



COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

January 16, 2025

10:00am – 12:00pm

In Person and Virtual Meeting

LOCATION: SFWMD Office, 2301 McGregor Blvd., Ft. Myers Florida 33901

Join Zoom Meeting:

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Mission Statement:

To work together across neighboring communities to consistently protect and improve the unique and relatively unspoiled character of the physical, economic and social worlds we share...for the benefit of our future generations.

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NEXT SWFRPC MEETING: February 20, 2025

Two or more members of the Peace River Basin Management Advisory Committee and Coastal Heartland National Estuary Partnership may be in attendance and may discuss matters that could come before the Peace River Basin Management Advisory Committee and Coastal Heartland National Estuary Partnership, respectively, for consideration.

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Councilwoman Debbi Lux, Secretary	Councilman Ron Smith, Treasurer

CHARLOTTE COUNTY

COLLIER COUNTY

Commissioner Joe Tiseo, Charlotte BCC	Commissioner Bill McDaniel, Collier BCC
Commissioner Ken Doherty, Charlotte BCC	Commissioner Rick LoCastro, Collier BCC
Councilwoman Dr. Deborah Lux, City of Punta Gorda	Councilman Bill Kramer, City of Naples
Mr. Donald McCormick, Governor Appointee (Governor Appointee Vacancy)	(City of Marco Island Vacancy) (Governor Appointee Vacancy) (Governor Appointee Vacancy)

GLADES COUNTY

HENDRY COUNTY

TBD, Glades BCC	Commissioner Emma Byrd, Hendry BCC
Commissioner Tim Stanley, Glades BCC (City of Moore Haven Vacancy) (Governor Appointee Vacancy)	(Hendry County BCC Vacancy) Vice-Mayor Michael Atkinson, City of Clewiston (City of LaBelle Vacancy) (Governor Appointee Vacancy)

LEE COUNTY

SARASOTA COUNTY

Commissioner Kevin Ruane, Lee BCC	Commissioner Ron Cutsinger, Sarasota BCC
Commissioner Brian Hamman, Lee BCC	(Sarasota BCC Vacancy)
Councilman Fred Burson, City of Fort Myers	Mayor Erik Arroyo, City of Sarasota
Mayor Dan Allers, Town of Fort Myers Beach	Councilman Ron Smith, City of Venice
Councilman Jesse Purdon, City of Bonita Springs (Governor Appointee Vacancy) (Governor Appointee Vacancy)	(Governor Appointee Vacancy) (Governor Appointee Vacancy)

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS

(Vacant), FDEP	Keith Robbins, FDOT
Phil Flood, SFWMD	(Vacant) SWFWMD

STAFF

Margaret Wuerstle, Executive Director
Rebekah Harp, Deputy Director/Business Operations Manager
Asmaa Odeh, LEPC Coordinator/VISTA Program Coordinator
Jim Burch, Disaster Recovery Coordinator/Project Manager
Catherine Peralta - Vista
Julie Bankston – Vista
Sophia Mercer – Vista
Alysia Cancel - Vista



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Regional Planning Council Functions and Programs

March 4, 2011

- **Economic Development Districts:** Regional planning councils are designated as Economic Development Districts by the U. S. Economic Development Administration. From January 2003 to August 2010, the U. S. Economic Development Administration invested \$66 million in 60 projects in the State of Florida to create/retain 13,700 jobs and leverage \$1 billion in private capital investment. Regional planning councils provide technical support to businesses and economic developers to promote regional job creation strategies.
- **Emergency Preparedness and Statewide Regional Evacuation:** Regional planning councils have special expertise in emergency planning and were the first in the nation to prepare a Statewide Regional Evacuation Study using a uniform report format and transportation evacuation modeling program. Regional planning councils have been preparing regional evacuation plans since 1981. Products in addition to evacuation studies include Post Disaster Redevelopment Plans, Hazard Mitigation Plans, Continuity of Operations Plans and Business Disaster Planning Kits.
- **Local Emergency Planning:** Local Emergency Planning Committees are staffed by regional planning councils and provide a direct relationship between the State and local businesses. Regional planning councils provide thousands of hours of training to local first responders annually. Local businesses have developed a trusted working relationship with regional planning council staff.
- **Homeland Security:** Regional planning council staff is a source of low cost, high quality planning and training experts that support counties and State agencies when developing a training course or exercise. Regional planning councils provide cost effective training to first responders, both public and private, in the areas of Hazardous Materials, Hazardous Waste, Incident Command, Disaster Response, Pre- and Post-Disaster Planning, Continuity of Operations and Governance. Several regional planning councils house Regional Domestic Security Task Force planners.
- **Multipurpose Regional Organizations:** Regional planning councils are Florida's only multipurpose regional entities that plan for and coordinate intergovernmental solutions on multi-jurisdictional issues, support regional economic development and provide assistance to local governments.
- **Problem Solving Forum:** Issues of major importance are often the subject of regional planning council-sponsored workshops. Regional planning councils have convened regional summits and workshops on issues such as workforce housing, response to hurricanes, visioning and job creation.
- **Implementation of Community Planning:** Regional planning councils develop and maintain Strategic Regional Policy Plans to guide growth and development focusing on economic development, emergency preparedness, transportation, affordable housing and resources of regional significance. In addition, regional planning councils provide coordination and review of various programs such as Local Government Comprehensive Plans, Developments of Regional Impact and Power Plant Ten-year Siting Plans. Regional planning council reviewers have the local knowledge to conduct reviews efficiently and provide State agencies reliable local insight.

