Apalachee Regional Planning Council

FULL COUNCIL BOARD MEETING

Thursday – May 16, 2019
10:00 a.m. ET / 9:00 a.m. CT

310th Public Meeting

UF IFAS / North FL Research & Education Center
155 Research Road
Quincy, Florida 32351
www.thearpc.com

The Apalachee Regional Planning Council serves its citizens and local governments by providing technical assistance and a forum for communication and collaboration, to preserve and enhance the economic, natural, and social environments of the Apalachee Region.
APALACHEE REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL BOARD

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
Randy Merritt, Chairman (Wakulla) • John Jones, Past Chairman (Monticello)  
Kristin Dozier, Vice-Chair (Leon) • Ricky Jones, Secretary/Treasurer (Franklin)  
FRCA Policy Board Members: Kristin Dozier, Lisa Miller and Gene Wright

FULL COUNCIL

**Calhoun County**
- Gene Bailey
- David Culpepper
- Don Stephens
  - County Commissioner  
  - Mayor, Town of Altha  
  - Governor's Appointee

**Franklin County**
- Ricky Jones
- Brenda La Paz
- Vacant
  - County Commissioner  
  - Mayor, City of Carrabelle  
  - Governor's Appointee

**Gadsden County**
- Brenda Holt
- Evelyn Goldwire
- Henry Grant
  - County Commissioner  
  - Commissioner, City of Gretna  
  - Governor's Appointee

**Gulf County**
- Ward McDaniel
- Johnny Paul
- Michael Hammond
  - County Commissioner  
  - Commissioner, City of Wewahitchka  
  - Governor's Appointee

**Jackson County**
- Jim Peacock
- Gene Wright
- Vacant
  - County Commissioner  
  - Mayor, Town of Malone  
  - Governor's Appointee

**Jefferson County**
- Stephen Walker
- John Jones
- Vacant
  - County Commissioner  
  - Mayor, City of Monticello  
  - Governor's Appointee

**Leon County**
- Kristin Dozier
- Dianne Williams-Cox
- Lisa Miller
  - County Commissioner  
  - Commissioner, City of Tallahassee  
  - Governor's Appointee

**Liberty County**
- Dexter Barber
- Woody Stewart
- Davis Stoutamire
  - County Commissioner  
  - Councilman, City of Bristol  
  - Governor's Appointee

**Wakulla County**
- Randy Merritt
- Gail Gilman
- Vacant
  - County Commissioner  
  - Mayor, City of St. Marks  
  - Governor's Appointee

**Ex-Officio Members**
- Michael Fuller
- Christina Coger
- Maria Showalter
- Diane Scholz
  - FL Dept. of Environmental Protection  
  - NW FL Water Management District  
  - FL Dept. of Transportation  
  - Enterprise Florida
APALACHEE REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL
BOARD MEETING

UF/IFAS North FL Research & Education Center
155 Research Road – Quincy, FL

THURSDAY – MAY 16, 2019
10:00 AM Eastern Time / 9:00 AM Central Time

DRAFT AGENDA

1. Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance and Introductions
2. *Approval of Agenda
3. *Approval of Minutes – March 28, 2019 Regular Board Meeting
4. Apalachee Online – Sarah Hibbard, ARPC Staff
5. EPA Brownfields Assessment Grant – Tom Lewis, Terracon
6. Executive Director’s Report
   Chris Rietow, ARPC Executive Director
   A. *Financial Report
   B. Staff Program Reports
      1. Economic Development & Community Planning
      2. Disaster Resiliency Coordination
      3. Emergency Planning
      4. Revolving Loan Fund
      5. *Transportation Planning
      6. Environmental Planning
      7. GIS Program
      8. Correspondence and Items of Interest
   C. New Contracts Update
   D. *Executive Committee Meeting Summary
   E. FDOT District 3 Letter (I-10 & SR 65 Interchange)

7. Board Member Reports / Local & Regional Issues Discussion
8. Ex-Officio Member Updates
9. Public Comment
10. Adjournment – (Buffet lunch will be served immediately following the meeting.)
11. Next ARPC Board Meeting – July 18, 2019

*Items Requiring Board Action
APALACHEE REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL
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BOARD MEETING MINUTES – March 28, 2019

Item 1: Call to Order and Roll Call
Chairman Merritt called the meeting to order at 10:00 am. He led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance and asked all in attendance to introduce themselves for the Roll Call.

ARPC Board Members in Attendance:
Calhoun County          David Culpepper          Mayor, Town of Altha
Franklin County         Ricky Jones            County Commissioner
Franklin County         Brenda La Paz          Mayor, City of Carrabelle
Gadsden County          Brenda Holt            County Commissioner
Gadsden County          Evelyn Goldwire        Commissioner, City of Gretna
Jefferson County        Henry Grant            Governor’s Appointee
Jefferson County        Stephen Walker         County Commissioner
Jefferson County         John Jones            Mayor, City of Monticello
Liberty County          Davis Stoutamire      Governor’s Appointee
Wakulla County          Randy Merritt           County Commissioner

Ex-Officio Members in Attendance
Diane Scholz          FL Institute of Government
Beth Hollister        NW FL Water Management District

ARPC Staff in Attendance
Chris Rietow          Executive Director
Zach Annett           LEPC Coordinator
Joe Crozier           Senior Planner / Environmental
Kwentin Eastberg      Regional Planner / Transportation
Elise Fisher          Regional Planner / Emergency Planning
Ericha Stewart        Planning Intern
Janice Watson         Finance Director/ Loan Coordinator

Others in Attendance
Landon Hoffman – Congressman Neal Dunn   Rudy Maloy – Congressman Al Lawson
Melissa Shirah – FDEM                  Britney Moore – FDEP
Alisha Wetherell – Tallahassee Int’l Airport  Marie Arick – UF IFAS
Shep Eubanks – UF IFAS                 Kent McWaters – HDR Inc.
Brian Blanchard – HDR Inc.

Chairman Merritt welcomed the ARPC guests and asked that the records show an executive quorum of the Apalachee Regional Planning Council (ARPC) was in attendance.
Item 2: Approval of the Agenda
A motion was made by Davis Stoutamire to approve the March 28, 2019 Agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Stephen Walker. A vote was taken, and the motion carried unanimously.

Item 3: Approval of the Minutes
A motion was made by Mayor John Jones to approve the Minutes of the January 17, 2019 ARPC Full Council Board Meeting as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Brenda Holt. A vote was taken, and the motion carried unanimously.

Item 4: Hurricane Michael Recovery Update
Chris Rietow introduced Melissa Shirah, FL Division of Emergency Management State Public Assistance Officer who shared an informative PowerPoint presentation and led the Board in a discussion focused on clarification of the more confusing aspects of recovery, including Cost Share, Local Match Waiver and Debris Pickup Schedules. Ms. Shirah reviewed in detail a summary of Debris Operations provided by a letter from FDOT stating that the Final Pass began on March 15, 2019 and would conclude on April 15, 2019. She reviewed with the Board the process for applying for a local match waiver and an extended discussion ensued on the difficulties facing local governments in the reimbursement process for debris operations. Mr. Rietow agreed to post Ms. Shirah’s presentation on the ARPC website for future reference.

