

Chair Adams asked for any nominations from the floor. Hearing no nominations from the floor, he closed the nominations.

ACTION: Commissioner Demps made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Wheeler to elect the slate of nominees for officers to a one-year term for Program Year 2023-24 as recommended by the Nominating Committee. The motion carried unanimously.

IX. EX-OFFICIO MEMBER REPORTS

David Tyler, Rural Transportation Planning Manager, Florida Department of Transportation District 2, discussed the 2020 Census Urban Area Boundary designations. He stated that the District will be providing local governments technical assistance concerning this matter during the coming months.

Luzette Musen, Land Use Planning Biologist, Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, North Central Region, stated that the Commission offers wildlife conservation planning services to landowners and local governments throughout the region.

Ben Glass, Legislative and Community Affairs Chief, Suwannee River Water Management District, stated that the comments received by the District concerning updated Federal Emergency Management Agency, Flood Insurance Rate Maps for the Santa Fe River Watershed have been submitted by the District to the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

Kathryn Craver, Outreach/Communications Director, Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Northeast District, discussed funding for conservation land acquisition approved by the Legislature in the Fiscal Year 2023-24 budget concerning the Florida Wildlife Corridor and Florida Forever Program. She also stated that the Northeast District is available to assist local governments and individuals concerning permit applications and Department regulatory compliance issues.

X. CITIZEN COMMENTS

Stew Lilker, Columbia County Observer, discussed the Council meeting calendar, Council meeting public notice requirements and a regional utility consortium proposed by Columbia County.

XI. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

A. Florida Regional Councils Association Monthly Activity Report

Mr. Koons reported that the Florida Regional Councils Association is the statewide organization of the ten regional planning councils. He stated that the Association strengthens Florida's regional planning councils, partners with government and the business community to enhance regional economic prosperity and improves the consistency and quality of regional planning councils programs to ensure they add value to state, regional and local initiatives. Mr. Koons also stated that the Association strives to accomplish these goals by carrying out the activities listed in the April 2023 activity report included in the Council meeting packet. He reviewed the activities listed in the April 2023 report.