- **Local Government Assistance:** Regional planning councils are also a significant source of cost effective, high quality planning experts for communities, providing technical assistance in areas such as: grant writing, mapping, community planning, plan review, procurement, dispute resolution, economic development, marketing, statistical analysis, and information technology. Several regional planning councils provide staff for transportation planning organizations, natural resource planning and emergency preparedness planning.
- **Return on Investment:** Every dollar invested by the State through annual appropriation in regional planning councils generates 11 dollars in local, federal and private direct investment to meet regional needs.
- **Quality Communities Generate Economic Development:** Businesses and individuals choose locations based on the quality of life they offer. Regional planning councils help regions compete nationally and globally for investment and skilled personnel.
- **Multidisciplinary Viewpoint:** Regional planning councils provide a comprehensive, multidisciplinary view of issues and a forum to address regional issues cooperatively. Potential impacts on the community from development activities are vetted to achieve win-win solutions as council members represent business, government and citizen interests.
- **Coordinators and Conveners:** Regional planning councils provide a forum for regional collaboration to solve problems and reduce costly inter-jurisdictional disputes.
- **Federal Consistency Review:** Regional planning councils provide required Federal Consistency Review, ensuring access to hundreds of millions of federal infrastructure and economic development investment dollars annually.
- **Economies of Scale:** Regional planning councils provide a cost-effective source of technical assistance to local governments, small businesses and non-profits.
- **Regional Approach:** Cost savings are realized in transportation, land use and infrastructure when addressed regionally. A regional approach promotes vibrant economies while reducing unproductive competition among local communities.
- **Sustainable Communities:** Federal funding is targeted to regions that can demonstrate they have a strong framework for regional cooperation.
- **Economic Data and Analysis:** Regional planning councils are equipped with state of the art econometric software and have the ability to provide objective economic analysis on policy and investment decisions.
- **Small Quantity Hazardous Waste Generators:** The Small Quantity Generator program ensures the proper handling and disposal of hazardous waste generated at the county level. Often smaller counties cannot afford to maintain a program without imposing large fees on local businesses. Many counties have lowered or eliminated fees, because regional planning council programs realize economies of scale, provide businesses a local contact regarding compliance questions and assistance and provide training and information regarding management of hazardous waste.
- **Regional Visioning and Strategic Planning:** Regional planning councils are conveners of regional visions that link economic development, infrastructure, environment, land use and transportation into long term investment plans. Strategic planning for communities and organizations defines actions critical to successful change and resource investments.
- **Geographic Information Systems and Data Clearinghouse:** Regional planning councils are leaders in geographic information systems mapping and data support systems. Many local governments rely on regional planning councils for these services.

SOUTHWEST FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL (SWFRPC) ACRONYMS

ABM - Agency for Bay Management - Estero Bay Agency on Bay Management

ADA - Application for Development Approval

ADA - Americans with Disabilities Act

AMDA -Application for Master Development Approval

BEBR - Bureau of Economic Business and Research at the University of Florida

BLID - Binding Letter of DRI Status

BLIM - Binding Letter of Modification to a DRI with Vested Rights

BLIVR -Binding Letter of Vested Rights Status

BPCC -Bicycle/Pedestrian Coordinating Committee

CAC - Citizens Advisory Committee

CAO - City/County Administrator Officers

CDBG - Community Development Block Grant

CDC - Certified Development Corporation (a.k.a. RDC)

CEDS - Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (a.k.a. OEDP)

CHNEP - Charlotte Harbor National Estuary Program

CTC - Community Transportation Coordinator

CTD - Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged

CUTR - Center for Urban Transportation Research

DEO - Department of Economic Opportunity

DEP - Department of Environmental Protection

DO - Development Order

DOPA - Designated Official Planning Agency (i.e. MPO, RPC, County, etc.)

EDA - Economic Development Administration

EDC - Economic Development Coalition

EDD - Economic Development District

EPA – Environmental Protection Agency

FAC - Florida Association of Counties

FACTS - Florida Association of CTCs

FAR - Florida Administrative Register (formerly Florida Administrative Weekly)

FCTS - Florida Coordinated Transportation System

FDC&F -Florida Department of Children and Families (a.k.a. HRS)

FDEA - Florida Department of Elder Affairs

FDLES - Florida Department of Labor and Employment Security

FDOT - Florida Department of Transportation

FHREDI - Florida Heartland Rural Economic Development Initiative

FIAM – Fiscal Impact Analysis Model

FLC - Florida League of Cities

FQD - Florida Quality Development

FRCA -Florida Regional Planning Councils Association

FTA - Florida Transit Association

IC&R - Intergovernmental Coordination and Review

IFAS - Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences at the University of Florida

JLCB - Joint Local Coordinating Boards of Glades & Hendry Counties

JPA - Joint Participation Agreement

JSA - Joint Service Area of Glades & Hendry Counties

LCB - Local Coordinating Board for the Transportation Disadvantaged

LEPC - Local Emergency Planning Committee

MOA - Memorandum of Agreement

MPO - Metropolitan Planning Organization

MPOAC - Metropolitan Planning Organization Advisory Council

MPOCAC - Metropolitan Planning Organization Citizens Advisory Committee

MPOTAC - Metropolitan Planning Organization Technical Advisory Committee

NADO – National Association of Development Organizations

NARC -National Association of Regional Councils

NOPC -Notice of Proposed Change

OEDP - Overall Economic Development Program

PDA - Preliminary Development Agreement

REMI – Regional Economic Modeling Incorporated

RFB - Request for Bids

RFI – Request for Invitation

RFP - Request for Proposals

RPC - Regional Planning Council

SHIP -State Housing Initiatives Partnership

SRPP – Strategic Regional Policy Plan

TAC - Technical Advisory Committee

TDC - Transportation Disadvantaged Commission (a.k.a. CTD)

