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MEETING MINUTES

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING (VIRTUAL/ZOOM)

October 12, 2021 - 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

I. Call to Order

The Tri-County League of Cities Board met virtually, via Zoom, on Tuesday October 12, 2021 virtually, via Zoom. Tri-County President, Commissioner Joseph McMullen, called the meeting to order at 11:31AM.

Officers and Directors Present (virtually via Zoom):

President: Commissioner Joseph McMullen, Town of Oakland

1st Vice President: City Manager, Norton Bonaparte, City of Sanford (left at 12:00)

2nd Vice President: Mayor Nathan Blackwell, City of St. Cloud

Director: Mayor John Dowless, City of Edgewood

Director: Commissioner Carolyn Cooper, City of Winter Park

Director: Commissioner Jim Fisher, City of Kissimmee (left at 1:00pm)

Mayor Brian Sackett, City of Longwood

Director: Commissioner Jordan Smith, City of Lake Mary

Director: Commissioner Rosemary Wilsen, City of Ocoee

Past President: Commissioner Tony Ortiz, City of Orlando

Past Past President: Mayor Pat Bates, City of Altamonte Springs

Others Present:

Mari Rains, Executive Director TCLOC, & Director, UCF Institute of Government

Sibyl Millner, Administrative Assistant UCF Institute of Government

II. Approval of Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Norton Bonaparte and seconded by Mayor Pat Bates to approve the meeting minutes from August 10, 2021. The motion passed unanimously.

III. President's Report – President McMullen

President McMullen discussed recent topics covered in the monthly Mayors zoom meetings over the past year and recent months and a few upcoming events. It has been a good cycle of meetings to spark ideas.

IV. Executive Director Report – Mari Rains

- a. *Financial Report:* The Tri-County League is in a very good financial position great financial position in the banking accounts. P & L for the year in good standing; this includes the 50% discount given to members. A motion was made by Mayor Pat Bates and seconded Norton Bonaparte to approve the financial reports.
- b. *Membership Renewals:* We have had a good response in membership renewals. Mari shared the associate membership contact list. Commissioner Wilsen suggested reaching out to Reedy Creek agency members.
- c. *FLC Updates* – see enclosed report/updates
Pres walker and Jeanie Garner would like to do a walkthrough next year. NLC is next month Joseph will attend as representative of TC. ARPA is still waiting for final approval from the treasury. Grassroots advocacy – Scott is looking for issues that are affecting the TC

communities. Discussed Florida City Government week. Legislative conference, and Legislative priorities.

- d. *IOG Staffing Update* - Mari Rains relayed to the board that she will be stepping down as Executive Director October 28, 2021. The Board expressed thanks to Mari for all she has done for the board throughout her term with the League.

V. Unfinished Business

- a. UCF IOG Advocacy Agreement for 2022 Session – President McMullen wants to keep this piece. Other board members are in agreement. Board would like to see the contract to renew it. President McMullen suggested to discuss at the Excess funds meeting. Meeting scheduled to discuss contract on October 19th 10:30a-12:30p
- b. Reducing Associate Member fees for 2022 (will hold off)
- a. List of Associate Members
- b. Delegation Meetings: McMullen talked about TCLC legislative priorities
- c. October 14 meeting: Virtual:
- Elections
 - Stono Institute: “Why does race continue to be one of the most divisive issues in American society?”
 - John Land Years of Service (?)
- d. Evening Reception: January 2022
- e. Investment/Use of Excess Funds – Complete online Doodle Poll re: meeting date

VI. New Business

- a. 2021 FLC John Land Years of Service Award Honorees

25 Years of Service:

- The Honorable Patricia J. Bates, City of Altamonte Springs (Mayor)
- The Honorable Theo Washington, Town of Eatonville (Vice Mayor)
- The Honorable David J. Meador, City of Lake Mary (Mayor)
- The Honorable John Rees, City of Winter Garden (Mayor)

35 Years of Service:

- The Honorable Rusty Johnson, City of Ocoee (Mayor)
- b. Membership Meeting schedule for 2022: In-person or Virtual? January host is usually the incoming President (i.e., Sanford)
- c. East Central Florida Regional Planning Council Update: Comm. Jordan Smith - Sept 15 in Groveland new housing ordinance, housing trust fund, and Kroger facility.

VII. President McMullen adjourned the meeting at 12:45 pm