

**MINUTES OF THE
SOUTHWEST FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL
SEPTEMBER 21, 2023, MEETING**

The virtual zoom meeting of the Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council’s Executive Board was held on September 21, 2023. Governor Appointee and Council Chair, Mr. Don McCormick called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m. There was a quorum of the Executive Committee present.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Charlotte County: Mr. Don McCormick – Chair

Collier County: Commissioner Bill McDaniel

Glades County: None

Hendry County: None

Lee County: Councilman Fred Burson, Commissioner Cecil Pendergrass (zoom)

Sarasota County: None

Ex-Officio Members: Mr. Phil Flood, SFWMD

OTHERS PRESENT

Ms. Margaret Wuerstle - Executive Director, SWFRPC

Ms. Rebekah Harp – SWFRPC

Ms. Asmaa Odeh – SWFRPC – (zoom)

Ms. Catherine Peralta – SWFRPC Vista - (zoom)

AGENDA ITEM #6(a)
MINUTES OF THE JUNE 15, 2023, COUNCIL/EXECUTIVE MEETING

Commissioner Bill McDaniel offered a motion to approve the minutes of the June 15, 2023, Council/Executive Committee meeting. Councilman Fred Burson seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the June 15, 2023, Council/Executive Committee meeting. The motion was approved unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM #7(a)
FINANCIALS: April – August 2023 Financials

Commissioner Bill McDaniel offered a motion to approve the April, May, June, July, and August financials. Councilman Fred Burson seconded the motion to approve the April, May, June, July, and August financials. The motion was approved unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM #8
CONSENT AGENDA – No Reports

AGENDA ITEM #9
DIRECTORS REPORT

Ms. Margaret Wuerstle provided a few updates on the recovery and resiliency projects and grants that the SWFRPC's is currently working on:

Recovery and Resiliency Projects

- \$78,000 Grant awarded for Marco Island Vulnerability Assessment
- \$75,000 Grant awarded for Master Plan for Shrimp Industry and Working Waterfront
- \$700,000 NOAA Grant submitted for Shrimp Industry to rebuild docks lost in Hurricane Ian
- \$37,205,000 NOAA grant submitted to rebuild resilient docks for Shrimp Fishing industry
- \$562,856 Grant submitted to EDA Disaster Supplemental for a Food System Resiliency Plan Virtual Food Hub
- Clewiston WWTP grant to EDA Disaster Supplemental for upgrades and improvements.
- Provided CEDS certification letters for projects for federal grants

Future of the SWFRPC:

Commissioner McDaniel requested a motion to engage the Governor to reconstitute the SWFRPC by repealing the existing interlocal agreement and bylaws and replacing with the

SWFPRC's new interlocal agreement and by-laws. Commissioner McDaniel stated that we need contributions from the counties to exist. Commissioner McDaniel continued to discuss that he would like staff to start the process immediately by sending a letter to the Governor's office with the request. The Commissioner explained that the focus should then be on the reconstitution with a new membership list and capacity to show efficacy to members.

Commissioner Bill McDaniel offered a motion to engage the Governor to reconstitute the SWFRPC to engage in membership and contributions. Councilman Fred Burson seconded the motion to engage the Governor to reconstitute the SWFRPC to engage in membership and contributions. The motion was approved unanimously.

**AGENDA ITEM #10
COMMITTEE REPORTS**

No Committee Reports were given.

**AGENDA ITEM #10(a)
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

There was no update given.

**AGENDA ITEM #10(b)
QUALITY OF LIFE & SAFETY COMMITTEE**

There was no update given.

**AGENDA ITEM #11
NEW BUSINESS**

No new business was discussed

**AGENDA ITEM #12
STATE AGENCIES COMMENTS/REPORTS**

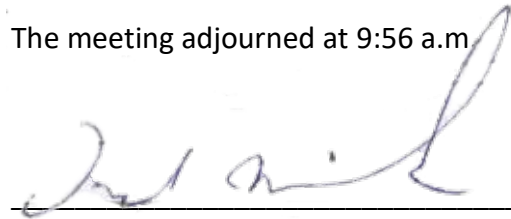
There were no comments.

**AGENDA ITEM #13
COUNCIL MEMBERS' COMMENTS**

There were no comments.

**AGENDA ITEM #14
ADJOURN**

The meeting adjourned at 9:56 a.m.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Don McCormick", written over a horizontal line.

Don McCormick, Chairman

The meeting was duly advertised in the September 12, 2023, issue of the FLORIDA ADMINISTRATIVE REGISTER, Volume 49, Number 177.