TDPN - Transportation Disadvantaged Planners Network

TDSP - Transportation Disadvantaged Service Plan

USDA - US Department of Agriculture

WMD - Water Management District (SFWMD and SWFWMD)

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November Financials

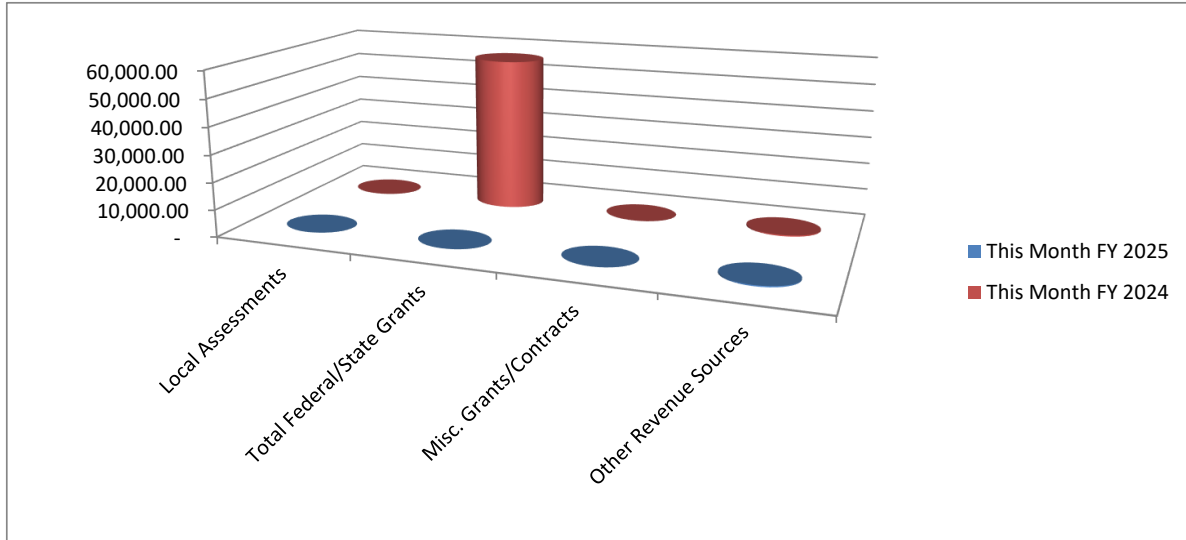
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2024 - 2025 Workplan & Budget Financial Snapshot Nov-24

Revenues

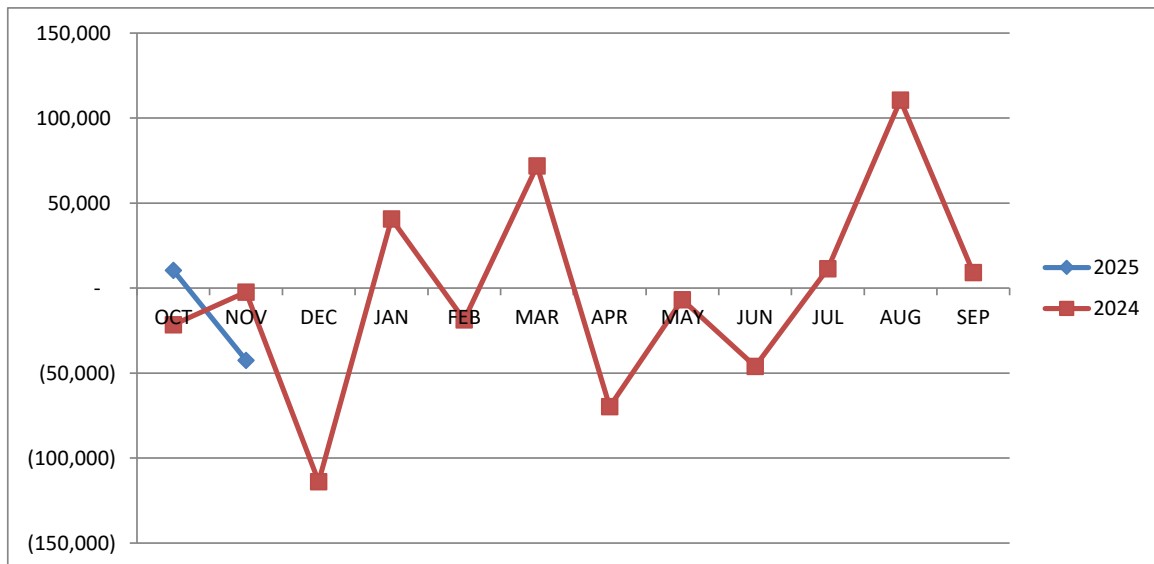
- Local Assessments
- Total Federal/State Grants
- Misc. Grants/Contracts
- Other Revenue Sources

Monthly Revenues



Notes: Local Assessments billed at the beginning of each quarter: October, January, April and July
 State/Federal Grants billed quarterly: LEPC, HMEP
 Federal Grants billed Semi Annually: Economic Development
 Misc. Grants/Contracts billed by deliverable: Interagency PO'S
 Other(DRI) billed /recorded monthly as cost reimbursement

Monthly Net Income (Loss)



YTD: Net Income (\$32,057) Unaudited

SWFRPC

Detail of Reserve

As of November 30, 2024

Cash and Cash Equivalents:

Petty Cash	\$	200
FineMark Operating Funds		<u>86,129</u>
<i>Total Cash and Cash Equivalents</i>	\$	86,329

Investments:

FineMark Money Market	\$	51,289
Local government Surplus Trust Fund Investment Pool (Fund A)		<u>94,290</u>
<i>Total Investments</i>	\$	145,579

Total Reserves		<u><u>\$</u></u>	<u>231,908</u>
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**SWFRPC INCOME STATEMENT
 COMPARED WITH BUDGET
 FOR THE ONE MONTH ENDING NOVEMBER 30, 2024**

	Current Month	Year to Date A	FY 24-25 Approved Budget B	% Of Budget Year to Date	Budget Remaining
REVENUES					
LOCAL ASSESSMENTS					
GLADES COUNTY	-	944	3,777	25%	\$ 2,833
CITY OF NAPLES	-	1,448	5,792	0%	\$ 1,446
CITY OF FORT MYERS	-	7,328	29,313	25%	\$ 21,985
TOWN OF FORT MYERS BEACH INC	-	244	977	25%	\$ 733
CITY VENICE (*10/17/24 Not Participating)	-	-	8,338	0%	\$ 8,338
TOTAL LOCAL ASSESSMENTS	\$ -	\$ 9,965	\$ 48,197	21%	\$ 35,334
FEDERAL / STATE GRANTS					
DEM - LEPC 23/24	-	-		#DIV/0!	\$ -
DEM - LEPC 24/25	-	-	90,000	N/A	\$ 90,000
DEM - HMEP 22/25	-	-	30,724	0%	\$ 30,724
DEM - Lee/Collier Hazard Analysis 24/25	-	-	9,462	0%	\$ 9,462
EDA - CEDS Planning 23-25	-	-	100,000	0%	\$ 100,000
EDA - Disaster Recovery Coordinator Ian	-	-	71,084	0%	\$ 71,084
FDEP - Marco Island Vulnerability	-	-	9,000	0%	\$ 9,000
EPA - Brownfields	-	-	191,410	0%	\$ 191,410
USDA - Regional Food Systems - USDA	-	82,112	209,448	39%	\$ 127,336
Vista Supervisor	-	-	19,637	0%	\$ 19,637
Promise Zone	-	-	-	N/A	\$ -
TOTAL FEDERAL / STATE GRANTS	\$ -	\$ 82,112	\$ 730,765	11%	\$ 648,653
MISC. GRANTS / CONTRACTS/CONTRACTUAL					
CHNEP Calendar 2025	-	-	5,000	N/A	\$ -
HERO	-	-	8,000	0%	\$ 8,000
TOTAL MISC. GRANTS/CONTRACTS	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 8,000	0%	\$ 8,000
DRIS/NOPCS/MONITORING					
DRI MONITORING FEES	-	\$ -	\$ -	N/A	\$ -
DRIS/NOPCS INCOME	-	\$ 1,875	\$ 21,000	N/A	\$ 19,125
TOTAL	\$ -	\$ 1,875	\$ 21,000		\$ 19,125
Program Development (Unsecured Grants/Contract)					
*Program Development (Unsecured)	-	-	-	100%	\$ -
TOTAL PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-	\$ -
OTHER REVENUE SOURCES					
Misc. Income	-	-	400	0%	\$ 400
INTEREST INCOME - Money Market	8	17	800	2%	\$ 783
Fund A Investment Income	376	776	800	97%	\$ 24

	Current Month	Year to Date A	FY 24-25 Approved Budget B	% Of Budget Year to Date	Budget Remaining
TOTAL OTHER REVENUE SOURCES	\$ 384	\$ 793	\$ 2,000	40%	\$ 1,207
<i>Fund Balance</i>	\$ -	\$ -			
TOTAL REVENUES	\$ 384	\$ 94,745	\$ 809,962	12%	\$ 712,319

EXPENSES

PERSONNEL EXPENSES					
SALARIES EXPENSE	\$ 21,597	\$ 38,874	\$ 280,758	14%	\$ 241,884
FICA EXPENSE	1,638	2,948	23,339	13%	\$ 20,391
RETIREMENT EXPENSE	8,276	7,174	84,346	9%	\$ 77,172
HEALTH INSURANCE EXPENSE	3,413	6,437	38,520	17%	\$ 32,083
WORKERS COMP. EXPENSE	-	-	1,011	0%	\$ 1,011
UNEMPLOYMENT COMP. EXPENSE	-	-	-	N/A	-
TOTAL PERSONNEL EXPENSES	\$ 34,924	\$ 55,433	\$ 427,974	13%	\$ 372,541

OPERATIONAL EXPENSES					
CONSULTANTS	\$ 2,425	\$ 2,425	\$ 12,625	19%	\$ 10,201
GRANT/CONSULTING EXPENSE	4,000	50,200	376,824	13%	\$ 326,624
AUDIT SERVICES EXPENSE	-	1,000	30,000	3%	\$ 29,000
TRAVEL EXPENSE	-	-	23,000	0%	\$ 23,000
TELEPHONE EXPENSE	-	1	-	#DIV/0!	\$ (1)
POSTAGE / SHIPPING EXPENSE	-	-	-	N/A	\$ -
INSURANCE EXPENSE	137	241	7,044	3%	\$ 6,803
PRINTING/REPRODUCTION EXPENSE	580	580	1,000	58%	\$ 421
ADVERTISING/LEGAL NOTICES EXP	57	14,984	1,600	937%	\$ (13,384)
OTHER MISC. EXPENSE	-	-	500	0%	\$ 500
BANK SERVICE CHARGES	102	199	800	N/A	\$ 601
OFFICE SUPPLIES EXPENSE	-	183	1,000	18%	\$ 817
COMPUTER RELATED EXPENSE	658	1,448	21,947	7%	\$ 20,499
DUES AND MEMBERSHIP	-	-	2,699	0%	\$ 2,699
PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT	-	-	-	N/A	\$ -
MEETINGS/EVENTS EXPENSE	-	108	2,000	5%	\$ 1,892
CAPITAL OUTLAY - OPERATIONS	-	-	-	N/A	\$ -
UNCOLLECTABLE RECEIVABLES	-	-	-	N/A	\$ -
FUND BALANCE			\$ 453,577		
OPERATIONAL EXP.	\$ 7,959	\$ 71,369	\$ 934,616	8%	\$ 409,670