Davis Stoutamire asked if the Board could be updated on the restoration plans for Tyndall Air Force Base, stating how important it was to the economic vitality of both the Apalachee and West Florida Regions. Landon Hoffman, aide to Congressman Neal Dunn replied that the repair and restoration of Tyndall Air Force Base was the number one priority of Congressman Dunn.

A motion was made by Davis Stoutamire to send a letter from the ARPC to the office of Congressman Dunn supporting restoration funding for Tyndall Air Force Base. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Brenda Holt. A vote was taken, and the motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Merritt thanked Ms. Shirah for her presentation and asked her to coordinate any new information received with Mr. Rietow for distribution to the Board.

Item 5: Florida Trail Town Presentation
Mr. Rietow introduced Brittney Moore, Regional Coordinator of the FL Dept. of Environmental Protection (FDEP) Office of Greenways & Trails. Ms. Moore reviewed the activities of the office of Greenways and Trails and explained that a Trail Town is a portal or gateway to a priority trail or recognized trail system. She explained that a town needed a trails and greenways action plan and a shared vision in order to begin the application process. Ms. Moore stressed that the town should be trail friendly, should have other amenities such as food and lodging that were safely accessible from the trail, and should be willing to sponsor trail-related special events. Chairman Merritt asked if unincorporated areas were eligible to apply and Ms. Moore replied that they were as long as the community could meet the eligibility requirements of the program. Commissioner Stephen Walker suggested that motorized trails might be something
for FDEP to consider including in the program as well. Ms. Moore answered that the State had been researching the possibility of including motorized trails. Mr. Rietow stated that the designation had been a very positive economic benefit in other areas of the state and noted that currently there were no designated Trail Towns within the Apalachee Region. Ms. Moore explained that the application for a FDEP Trail Town designation could be found on the FDEP website and shared her contact information with the Board encouraging them to call her with any further questions. Chairman Merritt thanked Ms. Moore for her presentation.

**Item 6: Executive Director's Report**

6A – Financial Report: Mr. Rietow reviewed with the Board the Budget Reports, the Reconciled Check Registers as of January 31, 2019 and February 28, 2019, and the ARPC’s current list of accounts payable and accounts receivable as of February 28, 2019.

A motion was made by Commissioner Brenda Holt to approve the financial reports for January 2019 and February 2019 as presented. The motion was seconded by Mayor John Jones. A vote was taken, and the motion carried unanimously.

6B – Staff Reports: Mr. Rietow highlighted the following ARPC Program Reports prepared by staff and included in the Board Package beginning on page 15. He asked the Board for any questions in reference to the reports listed below and briefly updated the Board on additions to the reports included in the package.

1. Economic Development & Community Planning – Caroline Smith
2. Emergency Planning – Zach Annett and Elise Fisher
3. Revolving Loan Fund – Janice Watson
4. Transportation Planning – Kwentin Eastberg
5. Environmental Planning – Joe Crozier
6. GIS Program – Sarah Hibbard
7. Misc. Correspondence & Items of Interest

6.B.1 – Economic and Community Development: Mr. Rietow reviewed the recent Hurricane Michael Recovery Workshops held by ARPC staff in Tallahassee, Eastpoint and Blountstown. He reported that there had been an excellent turnout and the participant feedback had been very positive. He explained that the main focus of the workshops was to initiate extended conversations by community leaders on practical measures necessary for speedy economic recovery. Diane Scholz noted the flyer included in the Board package on page 17 announcing the Rural Strong Community Expo to be held in Marianna on April 9th. Ms. Scholz stated that registration was free and encouraged the Board to attend. Mr. Rietow reported that the ARPC would have a booth at the Expo and noted that he had been asked to make a short presentation on the ARPC during the morning session.

6.B.2 – Emergency Planning: Mr. Rietow reported that the FL Division of Emergency Management (FDEM) had asked the ARPC to assist with the 2019 Statewide Hurricane Exercise. He explained that the exercise would also focus on recovery and best practices for transitioning from response to recovery. Commissioner Holt expressed concerns about the need for a
regional shelter, the need for generators at communication towers, and the overwhelming need for schools to be constructed to current hurricane standards which would ultimately qualify them to be designated as shelters. Davis Stoutamire stressed how important the establishment of an I-10 interchange at Hwy 65 in Gadsden County would be for hurricane evacuation from the coast. Commissioner Ricky Jones and Mayor Brenda La Paz also commented that in addition to providing much needed assistance in hurricane evacuation, a direct route to I-10 from Hwy 65 could have significant economic benefits to Franklin County.

A motion was made by Davis Stoutamire to send a letter to the FL Dept. of Transportation requesting the consideration of an interchange at the intersection of Hwy 65 in Gadsden County. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Brenda Holt. A vote was taken, and the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Rietow reported that he was in the final contract negotiations with Leon County Schools on a potential contract to update the Leon County Public Safety Plans to align with the Marjorie Stoneman Douglas Legislation.

6.B.3 – Revolving Loan Fund Report:
Janice Watson reported that she was working with the owner of Angelcare With A Vision on a possible expansion to her business, which was assisted by the ARPC RLF during the 2018 business startup.

6.B.5 – Environmental Planning Update: Mr. Rietow regretfully announced that Joe Crozier of ARPC staff had resigned his position with the ARPC effective April 15th to take a position with the consulting firm Kimley Horn. Mr. Rietow along with the rest of the Board thanked Joe for his valuable contribution to the ARPC during his 5-year tenure and wished him all the best in his future endeavors. Mr. Rietow also reported that Josh Adams had been hired to assume the Environmental Planner position and stated that as a former FDEP employee, he was optimistic Mr. Adams would bring valuable expertise to the ARPC team.

6.C – EDA Project Updates: Mr. Rietow reported that the ARPC had been awarded a 1-year project funded by the US Economic Development Administration (EDA) for the development of a Franklin County Long-Term Recovery Strategy. He noted that the project had been funded out of the federal Disaster Supplemental dollars from Hurricane Irma. Mr. Rietow reported that also out of the Hurricane Irma Disaster Supplemental funding, the ARPC had been awarded a 2-year project to hire a Disaster Resiliency Coordinator to assist the local governments of the Apalachee Region in resiliency programs and projects as the recovery process from Hurricane Michael continues. Mr. Rietow proudly reported that Ben Chandler had accepted the position of ARPC Disaster Resiliency Coordinator and would begin work on April 1st.

