



**CAREERSOURCE CITRUS LEVY MARION
Executive Committee**

MINUTES

DATE: February 26, 2025
PLACE: 2703 NE 14th Street, Ocala, FL 34470
TIME: 9:30 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Al Jones
Arno Proctor
Brandon Whiteman
Carl Flanagan
Charles Harris
Fred Morgan
Jeff Chang
Pete Beasley

MEMBERS ABSENT

OTHER ATTENDEES

Rusty Skinner, CSCLM
Dale French, CSCLM
Cory Weaver, CSCLM

Cira Schnettler, CSCLM
Bob Stermer, Board Attorney
Caleb Perla, Powell and Jones

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Carl Flanagan, Chair, at 9:30 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Cira Schnettler called roll and a quorum was declared present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Al Jones made a motion to approve the minutes from the November 20, 2024, meeting. Charles seconded the motion. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

State Update

Rusty Skinner provided the following update:

- The State has exhausted all funds for the clam farming project that was funded through the disaster relief grant for Hurricane Idalia. There will not be additional funding for disaster recovery efforts for Hurricane Helene. The current funding will be used through March 23, 2025. The clam farming community has been notified. We are working with county officials to identify a location for us to set-up the mobile unit to assist those that would like to file for reemployment assistance. To assist in

the transition, we have made connections between the clam farmers and the community development side of Florida Commerce as well as other agencies that might provide federal grant opportunities to enhance the recovery efforts.

- There are expected federal policy changes regarding disaster relief funding. Potentially, there will be a five-million-dollar cap per disaster for workforce assistance. State area representatives are involved and are aware of the efforts happening in Cedar Key.
- CareerSource Florida approved the application for regional planning. All three regions will need to add an addendum to their individual area plan.
- CareerSource Florida is exploring all avenues of the regional workforce system to create efficiencies and standardization.

Workforce Issues that are Important to our Community

Carl Flanagan stated that housing, childcare, and transportation continue to be a challenge for the residents of Citrus County.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

ACTION ITEMS

Powell and Jones Audit Report

Caleb Perla reviewed the audit report. There were no findings, observations, or deficiencies. Caleb Perla was very complimentary to the finance staff for their efforts. Fred Morgan approved the audit report. Arno Proctor seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mid-Year Budget Updates

Dale French reviewed the budget updates and explained how Hurricane Idalia funding effected the budget. Fred Morgan made a motion to accept the mid-year budget. Arno Proctor seconded the motion. Motion carried.

YouthBuild

Dale French was happy to announce that we were awarded another YouthBuild grant. Al Jones approved the funding for the YouthBuild grant. Pete Beasley seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Joint Auditing RFP

Dale French explained that the current contract for auditing services will end on June 30, 2025. A request for proposal will need to be publicly noticed to have a firm in place for July 1, 2025. This is a joint RFP, as the firm would also need to audit Region 6. Charles Harris made a motion to release a request for proposal for auditing services. Fred Morgan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

PROJECT UPDATES

None

MATTERS FROM THE FLOOR

None

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:22 a.m.

APPROVED: _____