

AGENDA

Glades Technical Advisory Committee
September 28, 2000

- I. Welcome and Introductions
- II. Old Business: Rural Business Opportunity Grant
- III. New Business: Member Updates
- IV. Other Items

Who we are and What we do

The Glades Technical Advisory Committee is an inter-agency task force created in 1995 by the Palm Beach County Administrator's Office at the request of then-District 6 Commissioner Ken Foster; chaired by Senior Planner Vicki Silver, with the Palm Beach County Planning Division, it meets the fourth Thursday of each month at Belle Glade City Hall. The purpose of GTAC is to coordinate the various community and economic development-related activities of various non-profit and government agencies serving the communities near Lake Okeechobee. Participating members include the Cities of Belle Glade, South Bay, and Pahokee, the County's Economic Development Office and Housing and Community Development Department, the Western Communities Tourism Alliance (now part of the Convention and Visitors Bureau), the Metropolitan Planning Organization, the Workforce Development Board/Lockheed Martin, the County School District, the EDGE Center (which helps incubate small businesses), and the Glades Community Development Corporation. Partners with whom the County coordinates, who are welcome to attend, include the Palm Beach County Department of Environmental Resources Management, the Florida DOT and the Army Corps of Engineers.

Activities

Members report informally on their latest efforts such as providing workforce training, expanding transit service, promoting or developing tourism, and facilitating business development. The Chair also reports on her technical assistance activities with the Glades municipalities and on areawide or regional coordination such as the County's Glades thoroughfare beautification plan and the Lake Okeechobee Scenic Trail (LOST).

When input is required on specific items, such as submitting LOST Master Plan priorities and preparing the 1999 federal Empowerment Zone application, special meetings are held, and written documentation is submitted. The monthly meetings provide a productive forum for the core group of members to keep track of what's going on in terms of enhancing the Glades area, to monitor progress being made in diversifying the economy, and to discover ways to reduce duplication and stretch limited resources through genuine collaboration.