6.D – Hurricane Michael Recovery Task Force: Mr. Rietow reported that he continued to work on an initiative from Commissioner Kristin Dozier for the establishment of a Hurricane Recovery Task Force. He explained that in theory the Task Force would assist in finding solutions to issues encountered by local officials during the recovery process. He explained that initial discussions had suggested that leaders from each of the long-term recovery groups should be
part of the process and the ARPC Recovery Task Force could offer regional coordination to ensure each group was accessing all the help available to them.

6.E – ARPC Statewide Regional Evacuation Studies: Mr. Rietow gave the Board a brief summary of the previous Regional Evacuation Studies (RES) and the history of RPC involvement. He explained that the Behavioral Analysis was the first phase, which surveys how, where, and when people evacuate, historical data of past evacuations and a shelter analysis. Mr. Rietow reported that there had been no major update to the RES since 2008. He explained that the Florida Regional Councils Association (FRCA) had made a $1.2 million, 2019 legislative appropriation request for year one of five to complete a major update to the Statewide RES. Mr. Rietow noted that the funding was currently in the Senate and House budget and he was encouraged that the project would be able to move forward. He noted that the majority of the work in year one would be completed by a consultant, and the regional coordination for each RPC during year one would be approximately $25,000.

6.F – Resolution Supporting House Bill 0191: Mr. Rietow reviewed a proposed Resolution supporting House Bill 0191 which would ultimately fund the Northwest Florida Rural Inland Affected Counties Recovery Fund. He noted that the request for the Resolution of support had been received from Opportunity Florida.

A motion was made by Commissioner Brenda Holt to adopt ARPC Resolution 19-1 in support of House Bill 0191. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Stephen Walker. A vote was taken, and the motion carried unanimously.

A copy of the ARPC Resolution 19-1 is included to these minutes as Attachment “A”.

Item 7: Board Member Reports / Local & Regional Issues Discussion
Diane Scholz reported that Enterprise Florida was currently not funded in the House or Senate budgets and encouraged the Board to contact the legislative delegation to express to them how important Enterprise Florida was to the rural areas. Ms. Scholz also expressed concerns that the Qualified Target Industry (QTI) program was not slated for funding, explaining that over the years the QTI program had also been a valuable business recruitment incentive for rural communities.

Henry Grant asked about the status of the establishment of a Leon County Revolving Loan Fund, and Mr. Rietow answered that ARPC staff was still pursuing the possibility.

Mr. Rietow introduced the ARPC’s new Planning Intern, Ericha Stewart. He explained that Ms. Steward was a graduate student pursuing a double master’s degree in Urban and Regional Planning and Public Health. He noted that the ARPC would also be using Ms. Stewart to assist in communications projects of which one priority would be to update the ARPC website.

Chairman Merritt asked for any further Board or public comments and there were none. He announced that the next ARPC Board meeting would be held on May 16, 2019 at the same location.

ARPC Board Meeting Minutes
March 28, 2019
There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 12:30 pm.

APPROVED BY: THE APALACHEE REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL
MEETING IN REGULAR SESSION ON MAY 16, 2019

SIGNED: ATTEST:

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Randy Merritt               Chris Rietow
Chairman                    Executive Director

ARPC Board Meeting Minutes
March 28, 2019
RESOLUTION NO. 19-1

A RESOLUTION OF THE APALACHEE REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL CERTIFYING ITS SUPPORT FOR HOUSE BILL 0191 (Northwest Florida Rural Inland Affected Counties Recovery Fund);

WHEREAS, the Apalachee Regional Planning Council is concerned about the economic health and well-being of our residents; and

WHEREAS, the Apalachee Regional Planning Council strongly believes in the need to be proactive and not reactive in order to maintain and create employment opportunities benefitting its citizens while still supporting the quality of life in the Region; and

WHEREAS, enhancing the local infrastructure and workforce training will promote economic growth, competitiveness, and improve quality of life amenities in the Region; and

WHEREAS, the Apalachee Region has endured the devastation of Hurricane Michael and is in the midst of a recovery/rebuilding process following said hurricane; and

WHEREAS, the Apalachee Region is in need of financial and political support programs to maintain and continue said recovery/rebuilding process for the region; and

WHEREAS, the Apalachee Regional Planning Council supports this bill and its companion Senate bill(s) to enhance the Region’s recovery and rebuilding processes; and

WHEREAS, the Apalachee Regional Planning Council commits to honor its obligations that lie within its capabilities as leaders of technical assistance for economic development and quality of life that will serve the Region;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. THE APALACHEE REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL HEREBY AGREES TO SUPPORT THIS ACTION;

2. THE APALACHEE REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL HEREBY AUTHORIZES ITS CHAIRMAN TO EXECUTE THIS RESOLUTION AND ALL OTHER AUTHORIZED AGREEMENTS THAT PERTAIN TO THIS RESOLUTION;

3. THIS RESOLUTION SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE UPON ITS ADOPTION.

Duly adopted by the Apalachee Regional Planning Council on March 28, 2019

SIGNED:

Randy Merritt, Chairman

ATTEST:

Chris Rietow, Executive Director
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# Apalachee Regional Planning Council
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### General Expenses

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**TOTAL EXPENSES** 907,075 65,035.00 431,520.15 475,554.85 48%

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AGENDA ITEM - 6

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT – Chris Rietow

The following items will be reported and discussed with the Board:

A.  *Financial Report:* On the following pages are the following financial reports.
    - Budget Report for the month ending March 31, 2019
    - Budget Report for the month ending April 30, 2019

B.  *Staff Reports:* Staff program reports are included on the following pages. Staff will be present at the meeting to answer any questions and report on any additional program updates.

C.  *New Contracts Update:* Staff will provide a summary of recent technical assistance contracts that have been undertaken by the ARPC.

D.  *ARPC Executive Committee Meeting:* Staff will highlight actions taken at the May 9, 2019 Executive Committee Meeting.

E.  *FDOT District 3 Letter (I-10 & SR 65):* Staff will discuss the latest developments regarding the letter submitted to Secretary Gainer by the ARPC.

**ACTIONS NEEDED**

*Motion to accept Financial Reports for the periods ending March 31, 2019 and April 30, 2019.

*Motion to ratify actions of the Executive Committee.
AGENDA ITEM 6-B-1

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT / COMMUNITY PLANNING PROGRAM – Caroline Smith

2018-2022 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) Update:

ARPC staff is working to coordinate with regional partners and implement objectives from the Regional Economic Strategy. ARPC staff is also engaging in conversations with US Economic Development Administration (EDA) staff and regional partners to figure out the best way to incorporate economic recovery from Hurricane Michael into this year’s CEDS update, which has not yet begun.

Other Technical Assistance: ARPC staff continues to assist regional partners with Economic Development Planning, Intergovernmental Coordination and other tasks.

FL Dept. of Environmental Protection (FDEP) / Florida Resilient Coastlines Program (FRCP)

- **Year 1:** ARPC staff successfully completed the Apalachee Community Resilience project for Franklin, Gulf, and City of Carrabelle. ARPC staff presented project outcomes at the Florida Coastal Management Program (FCMP) Meeting in May (continued below).