	Current Month	Year to Date A	FY 24-25 Approved Budget B	% Of Budget Year to Date	Budget Remaining
TOTAL OPERATIONAL EXP.			\$ 934,616		
TOTAL CASH OUTLAY	\$ 42,882	\$ 126,801	\$ 1,362,590		\$ 782,212
NET INCOME (LOSS)	<u>\$ (42,498)</u>	<u>\$ (32,057)</u>			

SWFRPC
Balance Sheet
November 30, 2024

ASSETS

Current Assets		
Cash - Florida Prime	\$	94,290.01
Cash - FineMark Oper.		86,128.65
Cash - FineMark MM		51,288.88
Petty Cash		200.00
Accounts Receivable		30,440.45
Transfer of Funds		30.00
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Total Current Assets		262,377.99
Property and Equipment		
Property, Furniture & Equip		43,026.31
Accumulated Depreciation		(43,025.31)
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Total Property and Equipment		1.00
Other Assets		
Amount t.b.p. for L.T.L.-Leave		41,305.44
FSA Deposit		0.29
Amt t.b.p. for L.T.Debt-OPEB		1,681.00
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Total Other Assets		42,986.73
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Total Assets	\$	<u><u>305,365.72</u></u>

LIABILITIES AND CAPITAL

Current Liabilities		
Deferred_Palmer_Ranch_5362	\$	13,125.00
FICA Taxes Payable		1,216.41
Federal W/H Tax Payable		(2,576.20)
United way Payable		322.00
FSA Payable		(412.63)
LEPC Contingency Fund		305.25
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Total Current Liabilities		11,979.83
Long-Term Liabilities		
Accrued Annual Leave		41,305.44
Long Term Debt - OPEB		1,681.00
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Total Long-Term Liabilities		42,986.44
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Total Liabilities		54,966.27
Capital		
Fund Balance-Unassigned		(231,544.02)
Fund Balance-Assigned		514,000.00
Net Income		(32,056.53)
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Total Capital		250,399.45
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Total Liabilities & Capital	\$	<u><u>305,365.72</u></u>

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Draft Comparison of Assessments
(Current vs Proposed)
(Informational)

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Assessment Comparison

Per Capita: Current (\$.30) Proposed (\$.15)

MEMBER	POPULATION 2023 (BEBR Estimates)	CURRENT ASSESSMENT .30/Capita	Quarterly Assessment	PROPOSED ASSESSMENT .15/Capita	Quarterly Assessment
Charlotte County	204,126	\$ 61,237.80	\$ 15,309.45	\$ 30,618.90	\$ 2,296.42
Collier County	380,174	\$ 114,052.20	\$ 28,513.05	\$ 57,026.10	\$ 4,276.96
City of Naples	19,306	\$ 5,791.80	\$ 1,447.95	\$ 2,895.90	\$ 217.19
Glades County	12,591	\$ 3,777.30	\$ 944.33	\$ 1,888.65	\$ 141.65
Hendry County	40,895	\$ 12,268.50	\$ 3,067.13	\$ 6,134.25	\$ 460.07
Lee County	700,023	\$ 210,006.90	\$ 52,501.73	\$ 105,003.45	\$ 7,875.26
City of Fort Myers	97,711	\$ 29,313.30	\$ 7,328.33	\$ 14,656.65	\$ 1,099.25
Town of FM Beach	3,255	\$ 976.50	\$ 244.13	\$ 488.25	\$ 36.62
Sarasota County	436,430	\$ 130,929.00	\$ 32,732.25	\$ 65,464.50	\$ 4,909.84
City of Venice	27,793	\$ 8,337.90	\$ 2,084.48	\$ 4,168.95	\$ 312.67
Total Assessments	1,922,304	\$ 576,691	\$ 142,088.33	\$ 288,346	\$ 21,313.25

