

B. Clearinghouse Committee - Committee Level Comprehensive Plan Review Items

Commissioner Judy Townsend, Acting Chair of the Clearinghouse Committee, reported that the Clearinghouse Committee met in person and virtually via communications media technology earlier in the evening and reviewed the following local government comprehensive plan amendments which were included on the Council agenda for consideration.

#18 - City of Jasper Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment (FC No. 25-1ESR)

#19 - City of Alachua Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment (FC No. 25-1ESR)

Commissioner Townsend stated with regards to these items, the Committee found that the local government comprehensive plans, as amended, were not anticipated to result in significant adverse impacts to regional facilities, Natural Resources of Regional Significance or adjacent local governments. She stated that the Committee recommends forwarding these findings to the respective local governments and the Florida Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Commissioner Townsend made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Adams, to approve the Clearinghouse Committee recommendations concerning Item - #18 City of Jasper Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment (FC No. 25-1ESR); and Item - #19 City of Alachua Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment (FC No. 25-1ESR). The motion carried unanimously.

IX. EX-OFFICIO MEMBER REPORTS -

David Tyler, Rural Transportation Planning Manager, Florida Department of Transportation District 2, reported that District 2 conducted Northeast Florida Construction Career Days 2026 on February 24-26, 2026 at the Jacksonville Equestrian Center in Jacksonville. He also reported that District 2 will hold Roads to the Future Career Day for professionals at the University of North Florida on April 8, 2026 at 11:00 a.m. in Jacksonville.

Austin Burgess, Senior Biologist, Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, stated that the Commission is currently removing storm debris from the Jena Unit of the Big Bend Wildlife Management Area in Dixie County.

X. PUBLIC COMMENTS -

Merrilee Malwitz-Jipson discussed the Water First North Florida Project to discharge treated wastewater from the Jacksonville Electric Authority via a pipeline into the Floridan Aquifer in the Lower Santa Fe River and Ichetucknee River Basin.

Christy Carter discussed the Black Creek Water Resource Development Project that discharges water flow from the South Fork of Black Creek via a pipeline into Alligator Creek in Clay County.

Layne Schultetus discussed the Water First North Florida Project to discharge treated wastewater from the Jacksonville Electric Authority via a pipeline into the Floridan Aquifer in the Lower Santa Fe River and Ichetucknee River Basin.

Christopher Sweeny discussed the Water First North Florida Project to discharge treated wastewater from the Jacksonville Electric Authority via a pipeline into the Floridan Aquifer in the Lower Santa Fe River and Ichetucknee River Basin.