- **Year 2:** ARPC staff successfully completed public education activities, including mailouts and two seminars, in the City of Carrabelle with funding sourced from the FRCP Year 2 grant.

City of Sopchoppy, Competitive Florida – ARPC staff continues to coordinate with the FL Dept. of Economic Opportunity (FDEO) and the City of Sopchoppy staff in order to lead activities, on behalf of the City, that are related to the Competitive Florida program. ARPC staff is finalizing the community engagement piece via stakeholder workshops and will present the resulting Economic Development Strategy and Land Development Code update at the end of May 2019.

Panacea (Wakulla County), Competitive Florida – APRC will apply on behalf of the Community of Panacea for FDEO’s Competitive Florida program for the 2019-20 fiscal year. FDEO recently revised the program to explicitly allow Regional Planning Councils to apply on behalf of unincorporated communities.

City of Midway, Competitive Florida – APRC staff is actively assisting the City of Midway in the application process for FDEO’s Competitive Florida program for the 2019-20 fiscal year. Midway staff has expressed an urgent need for stakeholder engagement in economic development in order to increase the long-term viability of the growing community.

USDA Farmers Markets Promotion Program (FMPP) Technical Assistance Grant – APRC staff is collaborating with IFAS county extension staff to develop an application for the FMPP grant, which provides 3-year funding for technical assistance related to increasing direct producer-to-consumer sales, assisting agricultural recovery from Hurricane Michael, and marketing agritourism through a regionally-coordinated campaign.
**Franklin County Long Term Recovery Strategy** – The EDA has recently announced that it will fund Franklin’s Long-Term Recovery Strategy. The project’s goal is to increase commercial activity and jobs in Franklin County through novel planning policies and business recruitment strategies. Activities related to this project are now underway and will continue into year 2020.

**Regional Coordination:** ARPC staff participated in the following events –

- **Rural Economic Development Forum in Woodville** – ARPC staff attended the 2019 event and engaged in dialogue on rural economic development in Leon County, including activities related to economic analysis, agritourism, and placemaking.

- **4th Annual Florida Coastal Management Program (FCMP) Meeting** – ARPC staff attended the 2-day FCMP Meeting in Pensacola to discuss sea-level rise adaptation strategies and hurricane recovery. ARPC staff presented outcomes of the recent FL Resilient Coastlines Program (FRCP) grant project, which involved collaboration with Gulf County, Franklin County, and City of Carrabelle, at the meeting. ARPC staff shared past projects and discussed ideas for increasing coastal resiliency with partners from the Emerald Coast and Apalachee Regions.
AGENDA ITEM 6 – B – 2
EDA Disaster Resiliency Program – Ben Chandler

In the first month serving as Disaster Resilience Coordinator, the primary focus has been to connect and forge relationships with the newly established Long-Term Recovery Groups (LTRG) in the Apalachee Region as well as with federal, state and local partners tasked with economic recovery and rebuilding in the wake of Hurricane Michael. Fortunately, the relationship-building has been on a fast track as much of the process has been reconnecting on the state and local levels from past professional interaction in both the public and private sectors. The following provides an overview of the group and agency coordination that has been fostered to this point:

FEDERAL

FEMA

Initial coordination was established with FEMA’s Field Office in Marianna with its Interagency Recovery Coordination (IRC) function. FEMA staff contacts have been assigned to work directly with long-term recovery groups (LTRG) that have formed in the region:

- Gadsden Strong Long-Term Recovery Group
- Citizens of Gulf County Recovery Team
- Liberty Strong Long-Term Recovery Group
- North Florida Inland Long-Term Recovery Group.

The IRC group covers FEMA’s Recovery Support Functions and the ARPC coordinates directly with FEMA staff as necessary to provide support to each respective LTRG. The Recovery Support Functions (RSF) lay out the ground work to identify needs and match resources in the following categories:

- Community Recovery
- Economic Recovery
- Infrastructure Systems
- Housing
- Health & Social Services
- Natural & Cultural Services

Economic Development Administration (EDA)

Weekly contact is maintained with EDA, and its locally based consultant team, through the local Joint Field Office (JFO). Several meetings and discussions have occurred to explore how the ARPC can coordinate efforts and plan for economic development support as the federal presence in the region decreases. The next steps will be to narrow down economic development priorities on a county level.

Congressional Communication

Regular contact has been maintained with Senator Scott’s NW Florida Director, Sierra Anderson, to better communicate collective regional needs to the Senator’s office.
STATE

Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO)
Partnering to support Liberty County’s application for a Community Planning Technical Assistance Grant to establish a Long-Term Recovery Plan through its recovery group.

Division of Historical Resources (DHR)/Florida Main Street
Florida’s Division or Historical Resources (DHR) and FEMA are coordinating through the Florida Main Street program to further support local revitalization and economic recovery in six (6) of the eight (8) designated Florida Main Street communities in the ARPC Region that were significantly impacted by Hurricane Michael: Apalachicola, Blountstown, Chattahoochee, Havana, Marianna, and Quincy.

In Chattahoochee, efforts are underway to support an application for an EPA recreational rural community technical assistance to re-plan, revitalize and re-imagine the Chattahoochee River Landing to promote historical, archeological, recreational, and eco-tourism to the area and to take advantage of the relatively untapped resource of the Apalachicola River Blueway. This technical assistance would be combined with a new streetscape plan and complete downtown redesign using New Market Tax Credit funding that is in the process of being secured this month (May 2019). This technical assistance and investment interest for economic recovery is possible due to heavy destruction from Hurricane Michael.

REGIONAL

Opportunity Florida - Hurricane Katrina Recovery Tour to Southern Mississippi (May 5-7)

Presentation by the Mississippi Development Authority on lessons learned rebuilding from Hurricane Katrina (May 7, 2019)
The ARPC was among the chosen few invited to represent the Region and participate on a two-day bus tour of the southern counties of Mississippi to meet with state and local level officials, along with key business entities who played significant roles in rebuilding communities after Hurricane Katrina. It was an excellent opportunity to have candid conversations and to gain insight on lessons learned. The first day was spent in the Pascagoula coastal area followed by visits inland to rural George County (Lucedale) and the City of Hattiesburg.

**Long-Term Recovery Groups (LTRG)**

There are four (4) long-term recovery groups established in the Region. Each are at different stages of organization and overall participation.

**North Florida Inland Long-Term Recovery Group (N FILTRG)**

By far the most well established and organized recovery group, the N FILTRG represents both Calhoun and Jackson counties. Each of its committee functions are thriving and moving forward. In April, Kristy Terry (Executive Director of the Calhoun County Chamber of Commerce) was hired to be the N FILTRG Executive Director. She will maintain her role with the Calhoun County Chamber as the goals and objectives for both entities have significant overlap.

