



Zachary Taylor Parkway Commission

# MINUTES

Quarterly Commission Meeting  
April 8, 2009

Present

A.J. Roy, III, Avoyelles  
Carlos Mayeux, Avoyelles  
Curtis Jelks, East Feliciana  
Martin Macdiarmid, East Feliciana  
Patrick Witty, Pointe Coupee  
C.A. "Buck" Vandersteen, Rapides  
Vernon McMorris, St. Helena  
Buck Cefalu, Tangipahoa  
Bob Bateman, Washington  
Marilyn Bateman, Washington  
Joseph Boneno, West Feliciana  
Tobias Ford, West Feliciana

Absent

Bob Stevens, Rapides  
Ike Jenkins, St. Helena  
Dr. Douglas Kent, Tangipahoa

The regularly scheduled quarterly meeting of the Zachary Taylor Parkway Commission was called to order by Commission Chairman Curtis Jelks at 10:10 AM on April 8, 2009 at The Hilton Capitol Center in Baton Rouge, LA.

Mr. Vandersteen called roll as listed above. With eight parishes represented, a quorum was declared.

Mr. Bateman moved to approve the minutes of October 8, 2008 as presented. The motion was duly seconded and passed with no objection.

The Treasurer's report was given by Mr. Witty. The current financials show:

Carry Forward from FY 07-08	\$12,636.64	
FY 08-09 Legislative Appropriation	<u>83,125.00</u>	\$95,761.64
Expenditures		
Professional Services	\$11,400.00	
Miscellaneous	<u>718.80</u>	
		<u>12,118.80</u>
Balance on Hand		<u>\$ 83,642.84</u>

Mr. Witty explained that a significant portion of the Commission's funds were committed to expenses incurred over the previous two quarters. He thanked the Association for covering expenses that could not be held until our appropriation was received.

Mr. Vandersteen moved to accept the financials as provided. The motion was seconded by Mr. Roy and adopted without objection.

Mr. Witty then directed the Commission to the budget memorandum prepared by Mr. Jelks and offered the following proposed resolution relative to the Commission's budget for Fiscal Year 2009-2010.

RESOLVED, THAT the following budget is hereby adopted for Fiscal Year 2009-2010:



Revenue			
Carry Forward from FY 08-09		\$	0.00
FY 09-10 Legislative Appropriation			<u>100,000.00</u>
			\$ 100,000.00
Expenditures			
Administrative and Public Information Services	\$ 22,000.00		
Professional Services Contracts	25,000.00		
Travel	8,000.00		
Administrative Expenses	1,500.00		
Supplies	2,000.00		
Printing and Reproduction	2,500.00		
Advertising and Public Relations	4,000.00		
Meeting Expenses	5,000.00		
Communications and Education Outreach	25,000.00		
Capital Purchases	<u>5,000.00</u>		
			<u>100,000.00</u>
Unbudgeted funds available		\$	<u><u>0.00</u></u>

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, THAT the fund balance at the beginning of the fiscal year is \$0 and the fund balance at the end of the fiscal year is \$0.

Mr. Cefalu moved the adoption of the foregoing Resolution. Mr. Boneno seconded the motion, which was adopted without objection.

Mr. Jelks provided his Chairman’s report, focusing on 2 areas:

- Appropriations efforts. Mr. Jelks reminded members of the difficulty that the Commission had in obtaining funds for the fiscal year and asked members to please remind their local leaders about the importance of the Parkway to the eight parishes. Mr. Bateman then asked if it was possible to receive more than the \$100,000. Mr. Witty said that while possible; it would be very unlikely in this fiscal year. Discussion was then held concerning what is an appropriate amount for the Commission to ask for taking into consideration the completion of the bridge in 2010 and the likely need for the Commission to spend additional funds on bridge related activities. Mr. Witty suggested authorizing Mrs. Bowen to ask for additional funds should they become available but not changing the budget to reflect those funds. Mr. Bateman moved to authorize Mrs. Bowen to seek up to \$250,000 for the Commission if circumstances indicate the advisability of seeking the larger amount. The motion was seconded and adopted without objection.
- Ethics Reports. Mr. Jelks told the Commission members that they were all required to file disclosure reports with the Ethics Board. He asked Mrs. Bowen to provide the documents and an explanation of the requirements. Mrs. Bowen then reminded the members that they needed to return the provided forms to the Board of Ethics by May 15, 2009.

Mr. Wagoner then gave a report on what was going on within the Department of Transportation and discussed federal funding through Congress.

Mr. Broussard gave an update from the Louisiana Department of Transportation on infrastructure developments throughout the Parkway.

Mr. Vandersteen moved to adjourn. The motion was duly seconded and adopted without objection. The meeting was adjourned at 10:55 AM. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be July 8, 2009 at Paragon Casino in Marksville.

Respectfully submitted,

Buck Vandersteen, Secretary