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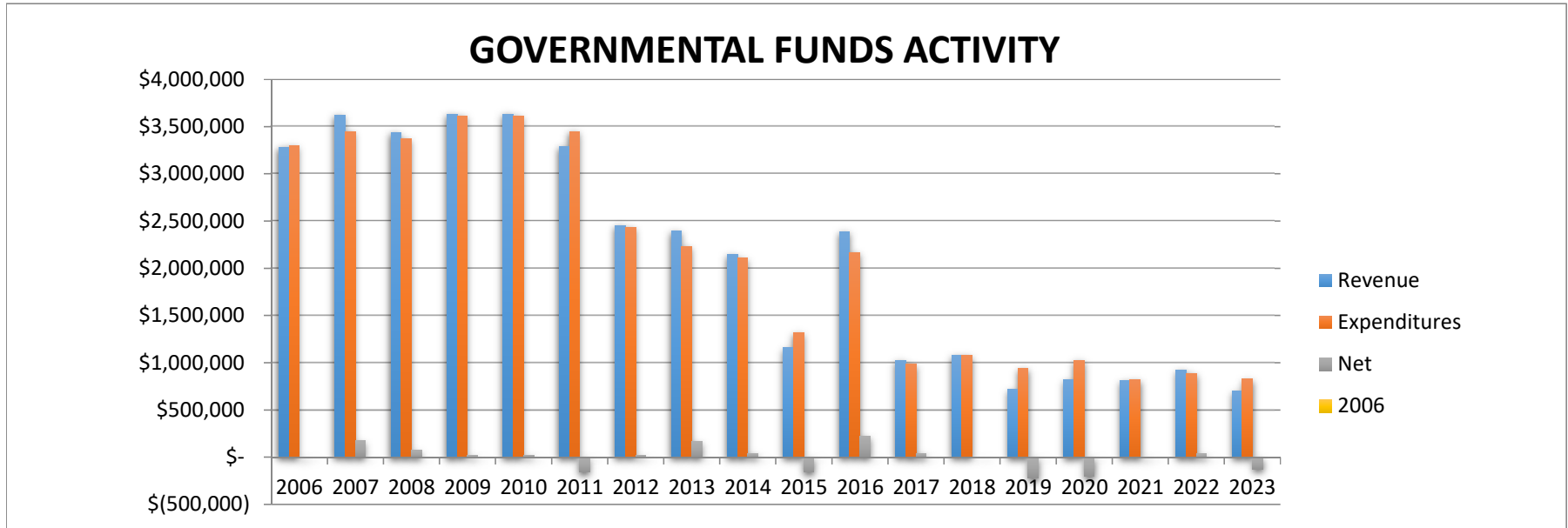
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Government Fund Activity
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SOUTHWEST FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL
GRAPH - COMPARATIVE SUMMARY OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE (FUND BASIS STATEMENTS) - ALL FUNDS
Fiscal Years Ended September 30, 2006 - September 30, 2023



Fiscal Yr	Revenue	Expenditures	Net
2006	\$ 3,282,874	\$ 3,293,955	\$ (11,081)
2007	3,620,972	3,448,094	172,878
2008	3,439,973	3,367,828	72,145
2009	3,631,561	3,613,833	17,728
2010	3,633,853	3,609,479	24,374
2011	3,288,138	3,448,360	(160,222)
2012	2,453,411	2,430,302	23,109 ***
2013	2,397,441	2,231,934	165,507
2014	2,145,900	2,105,488	40,412
2015	1,157,034	1,317,493	(160,459) *
2016	2,388,620	2,165,278	223,342 ****
2017	1,025,345	984,746	40,599
2018	1,080,206	1,078,114	2,092
2019	719,149	942,205	(223,056)
2020	821,515	1,024,052	(202,537)
2021	812,304	821,590	(9,286)
2022	923,912	889,926	33,986
2023	701,645	827,221	(125,576)

* NEP departed 10/1/14
 **** includes sale of building
 *** MPO departed

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Directors Report

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT: January 16, 2025

Mission Statement:

To work together across neighboring communities to consistently protect and improve the unique and relatively unspoiled character of the physical, economic and social worlds we share...for the benefit of our future generations.

1. Management / Operations

- a. Executive Director's Contract
 - 2018 Contract- See Attached Exhibit A
 - RPC Executive Directors Compensation Matrix- See attached Exhibit B
- b. **ECONOMIC RECOVERY AND RESILIENCY LISTENING SESSION - PROJECT EXPLORATION WORKSHOP**
 - February 19, 2025 9:00a.m. to 3:30p.m.
 - **Charlotte Harbor Event and Conference Center, 75 Taylor Street**
 - **Punta Gorda, FL 33950**
 - Project Summary Form See Attachment C

2. Resource Development and Capacity Building

- Promise Zone Grants (as of December 11, 2024)
 - Awarded: \$5,306,160.25
 - Pending: \$1,262,667
 - Denied: \$26,540,098.50
 - Underdevelopment: NA

3. First Quarter : October to December 2024

- a. Recovery and Resiliency Projects
 - Awarded \$239,700 RRDG Grant submitted to FHERO for Economic Development
 - Pending NOAA grant for \$500,000 to reinforce the docks for the Shrimp Industry
 - Pending NOAA Grant for \$500,000 to market the shrimp industry
 - **Awarded \$282,000 FDEP Resiliency Florida Grant for SWFL Resilience Collaborative Project**
- Next RPC Meeting February 20, 2025

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Executive Director's Contract

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**SOUTHWEST FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL
EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT
WITH MARGRET WUERSTLE**

This employment agreement is made and entered into by and between the Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council (hereinafter referred to as the "Council") and Margaret Wuerstle (hereinafter referred to as the "Executive Director"). The parties agree to the following terms of employment:

1. Employment

The Council hires Margaret Wuerstle to serve as Executive Director of the Council. The Executive Director serves at the pleasure of the Council.

2. Duties

The Executive Director will have the following duties:

- A. Prepare and present to the Council an annual Workplan to accomplish the mission and vision of the Council. The annual Workplan will include long range goals and objectives, and short-term action steps with objective performance monitoring criteria consistent with the Strategic Regional Policy Plan.
- B. Lead implementation of approved Workplans through planning, organizing, and directing the operation of staff and collaborating and coordinating with outside stakeholders.
- C. Manage Council finances, oversee budget development, implementation and financial reporting.
- D. Prepare an agenda for each Council meeting, after consultation with the Council Chair; attend all Council meetings and Committee meetings.
- E. Ensure that the Council, its employees and its programs are in compliance with state and federal regulations and laws.
- F. Prepare or supervise the preparation of all reports required by the local, regional, state or federal agreements.
- G. Hire, supervise, manage and dismiss any employees of the Council.
- H. Represent the Council with the Florida Regional Councils Association and other national, regional and local organizations consistent with the annual Workplan, Strategic Regional Policy Plan, and budget.
- I. All duties as defined in the Council's Job Description for the Executive Director.
- J. Such other duties as may be assigned by the Council from time to time.