The N FILTRG has developed a very informative website [www.northfloridarecovery.com](http://www.northfloridarecovery.com) which lists its board members and committee chairs. There is a page where individuals may register an unmet need that can be processed and directed to the appropriate committee. Donations are accepted and service providers may register online. A page for volunteer sign-up process is being developed as well.

The N FILTRG is currently spearheading a regional summit (June 10-12, 2019), in partnership with the Disaster Leadership Team [www.thedlt.org](http://www.thedlt.org), to be held in Marianna at Rivertown Community Church. The purpose of the summit is to provide clear training and guidance on all aspects of unmet needs for long-term recovery.

*General meeting of the North Florida Inland Long-Term Recovery Group (April 18, 2019)*
Citizens of Gulf Recovery Team
Gulf County’s LTRG has strong leadership with a robust team of volunteers having the appropriate expertise to chair each of the internal committees. The group has a very good grasp of the issues needed to be addressed and is well positioned to make great strides quickly. The current primary focus is working and coordinating case management, especially concerning the elderly and vulnerable population. The group is in the process of organizing as a non-profit and working toward establishing its day-to-day procedures and logistics.

Gadsden Strong Long-Term Recovery Group
Gadsden County has a committed core of citizens on its board. The group will need clearer direction on how best to proceed balancing short term challenges while preparing for long term success. Gadsden Strong has several charitable organizations working in the County that provide regular updates on their progress. Housing repairs and replacement are the greatest needs. The group has support from County government but needs more involvement from all corners of the county as well as economic development resources.

Liberty Strong Long-Term Recovery Group
Liberty Strong is currently experiencing the most organizational challenges due to inconsistent board member participation and it does not yet have a clear path to follow for long-term success. The group is relying heavily upon non-profit disaster relief organizations to handle case management of unmet needs.
AGENDA ITEM 6-B-3

EMERGENCY PLANNING PROGRAM
Zach Annett – Elise Fisher

Regional Hazardous Materials Program
The ARPC staffs the Apalachee Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) which is responsible for implementing the federal Emergency Planning and the Community Right-To-Know Act (EPCRA) for the ARPC Region. The four primary activities of the Apalachee LEPC are hazardous materials planning, training, emergency exercises and public outreach.

Quarterly Meetings
ARPC staff held the most recent meeting of the Apalachee LEPC on February 13, 2019 at the Tallahassee Fire Department Training Division. During the meeting the Committee recognized Lt. Allen Willis as the recipient of the Thomas Yatabe Award for his outstanding contributions to the LEPC program during his tenure as a member of the Committee. Additionally, staff recognized 3 other individuals with Certificates of Appreciation for their commitment to the program. The next meeting of the Apalachee LEPC will be held on May 22, 2019.

Hazardous Materials Training and Outreach
ARPC staff is discussing the coordination of a potential exercise in Jefferson County focusing on local emergency response agencies responding to a methamphetamine lab within the county. The actual date for the exercise has not been set, but it is tentatively planned for fall 2019.

ARPC staff attended the Wakulla County Build-Your-Bucket event on April 27, 2019 at the Wakulla County Community Center. Zach Annett gave the citizens a demonstration on how to properly shelter in place in the event of a hazardous materials emergency and handed out informational pamphlets.

ARPC staff coordinated the following courses during the quarter to train first responders and officials who play a role in hazardous materials incidents:

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Additionally, staff has scheduled the following trainings for the upcoming quarter:
- HazMat Tox-Medic Course – July, 2019
- HazMat Incident Commander Course – September 24-26, 2019, Jackson County, FL.

All training opportunities and are posted on the ARPC website at www.thearpa.com.
State Agricultural Response Team

ARPC staff provides planning support to the FL Dept. of Agriculture and Consumer Services (FDACS) State Agricultural Response Team (SART). Elise Fisher continues to work with SART partners, the University of Florida, the FL Division of Emergency Management (FDEM), and the State Animal Response Coalition (SARC) on the development of an online pet-friendly sheltering course. The course will be an independent study course in which participants can complete the training at their own pace and receive a state certificate upon successful completion. The training will provide participants valuable information on how to set up, run, and take down and pet-friendly shelter. The target audience for the training are emergency managers, county employees, and shelter volunteers.

Exercise Planning and Facilitation

2019 Statewide Hurricane Exercise
ARPC staff assisted the FL Division of Emergency Management (FDEM) with the planning and development of the 2019 Statewide Hurricane Exercise (HURREX). ARPC staff was responsible for developing the Exercise Plan, Master Scenario and Events List, Exercise Evaluation Guides and other Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation Program (HSEEP) documentation. ARPC staff is also responsible for leading a team of 9 evaluators for the exercise held on May 6-8, 2019. Following the exercise, ARPC staff will be responsible for completing an After-Action Report/Improvement Plan (AAR/IP), which will explain in detail observed strengths and areas for improvement.

Special Needs Shelter Table Top Exercise
The FL Dept. of Health in Leon County (FDOH Leon) requested the ARPC’s assistance in holding at Special Needs Shelter tabletop exercise. As a follow up to the hurricane activity over the last few years, the FDOH Leon is working to exercise its staff and make every possible preparation for the upcoming 2019 Hurricane Season. ARPC staff and FDOH Leon began discussions in April and FDOH Leon has contracted with the ARPC to conduct the exercise focusing on Shelter Operations and Shelter Communications, especially with ESF – 8 at the Emergency Operations Center on June 7, 2019. At the conclusion of the 2018 Hurricane Season there were several areas for improvement in the Hurricane Michael After Action Report/Improvement Plan that needed to be addressed. ARPC staff has held the Concepts and Objectives meeting and the Initial Planning Meeting. The Midterm Planning Meeting will take place on May 13th, and the final Planning Meeting on June 3rd, before the actual afternoon tabletop exercise on June 7th.
Other Emergency Planning Technical Assistance Activities

Leon County Schools Crisis Management Plan
Leon County Schools (LCS) has contracted with the ARPC to update its Crisis Management Plan. The plan will be updated according to the requirements of the Marjory Stoneman Douglass Commission, Senate Bill 7026, and Senate Bill 7030. ARPC staff is currently in negotiations with Leon County Schools to conduct a tabletop exercise in August 2019 which will test and review the new Crisis Management Plan prepared by the ARPC.

