



Zachary Taylor Parkway Commission
MINUTES
 4th Quarter Commission Meeting
 December 12, 2007

Present

A.J. Roy, Commissioner, Avoyelles
 Carlos Mayeux, Alternate, Avoyelles
 Curtis Jelks, Commissioner, East Feliciana
 Martin Macdiarmid, Alternate, East Feliciana
 Samantha Jewitt, Alternate, Pointe Coupee
 Jimmy Dubroc, Commissioner, Rapides
 Buck Vandersteen, Alternate, Rapides
 Vernon McMorris, Commissioner, St. Helena
 Ike Jenkins, Alternate, St. Helena
 Douglas Kent, Alternate, Tangipahoa
 Bob Bateman, Commissioner, Washington
 Joseph Boneno, Alternate, West Feliciana

Absent

Patrick Witty, Commissioner, Pointe Coupee
 Buck Cefalu, Commissioner, Tangipahoa
 Marilyn Bateman, Alternate, Washington
 Tobias Ford, Commissioner, West Feliciana

The regularly scheduled quarterly meeting of the Zachary Taylor Parkway Commission was called to order by Chairman Curtis Jelks at 10:10 AM on December 12, 2007, at the Louisiana Association of Business and Industry Conference Center in Baton Rouge.

Upon convening, Mr. Jelks called for the following commission members to step forward to be sworn in:

Mr. Martin Macdiarmid, Alternate Commissioner, East Feliciana Parish
 Ms. Samantha Jewitt, Alternate Commissioner, Pointe Coupee Parish

The Oath of Office was administered by Mr. Ellis Magee.

Secretary Jimmy Dubroc called roll. The results of the roll call are shown above. Representatives of all eight parishes being in attendance, a quorum was declared to be present.

Mr. Bateman moved to approve the minutes of September 12, 2007 as presented. Mr. Boneno seconded the motion. The motion was adopted without objection.

Mrs. Bowen presented the Treasurer's report showing:

Carry forward from FY 06-07		\$ 7,486.92	
Legislative Appropriation		<u> -.----</u>	
			\$7,486.92
Expenditures:			
Administrative and Public			
Information services (ZTPA)	\$	--	
Professional services			
Wagoner	\$1,800.00		
Magee		<u> -.----</u>	
Ducote (CPA)		<u> -.----</u>	
		1,800.00	
Miscellaneous		<u> -.-</u>	
			<u>\$1,800.00</u>
Balance on hand			5,686.92

The Treasurer's Report was accepted without objection on a motion by Mr. Roy, seconded by Mr. Dubroc.



Mr. Jelks provided a Chairman's report including:

- Information on a future leadership retreat to establish goals,
- A Spring trip to Washington, DC, to visit with our Congressional delegation.

Mr. Jelks then asked Executive Director, Maria Bowen, to update the Commission members on financial and administrative organization. Mrs. Bowen reported on progress made regarding the creation of databases and the computerization of financial records back to 2000. She further addressed the new address for the Commission and invited members to participate in future meetings with Parkway officials. She also reported on technical difficulties regarding the website.

Mr. Chuck Duggar with Louisiana Timed Managers provided an update on the John James Audubon Bridge.

Mr. Mike Schiro, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Office of Planning and Programming of DOTD provided an update on existing and new projects within the Parkway corridor. He introduced Mr. Nick Verret as the new District Administrator for District 08. Mr. Schiro concluded his report by requesting Commission guidance on how to use existing federal earmarked funds within the Parkway.

Mr. Bateman then moved to request that the Chairman visit with our legislative delegation and then request that DOTD use existing earmark funds for construction on Highway 10 between Fluker and Franklinton. The motion was seconded by Mr. Vandersteen and approved without objection.

Mr. Wagoner reported on activities within the DOTD including matching funds for earmarked monies and thanked DOTD personnel for their continued efforts on behalf of the Parkway. Mr. Wagoner discussed a move by the federal government to do away with earmarks and stressed the importance of meetings with our Congressional delegation. He further advised the Commission that there will likely be an increased effort at a state level to provide DOTD with more money for highway construction.

Mr. Magee presented an amended budget for fiscal year 2007-2008. The amendment adds a carryover amount from 2006-2007 totaling \$7,486.92 to the approved \$50,000 budget. The amount was distributed across existing budget items. Mr. Boneno moved to approve the amended budget, with Mr. Dubroc's second. The motion carried without objection.

With no further business to come before the Commission, the quarterly meeting was adjourned at 11:55 AM. The next meeting of the Commission will be on March 12, 2008 in Tangipahoa Parish.

Respectfully submitted,

Jimmy Dubroc, Secretary