- K. Work forty (40) hours or more per week with no other gainful employment or other income producing activities. Exceptions to this are:
- 1) Weekend activities related to religious or non-profit agencies with no Council resources or work week hours devoted to this exception.
 - 2) Adjunct teaching at the post secondary level that does not impede fulfilling the duties of Executive Director.

3. Compensation

The Executive Director will be compensated as follows:

- A. Commencing February 1, 2018, the Executive Director will receive an annual salary of \$118,820 which will be paid on the same schedule as all other Council employees. Future increases in salary are determined yearly at the annual review based on performance, cost savings and new revenues.
- B. Benefits will be provided as follows:
- 1) Insurance:
 - a. The Council will provide term life insurance, short term disability, and long term disability on the same level and schedule as all other Council employees.
 - b. The Council will provide medical insurance, dental insurance and vision insurance on the same level and schedule as all other employees.
 - 2) Retirement:

The Executive Director is designated in the Senior Management Service classification in the Florida Retirement System. The Council will contribute the State mandated contribution to the FRS on behalf of the Executive Director.
 - 3) Leave:

The Executive Director will receive paid holidays, accrue personal leave at the rate of 14 hours per month and accrue sick leave at the rate of 10 hours per month consistent with Council approved employee benefits. The Executive Directive may accrue up to 240 hours of personal leave at the end of the fiscal year.
 - 4) Other:
 - a. The Executive Director will be reimbursed for automobile mileage on the same schedule as all other Council employees.
 - b. The Executive Director is entitled to all other benefits that are provided for Council employees, except as limited by **Section 4., Terms and Severability**, of this Agreement presented below.

4. Terms and Severability

A. Terms

- 1) For the period February 1, 2012, through January 31, 2013, the Executive Director's performance will be reviewed quarterly by the Executive Committee. For all subsequent periods, the Executive Director's performance will be evaluated annually, no later than February 1st of each year.
- 2) The Council and the Executive Director will review this employment agreement annually and any modifications, revisions or changes agreed upon will be incorporated into the employment agreement no later than February 1st, of each year.

B. Termination Provisions

- 1) The Executive Director must give forty-five (45) days written notice to terminate this employment agreement. The written notice shall be hand-delivered to the Council Chairperson and shall become effective forty-five (45) days after delivery. The Executive Director will be paid for accrued unused personal leave up to 240 hours. The Executive Director will receive no other compensation or payout.
- 2) The Council may terminate this agreement without cause with forty five days written notice.
 - a) The Council, by a super majority of seventy-five percent of those members present and voting, at a legally noticed meeting which has a lawful quorum, may vote to terminate this agreement without cause.
 - b) The Executive Director will receive eight (8) weeks salary for dismissal without cause. The Executive Director will be compensated for unused personal leave up to 240 hours.
- 3) The Council, by majority vote of a lawful quorum, shall have the right to terminate this agreement at any time for cause due to any of the following actions of the Executive Director:
 - a. committing any criminal act, classified as a felony;
 - b. knowingly violate a state or federal law or regulation while managing the business of the Council; or
 - c. failing to execute the duties detailed in Section 2 of this agreement.
- 4) Upon termination for cause, the Executive Director will receive salary and benefits only to the effective date of termination; all accrued unused personal leave will be forfeited.

Agreed to this 15th day of March 2018.

Executive Director

Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council


Margaret Wuerstle, Executive Director

By: 
Thomas Perry, Chair

The Chair of the Council affirms the negotiation of this agreement was approved by the Council at its meeting on March 15, 2018


Reviewed by Beth Nightingale, Council Legal Consultant

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Executive Directors
Compensation Matrix

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Compensation for Executive Directors of the Regional Planning Councils

Region	ED	Location	Counties	Cities	Population	Budget \$M	FTE Staff	Tenure	Salary	Other Comp	Retirement	Car/Allowance	VAC.	SICK	Annual Review	Other
ECRC	Mount	Pensacola	7	35	1,030,456	8.6	28	7/7	214,500		State/SMS	n/a	160	96	September	100% fam. Health ins, 25K life ins. Vision, dental ins
ARPC	Rietow	Tallahassee	9	28	484,168	7.6	17	22/9	130,000		State/SMS	mileage	176	104	September	100% Medical & dental ins, 30k life ins
NCFRPC	Koons	Gainesville	12	40	580,595	1.5	6	47/17	255,000		16.5% salary	750/month	248	96	September	75% fam. health ins., 75K life ins.,
NEFRPC	Payne	Jacksonville	7	27	1,878,000	2.7	16	15/4	140,000	8,000 deferred comp	State/SMS	Car	200	120	August	120K life ins.
ECFRPC	McCue	Orlando	8	78	4,437,866	3.5	18	20/1	135,000		10% salary	300/month	208	0	March	100% fam. health & dental ins., 50K life ins.
CFRPC	Codo-Salisbury	Bartow	5	25	972,798	5.5	21	15/5	144,000	18,000 deferred comp		700/month	200	96	September	dental, life, vision, No Health
TBRPC	Krahl	Pinellas Park (St. Pete)	6	21	3,856,031	2.7	12	7/7	177,864	7,500 deferred comp	State/SMS	500/month	250	90	October	260K life ins., 80% health
SWFRPC	Wuerstle	Ft. Myers	6	17	1,850,007	1.0	3	10/10	118,300	5% deferred comp	State/SMS	N/A	168	120	February	
TCRPC	Lanahan	Stuart (West Palm Beach)	4	52	2,195,884	2.5	10	6/4	155,000	5,000 deferred comp	15% salary	650/month	150	75	December	100% fam. health & dental, 100K life ins.
SFRPC	Cosio-Carballo	Hollywood(Ft. Lauderdale)	3	71	4,770,725	3.3	13	25/6	189,000		State/SMS	750/month	240	130	September	100% fam. health ins., 32.5K life ins.
Averages			7	39	2,205,653	3.9	14.4		165,866				200	93		
Average Dropping High and Low Salary																