ARPC staff will also be working with the North Florida Regional Domestic Security Task Force to conduct a series of active shooter workshops for first responders. The workshops will be the second phase from last year’s *Save Life – An Integrated Response to an Active Shooter Event* training held throughout the 13-county region. The workshops will allow first responders to discuss their response, better understand the resources in their area, and talk through any unique challenges they may have when planning for a coordinated response. The first two offerings of these workshops are scheduled for June 12th and 13th in Wakulla and Madison counties.
AGENDA ITEM 6 – B – 5
TRANSPORTATION PLANNING PROGRAM – Kwentin Eastberg

Transportation Disadvantaged (TD) Program
ARPC staff will hold the fourth quarter meetings of the Transportation Disadvantaged Program throughout the month of June. Items on this agenda include adopting the FY 2019-2020 Rate Model and updating the Transportation Disadvantaged Service Plan for each Community Transportation Coordinator (CTC). Meeting times and locations for the fourth quarter meetings are listed below. A reminder that all meetings are public meetings, and anyone is welcome to attend. Franklin and Gulf county meeting dates are TBD at this time due to scheduling conflicts between the FPTA/FDOT/CUTR Professional Development Workshop in Tampa, and a last-minute training from the Commission of the Transportation Disadvantaged on the new Annual Operating Report software. Both require the CTC director’s attendance, as does the Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board (TDCB) Quarterly meeting. Doodle Polls have been sent out to TDCB members requesting a date/time that works best for them as well.

JUNE 2019 TD-Local Coordinating Board Meetings

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Board Member Appointments
The Executive Director appointed the following member to the Jackson TD Local Coordinating Board with an effective date of the 3rd quarter meeting in February. The membership term ends June 30th on the year listed.

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General Transportation Planning
ARPC staff attended the Florida Triple Crown Bus Roadeo hosted by the Jacksonville Transit Authority in Jacksonville, FL. Our Region was well represented at the event and took home some of the top awards. Melissa Sanders from Liberty County Transit took 2nd place in the Van Operator Division. Tommy Griffis from JTrans in Jackson County took 1st place in the Van Division, besting Ms. Sanders by only 1 point! William Hernandez from Big Bend Transit, which services Gadsden, Jefferson, and surrounding counties, took home the 1st place honors in the Paratransit Technician Division. The 1st place winners receive a bid to compete in the National Roadeo held in California this year. ARPC wishes the best of luck to all the representatives from the Apalachee Region!

Other Items of Interest
ARPC staff continues to explore areas of growth for the Transportation Program as a whole. The BUILD Grant Notice of Funding has been released by the FL Dept. of Transportation, with dedicated funding of $450 Million dollars to rural communities for infrastructure investments. The deadline for submitting applications is July 15th. ARPC staff is also interested in rekindling the TRIP partnerships that have previously been used in the past. If any board member is interested in learning more, especially in Calhoun, Franklin, Gulf, Jackson, and Liberty counties, please get in touch with ARPC Transportation staff to begin moving this forward.

NEW TD Grant Applications
The proposed ARPC Resolution 19-2 included on the following page is required by the Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged and will authorize the ARPC Executive Director to execute the 19/20 TD Planning Grant Agreements for the eight counties we are contracted to provide Planning Services.

**ACTIONS NEEDED**

*Motion to approve the Executive Director’s appointment to the Jackson TD Local Coordinating Board

*Motion to approve ARPC Resolution 19-2.
ARPC RESOLUTION No. 19-2

A RESOLUTION of the Apalachee Regional Planning Council (hereafter referred to as the “BOARD”) hereby authorizes the filing and execution of a Transportation Disadvantaged Planning Grant Agreement with the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged.

WHEREAS, the BOARD is eligible to receive a Transportation Disadvantaged Planning Grant and to undertake a transportation disadvantaged service project as authorized by Section 427.0159, Florida Statutes, and Rule 41-2, Florida Administrative Code.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD THAT:

1. The BOARD has the authority to enter into this grant agreement.

2. The BOARD authorizes Chris Rietow, Executive Director, to execute the grant agreement, amendments, warranties, certifications and any other documents which may be required in connection with the agreement on behalf of the Board acting as the Designated Official Planning Agency for Calhoun, Franklin, Gadsden, Gulf, Jackson, Jefferson, Liberty, and Wakulla Counties with the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged.

3. The BOARD’S Registered Agent in Florida is Chris Rietow, Executive Director. The Registered Agent’s address: is 2507 Callaway Road, Suite 200, Tallahassee, Florida 32303.

DULY PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 16th DAY OF MAY 2019

BY THE: APALACHEE REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

Randy Merritt
Chairman

ATTEST:

Chris Rietow
Executive Director
AGENDA ITEM 6 - B - 6

ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING PROGRAM – Josh Adams

Shoreline Habitats and Resilient Coasts (SHaRC) Analysis
ARPC staff has entered the final phase of this project. With the results of the previous phase, ARPC staff in conjunction with the consultant has identified 25 top-priority sites. The sites include areas that are in close proximity to public parcels, as well as critical infrastructure. Initial results have been shared with FDOT and the Apalachicola National Estuarine Research Reserve, and ARPC staff will continue to work with both agencies on the project. FDOT Central Office has been receptive to the project, and after sharing with FDOT District 3, ARPC staff has scheduled a meeting with District 3 staff to discuss the project later in the month.

The next steps in the SHaRC program are to finalize the results of the analysis and submit a report to FDEP with the results of the analysis. While no funds or grants have been awarded to implement the project, there is traction to seek them, especially considering the protection afforded to infrastructure along the coast.

Small Quantity Generator Program (SQG)
ARPC staff has completed the required site visits for the coverage area. Final summaries have been completed and results tabulated for each county. ARPC staff has also completed summaries tied to the subcontract with Northeast Florida Regional Council for compliance assistance visits in Baker and Nassau counties for 2019. Summaries will be submitted to FDEP by June 15, 2019.
RESTORE Act Spill Impact Component Administration
ARPC staff continues to engage with Franklin, Gulf, and Jefferson, with contracts executed between ARPC, Gulf and Jefferson. The Gulf Consortium has established an online portal for project submissions, and those projects with start dates of 2019 and 2020, as identified in the state expenditure plan, will be able to be submitted with assistance from ARPC staff.

Riparian County Stakeholder Coalition and Apalachicola-Chattahoochee-Flint Stakeholders
ARPC staff continues to serve as the Coordinator of the Riparian County Stakeholder Coalition (RCSC) and former ARPC staffer Joe Crozier will be serving as the next Chairman of the Apalachicola-Chattahoochee-Flint Stakeholders, Inc. (ACFS). Josh Adams has applied for membership as a local government stakeholder.

Debate over what to do with the 2015 scientific report funded through ACFS has necessitated the hiring of the Udall Foundation. The Foundation is a Federal program which administers the US Institute for Environmental Conflict Resolution. The goal is to achieve consensus on the best way to release the information contained in the report in a manner receptive to all parties involved.

RCSC is working to ensure that the Udall Foundation is reaching out to, and speaking with the correct stakeholders, and is representing the most complete caucus information available. ACFS-wide meetings with Udall are expected to be complete by the time of the next ACFS meeting, ensuring that they are familiar with the viewpoints of each caucus. The RCSC will be meeting on the June 6, 2019 at the Calhoun Public Library in Blountstown to prepare for the ACFS meeting. The next ACFS meeting is scheduled to take place on June 10-11, 2019.
AGENDA ITEM 6 - B - 7

GIS Program – Sarah Hibbard

Apalachee Online
ARPC staff has begun conducting the third and final round of stakeholder meetings for Apalachee Online. Phase three meetings consist of live demonstrations of the website's functionality and final map products. Stakeholders provided input on present and potential future use of the website, how to go about keeping the maps up to date and any final adjustments, if needed. The final project materials will be submitted to FDEO by May 24, 2019.

