



LEADERSHIP SUMMIT
Withlacoochee Technical College
1201 W. Main Street
Inverness, FL 34450

MINUTES

October 3, 2023 - 9:00 AM

A. WELCOME

October 3, 2023 Withlacoochee Technical College
The meeting was called to order at 9:07 AM.

Chairman Ruthie Davis Schlabach, BOCC
Chairman Doug Dodd, CCSB

The following individuals welcomed everyone to the meeting: Chair Ruthie Schlabach ;School Board Superintendent Sam Himmel, who introduced David Roland, Withlacoochee Technical College Director; and School Board Chairman Doug Dodd.

Agenda

B. MOMENT OF SILENCE & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

C. INTRODUCTION BY ELECTED OFFICIALS

Board of County Commissioners
Citrus County School Board
City of Inverness
City of Crystal River
Citrus County Sheriff's Office

Chair Ruthie Schlabach provided condolences to Inverness Councilwoman Linda Bega.

The following individuals were introduced:
Chair Ruthie Schlabach
School Board Chairman Doug Dodd
School Board Member Joe Faherty
Second Vice Chair Rebecca Bays

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*School Board Superintendent Sam Himmel
Crystal River City Mayor Joe Meek
School Board Member Sandy Counts
First Vice Chair Holly Davis
Crystal River City Councilman Ken Brown
Inverness City Councilwoman Jacquie Hepfer
Crystal River City Vice Mayor Robert Holmes
Inverness City Mayor Bob Plaisted
Commissioner Diana Finegan
Inverness City Councilman Gene Davis
Commissioner Jeff Kinnard, D.C.
Inverness City Councilwoman Crystal Lizanich
Sheriff Mike Prendergast
Inverness City Councilman Cabot McBride
Crystal River City Councilman Ken Frink
Inverness City Manager Eric Williams
Crystal River City Manager Doug Babel*

D. DISCUSS PRIORITY INITIATIVES (OLD BUSINESS)

**Economic Development
Public Safety
Transportation Planning**

Discussion ensued regarding the following topics: Economic Development; Public Safety; and Transportation Planning, which was discussed after lunch.

Notes

E. BREAK FOR LUNCH & GROUP PHOTO

Clerk's Note: Meeting was recessed to take a group photo and for lunch at 11:03 AM and resumed at 11:27AM.

F. DISCUSS ITEMS OF INTEREST (NEW BUSINESS)

Discussion ensued regarding the following subjects: Cultural Initiatives; Storms, Resiliency, and Mitigation; Water Conservation; Emergency Medicine; Improved River Access; Tourist Development Council (TDC) Grant process; and action steps for working groups between partners.

Prior to departure, School Board Superintendent Sam Himmel recognized Chuck Dixon, School Board Planning and Growth Management Director.

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G. CLOSING COMMENTS

Elected officials provided closing comments and Chair Ruthie Schlabach commented.

H. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 1:03 PM.

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- I. There will be no "Open to the Public" during this event. Comments are welcome at the next scheduled BOCC meeting**