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Resolution #24-01 US 27 Rail

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SWFRPC RESOLUTION #24-01

A RESOLUTION OF THE SOUTHWEST FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL, REPRESENTING THE LOCAL GOVERNMENTS OF SARASOTA, CHARLOTTE, LEE, HENDRY, GLADES AND COLLIER COUNTIES, FLORIDA, URGING THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO UNDERTAKE THE NECESSARY STUDIES, INCLUDING A GENERAL MULTI MODAL PLANNING STUDY AND A PROJECT DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENT (PD&E) STUDY, AND EXPEDITE THE IMPLEMENTATION OF A NEW FREIGHT RAIL ROUTE ALONG THE U.S. HIGHWAY 27 MULTIMODAL CORRIDOR BETWEEN PORTMIAMI AND THE I-4 CORRIDOR; PROVIDING FOR TRANSMITTAL; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, the Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council is a multi-purpose regional governmental entity with policy responsibility in the areas of economic development, emergency preparedness, natural resources, urban planning, and regional transportation; and

WHEREAS, the Strategic Intermodal System (SIS) is Florida's high priority network of transportation facilities important to the state's economy and mobility, the highest priority for transportation capacity investments, and a primary focus for implementing the Florida Transportation Plan (FTP), which is the State's long-range transportation vision and policy plan; and

WHEREAS, U.S. Highway 27, the Florida East Coast (FEC) Railway, the CSX Transportation/South Florida Rail Corridor, I-95, and the Florida Turnpike are included in the SIS network and

WHEREAS, the Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council recognizes rail as an economically and environmentally valuable form of passenger and freight transportation throughout the Region and the State; and

WHEREAS, U.S. Highway 27 has long been identified by the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) and several regional transportation planning organizations and providers as an important future corridor between Miami and Orlando critical for improving Florida's global competitiveness, economic development, multimodal mobility opportunities, and safety; and

WHEREAS, FDOT in 2012 conducted a Planning and Conceptual Engineering (PACE) study to analyze multimodal options to connect PortMiami by rail within inland logistics centers around

Lake Okeechobee, this study considered the feasibility of removing freight traffic from congested coastal corridors facilitating the restoration of passenger rail service along the FEC Railway, and this study identified “no fatal flaws;” and

WHEREAS, advancing the project would provide several important regional benefits, including:

1. Reducing freight traffic through the population centers of the coast between Ft. Pierce and Miami;
2. Freeing up capacity on the FEC Railway for commuter passenger trains;
3. Diverting truck traffic from U.S. Highway 27, I-95, and Florida’s Turnpike;
4. Enhancing port operations by making inland intermodal logistics centers viable;
5. Supporting economic development and job creation for the distressed communities along the south, east, and west sides of Lake Okeechobee; and
6. Providing transportation without triggering sprawl; and

WHEREAS, rail along US 27 has been included as an unfunded need in the SIS 2045 Multimodal Unfunded Needs Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Southeast Florida Transportation Council (SEFTC) will include the US 27 Rail project in its 2050 Regional Transportation Plan and considered Resolution 2024-1 on October 18, 2024 requesting FDOT to undertake a PD&E study for rail along U.S. Highway 27; and

WHEREAS, it is anticipated that the Miami-Dade TPO, Broward MPO, and Palm Beach TPA will include portions of the US 27 Rail project within their planning boundaries in their respective 2050 Long Range Transportation Plans; and

WHEREAS, on October 12, 2018, meeting jointly, the Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council and South Florida Regional Planning Council adopted Resolution TCSF #18-05 which called for the FDOT to “expedite the process to advance the (US 27 Rail) concept, leading to inclusion of scheduled funding to undertake a PD&E study and construction of a new freight rail route along the U.S. Highway 27 Multimodal Corridor between PortMiami and the I-4 Corridor;” and

WHEREAS, for the significant reasons given above and due to the ever-expanding growth in population, trade, and transportation demand in South Florida it is critically important and urgent that a new, efficient freight transportation corridor be created.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SOUTHWEST FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL THAT:

Section 1. The above recitals are declared to be true and correct and are hereby made a part of this Resolution.

Section 2. The Council again requests that the Florida Department of Transportation undertake the necessary studies, including a General Multi Modal Planning Study and a Project Development and Environment (PD&E) study, leading to expedited construction of a new freight

rail route along the U.S. Highway 27 Multimodal Corridor between PortMiami and the I-4 Corridor that meets the above-described objectives.

Section 3. A copy of this Resolution shall be transmitted to the MPO's in the Southwest Florida Region, the Heartland Regional TPO, South Florida Regional Planning Council, Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council, and the Central Florida Regional Planning Council.

Section 4. This Resolution shall be effective upon adoption.

DULY ADOPTED by the Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council this 19th day of December 2024.

William McDaniel
Chair

Margaret Wuerstle
Executive Director

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Hurricane Economic Recovery
& Resiliency Project Summary

Work Sheet

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Economic Recovery & Resiliency Project Summary Work Sheet

Name of Project: _____

Description:

Estimated Project Cost (if known): _____

Estimated Development Timeframe (if known): _____

Location of Project:

Potential Applicant for Project:

Potential Benefits to the Area:

Primary Point of Contact: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

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