Apalachee Online – Moving Forward
ARPC staff will be applying for a FDEO Community Planning Technical Assistance grant for the 2019-20 fiscal year to continue building Apalachee Online. The next phase of development will incorporate interactive maps for the region’s 27 rural municipalities and establish a direct link to Apalachee Online on each city’s website. For the eight municipalities in the Region without a website, ARPC staff will build an ADA-compliant website to which Apalachee Online can connect.

Census Boundary Updates
ARPC staff is wrapping up the 2019 Census PSAP boundary updates for Jackson, Gulf, Gadsden and Calhoun counties. Once the proposed boundary edits are finished, they will be sent to the Census Bureau for review. Upon approval, the boundaries will be used for the 2020 decennial Census. ARPC staff have been coordinating with the participating counties, the FDEO and the FL Office of Economic and Demographic Research to ensure the updated boundaries accurately reflect the counties’ demographics. Final update materials will be sent to the Census Bureau by May 24, 2019.
AGENDA ITEM 6 – B – 8

CORRESPONDENCE / ITEMS OF INTEREST

1. City of Gretna Awarded $300K for Infrastructure Study – March 2019
2. Disaster Opportunity Zones Act – April 2019
3. FRCA – Monthly Activity Report – March 2019
4. SELF Home Improvement Loans Flyer – January 2019
Gretna awarded 300K for infrastructure study

By Brian Dokle
editor@prioritynews.net

The state is chipping in nearly 300 grand to help the City of Gretna ensure infrastructure at its portion of the Gulf to Gadsden Freight Logistics Zone is up to snuff and ready for the major industrial operations it hopes to attract there.

Florida Governor Ron DeSantis announced this past week that the City of Gretna has been awarded $298,725 through the state’s Rural Infrastructure Fund and Regional Rural Development Grant programs. The money is earmarked for a key feasibility study at a 600-acre tract in Gretna set aside for distribution centers, transport hubs, industrial warehouses and other large-scale commercial and industrial operations - especially those with diverse and often unique transportation needs.

The Gretna property is a strategic site within the Gulf to Gadsden Freight Logistics Zone, a swath of territory spanning Gulf, Franklin, Liberty and Gadsden counties that includes interconnected highways, railroads, an airport and seaport. By combining their assets in planned, industry-ready properties that include convenient access to diverse, linked transportation options, the four-county partnership hopes to attract greater economic development to the region versus individual communities leveraging each asset on its own, according to officials with the Apalachee Regional Planning Council and Florida Department of Economic Opportunity.

But before the Gulf to Gadsden Freight Logistics Zone can realize its full potential, partner cities, counties and enterprises must undertake several infrastructure expansions and improvement projects to ensure industrial sites and transportation interchanges are up to the demands of modern industry. The study being funded by the $300,000 grant announced this past week would identify infrastructure enhancements needed in Gretna’s 600-acre slice of the Gulf to see GRETNA on page A8

from GRETNA on page 1

Gadsden Freight Logistics Zone pie, according to the Department of Economic Opportunity.

The Gretna tract, adjacent to Interstate 10, will play a vital role not just in the overall strategy of the Gulf to Gadsden Freight Logistics Zone, but in local - Gretna/Gadsden County - economic development, as well, Gretna City Manager and Gadsden County Development Council board chair Antonio Jefferson said.

“Our suppliers or our businesses that produce goods both locally, as well as statewide, could use this facility as a means to getting their goods and materials out to other places in the world, and we're glad to be part of the overall strategy to make Florida more competitive to attract both imports and exports for our businesses,” Jefferson said.

Gretna was one of several North Florida communities recently awarded grants through the Rural Infrastructure Fund and Regional Rural Development Grant programs. Governor DeSantis announced nearly $750,000 in infrastructure improvement awards this past week, including $100,000 to Columbia County, $200,000 to the City of Lake City and $150,000 to the North Florida Economic Development Partnership. “Florida's economy is strong but there is still work to be done in some of our hardworking, resilient North Florida communities,” DeSantis said in a news release. “The development of infrastructure is critical for the economic development of these rural communities.”

For more information, visit FloridaJobs.org/RIF.
Rubio, Scott introduce Disaster Opportunity Zones Act to assist in disaster recovery

Washington, D.C. — Today, U.S. Senators Marco Rubio (R-FL) and Rick Scott (R-FL) introduced the Disaster Opportunity Zones Act (DOZA), which would allow governors to nominate areas affected by 2018 hurricanes and California wildfires as opportunity zones to stimulate local economies and encourage private investment for disaster recovery.

Specifically, DOZA would enact a new round of opportunity zone designations for low-income census tracts in selected 2018 disaster areas. The process would be identical to the opportunity zones enacted by the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act (TCJA), and certified tracts would be eligible for the same tax treatment as the TCJA opportunity zones. North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, and California governors would select up to the greater of 25 percent, or 25, qualified low-income census tracts affected by natural disasters to be disaster opportunity zones. Like the TCJA, the new opportunity zones would be approved by the U.S. Treasury. A one pager of the bill is available here.

"Local communities devastated by recent natural disasters, like Hurricane Michael, are still struggling to recover from the catastrophic loss of jobs and business," Rubio said. "The Disaster Opportunity Zones Act would help stimulate local economies and encourage private investment from job creators by allowing many of these areas to become opportunity zones."

Scott said, "The Disaster Opportunity Zones Act will make a real and lasting difference for our communities impacted by Hurricane Michael. I'm proud to sponsor this bill to bring new capital investment and more jobs to Florida's Panhandle as we continue to recover and rebuild following Hurricane Michael. Over my eight years as Governor, I fought every day to make sure every Floridian had the opportunity to live their version of the American Dream. This bill will build on that work and continue to expand economic opportunity for Florida families."
MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT: March 2019

RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT/CAPACITY BUILDING and OUTREACH

- Organized and distributed the February 2019 Florida Regional Councils Association (FRCA) Newsletter, FRCA Forward. Began collecting articles and formatting the March 2019 Newsletter. Continued to update the FRCA Facebook page.
- Worked with the Florida Association of Counties to maintain the email lists for newly elected local officials and maintain the email listserv for approximately 2,400 individuals who receive FRCA Forward.
- Continued to work with the Florida Association of Counties to maintain and enhance the FRCA website: www.flregionalcouncils.org.
- Participating with the legislative process to secure funding so that regional planning councils can update the Statewide Regional Evacuation Study.
- Facilitated a conference call with the Coordinators of the Local Emergency Planning Committees held on March 11th.
- Facilitated the monthly Disaster Recovery Coordinator Conference Call with the Economic Development Administration held on March 13th.
- Worked with the Economic Development Administration to develop and submit an application for a panel on Recovery from Hurricanes Irma and Michael for the American Planning Association Florida Annual Conference being held in Destin, September 10 – 13th.

