of Cities (City of Groveland)
Mayor Dale McDonald, Tri-County League of Cities (City of Maitland)
Mayor David Mealor, Tri-County League of Cities (City of Lake Mary)
Commissioner Chris Cloudman, Volusia League of Cities (City of DeLand)
Commissioner Julian Green, City of Wildwood

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

**Ex-Officio Members:**
Ms. Susan Davis, St. Johns River Water Management District
Mr. William Graf, South Florida Water Management District

**Other Attendees:**
Mr. Bill Wharton, Seminole County
Ms. Emily Hanna, City of Casselberry
Mr. Bob Olson
Ms. Vanessa Balta Cook, City of Winter Park
Mr. Kevin Danko, Peach Key
Mr. Myles O’Keefe, Lynx

**Members not in Attendance:**
Commissioner Bryan Lober, Brevard County
Commissioner Curt Smith, Brevard County
Commissioner Jeff Gold, Marion County
Commissioner David Moore, Marion County
Commissioner Emily Bonilla, Orange County
Commissioner Peggy Choudhry, Osceola County
Commissioner Brandon Arrington, Osceola County
Commissioner Amy Lockhart, Seminole County
Commissioner Garry Breeden, Sumter County
I. Call to Order and General Business

- Chair Lesman called the meeting to order at 10:32 a.m.
- Ms. Parker called the roll and announced a quorum was present
- Council Member Randels led the Pledge of Allegiance

II. Consent Agenda

- March 2019 Council Meeting Minutes
- February and March 2019 Financial Reports
- Resolution #02-2019: North Central Florida Regional Planning Council 50th Anniversary
- Intergovernmental Local Agreement – Ocala/Marion County TPO

As there were no objections to the four items on the Consent Agenda, Council Member Sweatt made a motion to approve. Commissioner Uribe seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion to approve the Minutes, the Financial Reports, the Resolution, and the Intergovernmental Local Agreement passed unanimously.

III. Public Comments/Announcements

There were no public comments at this time.

IV. Presentation: Seminole County Update – LYNX SR 436 Corridor Study – Mr. Myles O’Keefe, Manager of Strategic Planning, LYNX

Mr. Miles O’Keefe, Manager of Strategic Planning at LYNX and also the Project Manager for the SR 436 Transit Corridor Study gave an overview of the SR 436 Corridor Study, which involved every jurisdiction which had some kind of relationship with the corridor including the Regional Planning Council, MetroPlan Orlando, Central Florida Expressway, GOAA, FDOT and the counties and cities within a one mile buffer on either side of S.R. 436.
The study focused on a 23-mile stretch of S.R. 436 at the south end from Terminal C at OIA to S.R. 434, which included the SunRail locations and bus rapid transit. It captured the current environment and, looking forward, what this corridor could be for transit and land use, and how everything in the corridor is linked. It came down to the best economical solution. Mr. O'Keefe discussed the importance of the environment surrounding the stations such as redevelopment and economic growth. The study included the ¼ mile approach around stations for the near-term and also did a market assessment. They found that they need to catalyze the timing of the development. In the longer-term, they would look at the ½ mile radius. At the suggestion of MetroPlan Orlando, they also looked at adding a Health Impact Assessment (HIA) into the S.R. 436 planning process to work beyond just improving infrastructure and how can we improve health in the community. The HIA Goal was: “To understand the impacts of the S.R. 436 transit and Complete Streets improvements on the overall health of S.R. 436 communities”. The study found that there is the opportunity to decrease chronic disease rates and increase transportation affordability.

Mr. Kelly Brock, Deputy Public Works Director and City Engineer for the City of Casselberry, spoke on the North Oxford Road Complete Streets project, the land use projects, and partnerships to create the walkable area. This “right-sized” road will be able to serve as a main street in the future which is linked to the context of the S.R. 436 project.

Mr. Bill Wharton, Principal Planner with Seminole County, discussed the Oxford Road redevelopment (Oxford Place) in the Seminole County area, the planned Complete Streets and partnerships. He stated that the improvements to the roads were intended to bring people into the area and make it pedestrian friendly. The early conceptual plan from the developer includes apartments, parks, amenities and retail. They hope to break ground this year.

Ms. Emily Hanna, Development Services Manager for the City of Casselberry, discussed the Oxford Park Overlay District. She provided history of the area and how Oxford Road could become the main street of the City due to the fly-over and she emphasized the importance of the City and County working together to become more pedestrian-oriented with mixed uses making it a friendly, seamless destination for Oxford Road. She provided overviews of the goals of the overlay and the flexible design standards and type of uses which should be able to change with market changes including designated Uber/Lyft drop off/pick up areas outside businesses. The area is focused on being pedestrian friendly and the standards and incentives reflect efforts to ensure everything is done on the pedestrian scale.

Commissioner Constantine discussed how this is a real partnership and the area is really being developed as an amenity of the City. These efforts are really changing the 17-92/S.R. 436 area into a destination and livable community along with the S.R. 436 transit.

Commissioner Cloudman asked for a copy of the presentations and documents.

V. Presentation: ECF Regional Resilience Collaborative – Ms. Jenifer Rupert, Regional Resilience Coordinator, ECFRPC

Ms. Ruppert provided background on the resilience efforts of the RPC, the role of the Resilience, and how the process of developing the framework for the collaborative began through the Resolution in September 2018 which was adopted by the Board.
Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) – ECF Regional Resilience Collaborative – Council Member Randels made a motion to formalize the subcommittee’s recommendation to approve the MOU. Council Member Sweatt seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion to approve the MOU passed unanimously. Ms. Rupert then explained that the next very important step going forward today was to send out a survey to all the county and city managers in our region and to attend staff engagement workshops which are scheduled for June 18th and 19th. The information taken from these workshops will be the start of what a strategic plan might look like for the collaborative. The MOU can now go in front of local governments, agencies and other potential partners to formalize their participation in the collaborative. Eventually the subcommittee will dissolve and there will be an official signing ceremony in the fall with the partners.