ASSOCIATION MANAGEMENT

- Participated with the March Executive Directors Advisory Committee (EDAC) and Partners meetings held in Tallahassee.
- Prepared for the April EDAC and Partners Meetings.
- Distributed 2019 Legislative bill tracking report.
- Coordinated FRCA participation with the following upcoming annual conferences:
  - Florida Association of Counties, June 11 – 14th
  - Florida League of Cities, August 15 – 17th
  - American Planning Association, Florida Chapter, September 10 – 13th
- Distributed grant opportunities and information of interest from local, state and national organizations.
MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT: April 2019

RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT/CAPACITY BUILDING and OUTREACH

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- Continued to work with the Florida Association of Counties to maintain and enhance the FRCA website: www.flregionalcouncils.org.
- To enhance partnerships and strengthen the relationship between regional planning councils and their state and federal partners, participated in or attended the following meetings and shared information:
  - Rural Economic Development Initiative
  - Coordination call with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection
- Facilitated the Economic Development Planner and Disaster Recovery Coordinator Conference Call with the Economic Development Administration, April 9th
- Compiled the January – March quarterly report for the Department of Economic Opportunity on economic activities in each regional planning council area.

ASSOCIATION MANAGEMENT

- Participated with the April Executive Directors Advisory Committee (EDAC) and Partners meetings held in Tallahassee.
- Prepared for the June EDAC and Partners Meetings.
- Distributed the 2019 Legislative bill tracking report.
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April 22, 2019

The Honorable Neal Dunn
United States Representative
300 South Adams Street
Tallahassee, Florida 32301

RE: Letter of Support for Rebuilding of Tyndall Air Force Base

Dear Congressman Dunn:

The purpose of this letter is to formally show the Apalachee Regional Planning Council's (ARPC) full support for federal funding to support recovery efforts for Tyndall Air Force Base. The ARPC Board unanimously passed a motion at its March 22, 2019 meeting directing staff to submit a letter of support after discussing Hurricane Michael impacts to the region.

As you are well aware, Hurricane Michael's Category 5 winds wrought severe devastation across the region. Many parts of this primarily rural region were finally starting to see positive signs of the recovery from the Great Recession and now have yet another economic disaster to face. The ARPC Board understands the broad economic benefits provided by Tyndall AFB and is in complete support of funding to quickly rebuild the base. Tyndall Air Force Base and the boost it provides to the regional economy is crucial to a successful recovery.

The ARPC recognizes and truly appreciates all your efforts on behalf of your district, especially with respect to Hurricane Michael recovery. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or require additional information.

Sincerely,

Chris Rietow
Executive Director

Cc: Commissioner Randy Merritt, ARPC Chairman
April 22, 2019

Phillip Gainer, PE  
FDOT District 3, Secretary  
1074 Highway 90 East  
Chipley, FL 32428-0607

RE: Letter to Request Feasibility and Potential Construction of an Interchange at Interstate 10/State Road 65

Dear Secretary Gainer:

The Apalachee Regional Planning Council (ARPC) formally requests the Florida Department of Transportation, District 3, to determine the feasibility of constructing an interchange at Interstate 10 (I-10) and State Road 65 (S.R. 65) in Gadsden County. The ARPC Board unanimously passed a motion at its March 22, 2019 meeting directing staff to make this request after discussing Hurricane Michael evacuation issues in the Region.

S.R. 65 is the closest and most direct evacuation route north from the coast for the residents of St. George Island, Eastpoint, Apalachicola, in Franklin County and Sumatra, Wilma, Telogia and Hosford in Liberty County. S.R. 65 would also be utilized by the City of Carrabelle and Lanark Village via County Road 67 in Franklin County. Furthermore, S.R. 65 is identified as an Evacuation Route for Franklin, Liberty and Gadsden counties, but does not have connectivity to I-10, allowing for East/West travel out of the way of any potential storm, threat, or natural disaster.

Additionally, this interchange could potentially have a significant impact with respect to economic development in each of the above referenced local governments. S.R. 65 is a direct route to Eastpoint, and by extension Apalachicola and St. George Island. This could prove to have a very positive impact for both Franklin and Liberty counties, both in terms of tourism and economic development opportunities.

The ARPC Board respectfully asks for a prompt response as its next meeting is scheduled for May 16, 2019. Please feel free to contact me at (850) 488-6211 ext. 102 or CRietow@TheARPC.com if you have any questions or require additional information.

Sincerely,

Chris Rietow  
Executive Director

Cc: Commissioner Randy Merritt, ARPC Chairman
May 3, 2019

Phillip Gainer, PE
FDOT District 3, Secretary
1074 Highway 90 East
Chipley, FL 32428-0607

RE: Letter of Support regarding Apalachicola Regional Planning Council’s request to the FDOT to determine the feasibility and Potential Construction of an interchange at Interstate 10 and State Road 65.

Dear Secretary Gainer:

The City of Carrabelle is in strong support of the Apalachicola Regional Planning Council’s (ARPC) request for the Florida Department of Transportation, District 3, to determine the feasibility of constructing an interchange at Interstate 10 (I-10) and State Road 65 (SR 65) in Gadsden County.

State Road 65 is the closest and most direct route north from the coast for residents and visitors of St. George Island, Eastpoint, and Apalachicola in Franklin County and for those in Sumatra, Wilma, Telogia, and Hosford in Liberty County. In addition, State Road 65 would be utilized by residents and visitors of Carrabelle and Lanark Village when evacuating via County Road 67 which is not an identified Evacuation Route. State Road 65 is the only identified Evacuation Route from these two Counties. County Road 67 floods easily at Pine Log Bridge in Franklin County and at several low areas in Liberty County.

Although State Road 65 is identified as the Evacuation Route for Franklin, Liberty and Gadsden Counties, it does not have connection to I-10 to allow for safe and efficient East/West travel out of the way of any potential storm or natural disaster. As a result, Florida State Road 20 (SR 20) becomes heavily congested with cars, trucks, motor homes, trailered campers and boats, and heavy equipment, etc. to the point of a standstill as occurred during evacuation for Hurricane Michael. FL SR 20 cannot safely and efficiently manage the amount of traffic evacuating via SR 65 and CR 67 from these three Counties, needing to travel East or West to move out of the way of a storm.

As well, an interchange at I-10 and SR 65 would have a significant positive economic impact to the entirety of Franklin County, making SR 65 a direct transportation corridor into the heart of Franklin County. The increased opportunities for tourism and economic development would be substantial.

If you have questions or comments, please feel free to contact me at blapaz@live.com or 850-697-4268.

Sincerely,

Brenda La Paz, Mayor
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Carrabelle, FL 32322
850-697-3618/850-697-4268

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