VI. Planning Director’s Report

Ms. Tara McCue, provided an overview of some of our local community efforts such as providing staff to the Winter Springs Planning Department as they have recently lost some of their staff. This entails working on reviews of some new developments, working on a GIS exercise for redistricting that they do every three years, looking at their past Strategic Plan and trends that have happened since 2009, and engaging the community in conversations about their vision of the future for Winter Springs. We are working on an economic analysis for Winter Garden using REMI modeling for an incoming hotel. We continue to work with the City of Dunnellon to help their Planning Department on incoming reviews and applications. We are also working under a Continuing Services Agreement with the Lake-Sumter MPO for all their Geographic Information Systems (GIS), making sure that all the requirements for their federal and state contracts are in compliance, and updating all their data and online mapping tools. Finally we will be working with Volusia County Emergency Management updating their local mitigation strategy.

Over the past nine months Staff has been working diligently on all the DEP Resilience Grants which are a hot topic in coastal communities, including Melbourne Beach, Titusville, Cape Canaveral, Cocoa, New Smyrna Beach and Rockledge. This involves Vulnerability Assessments, Public Engagement Workshops and Surveys, Policy Development and, in the case of Cape Canaveral and Cocoa, developing an Economic Impact Assessment.

Regional efforts by the Staff include partnering with MetroPlan Orlando on the use of the Route Condition Tool and looking at all the aspects of every roadway and rating them on several aspects including accessibility, safety, and pedestrian access, among others. The pilot program started in Lake and Volusia County years ago.

Educational and Presentation Opportunities for Staff included: Luis Nieves-Ruiz, Economic Development Manager, presented “Rethinking Food Systems Planning” at the National American Planning Association (APA) Conference in San Francisco, as well as part of a panel for the Distinguished Speaker Series for the University of Central Florida regarding the pedestrian environment and how to protect and create healthy communities; Staff hosted the Florida Policy Conference for REMI; Jenifer Rupert attended the National Adaptation Forum in Madison, Wisconsin and brought back valuable information from other collaboratives on how to move ours forward; Staff had the opportunity to present our ECF Regional Resilience Action Plan which focused on Brevard and Volusia counties at the Southeast and Caribbean Climate Community of Practice in North Carolina and also at the Florida Floodplain Managers Association in Daytona.
VII. Executive Director’s Report

Mr. Harling commended the staff on their work and marketing efforts and also providing assistance to the Winter Springs Planning Department as they look for candidates to increase their staff. He also discussed the presentation by the ten regional planning councils addressed to the legislature for providing technical assistance for an evacuation study for the entire state of Florida. The House and Senate have both approved it and currently we are waiting to see if the Governor will approve it. We will then work with the other ten regional planning councils to provide better policies, definitions, and designs for evacuations during hazardous weather. With all the current and past projects the ECFRPC has worked on, the RPC is financially much stronger.

Council Member Randels asked about the How Did We Grow program. Mr. Harling stated there are no results yet, but work is continuing.

VIII. Chair’s Report

Mr. Lesman reminded everyone that the Resilience Board Subcommittee will be meeting directly after this Council meeting in the ECFRPC offices. He also welcomed a new member to the Council, Mayor Dale McDonald from the City of Maitland.

IX. Brief County Updates – County Representatives

- Brevard County – No representatives present.
- Lake County – Commissioner Parks discussed the Greenswamp workshop June 11 at the County Commission offices to be held at 5:00 p.m. to discuss changes to the Greenswamp and how they can address preserving, protecting and developing it. They are getting close to executing a funding mechanism for Wellness Way Boulevard to connect U.S. 27 to S.R. 429. They have received good news about funding in the approximate amount of a couple million dollars for the Hydrilla problem in various lakes in the County. Commissioner Parks stated that this could be the year to address countywide the establishment of a centrally located crisis center for the homeless in partnership with the Salvation Army. The County is making headway to address tiny homes through Policy changes and using fees for abandoned homes for addressing affordable housing. Also, he wished everyone a Happy Infrastructure Week.
- Marion County – No representatives present.
- Orange County – Commissioner Uribe discussed the State of the County Address tomorrow at the Convention Center where the new Mayor will be rolling out many new visions for the County. The Board has been making headway regarding a “housing for all” project and there’s been a lot of discussion on transportation (SunRail, I-4, pedestrian, and the new Virgin line train). They are working on the I-Drive overlay and looking at digital art, open markets around the Convention Center, and an RFP for $600 million for the extension of the Convention Center. With over 75 million visitors in 2018, Orlando was voted the #1 destination in the U.S. They are also working on another overlay along Orange Avenue and the Sandlake SunRail station.
- Osceola County – No representatives present.
- Seminole County – Commissioner Constantine stated they are looking at a comprehensive overview of what to do with the code enforcement and the $53 million in unpaid liens. They need to find a way to receive these fines, as well as a better way to enforce and streamline
the system. They are also looking at ways to register and enforce regulations or rules on vacation rentals, both short-term and long-term. He commended the Staff and discussed what a great asset the RPC is to be able to fill in the gap in the Winter Springs Planning Department. He also discussed how for eight years the RPCs have not received funding by the State and how significant it is to now have approval for $1.5 million for the Statewide Regional Evacuation Study.

- Sumter County – No representatives present.
- Volusia County – Alternate present, nothing to report.

X. **Next Meeting:** July 17, 2019, 10:30 a.m.

XI. **Adjournment**

There being no further business before the Council, Chair Lesman adjourned the meeting at 12:04 p.m.