



Zachary Taylor Parkway Commission

MINUTES

Quarterly Commission Meeting
July 8, 2009

Present

Carlos Mayeux, Avoyelles
Curtis Jelks, East Feliciana
Martin Macdiarmid, East Feliciana
C.A. "Buck" Vandersteen, Rapides
Bob Stevens, Rapides
Vernon McMorris, St. Helena
Ike Jenkins, St. Helena
Tobias Ford, West Feliciana

Absent

A.J. Roy, III, Avoyelles
Patrick Witty, Pointe Coupee
Buck Cefalu, Tangipahoa
Dr. Douglas Kent, Tangipahoa
Bob Bateman, Washington
Marilyn Bateman, Washington
Joseph Boneno, West Feliciana

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 July 8, 2009 at The Paragon Casino in Marksville, LA.

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

Mr. Mayeux moved to approve the minutes of April 8, 2009 as presented. The motion was duly seconded and passed with no objection.

The Treasurer's report was given by Mrs. Bowen. The year-end financials for Fiscal Year 08-09 show:

Carry Forward from FY 07-08	\$12,636.64	
FY 08-09 Legislative Appropriation	<u>95,000.00</u>	\$107,636.64
Expenditures		
Admin/Public Info Services (ZTPA)	\$ 27,000.00	
Professional Services	24,650.00	
Website Redesign	27,000.00	
Miscellaneous	<u>8,114.90</u>	
		<u>86,764.90</u>
Balance on Hand		<u><u>\$ 20,871.74</u></u>

Mrs. Bowen informed the members that our legislative appropriation was lost for Fiscal Year 09-10. She provided the following information to the Commission showing that each quarter, the Commission incurs \$14,187.50 in expenses.

Admin/Public Info Services (ZTPA)	\$ 6,750.00
Legal	3,900.00
Consultant	1,800.00
Accountant	487.50
Telephone	450.00
Office Rent	600.00
Miscellaneous	<u>200.00</u>
	<u><u>\$ 14,187.50</u></u>



Following discussion regarding the upcoming fiscal year, Mr. Vandersteen moved to ask the Association to cover the Commission's expenses that it could not fund and retain a full listing of expenses incurred on behalf of the Commission. The motion was seconded by Mr. Ford and approved without objection.

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

- Appropriations efforts. Mr. Jelks expressed his disappointment at the results of the appropriations process and explained to members that there was a huge effort and push on behalf of the Commission. He let the Commission members know that we would have extensive conversations with our legislative delegation during the interim to attempt to find out what happened and correct it for next year.
- Washington, DC visit. Mr. Jelks informed the members of the Commission that the officers of the Commission and the Association would be making a call on the Congressional delegation in the near future.

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

Mr. Tom Bartkiewicz with the LA DOTD provided the Commission with a final report on the update to the Master Plan which was necessary due to the location change of the John James Audubon Bridge. He showed slides indicating the routes considered as alternatives to rejoin the Parkway from the West Feliciana side. The route that will be used will take a northerly direction on US Highway 61 in Starhill where the bridge connects to the highway. Travelers will continue on US Highway 61 until they reach Highway 10 in St. Francisville where they can turn east and continue along the Parkway.

Mr. Sam Moore with the Louisiana Timed Managers gave an update on the construction of the John James Audubon Bridge and showed aerial photographs of the progress being made.

There being no further business to come before the Commission, Mr. Vandersteen moved to adjourn. The motion was duly seconded and adopted without objection. The meeting was adjourned at 11:10 AM. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be October 14, 2009 in Baton Rouge.

Respectfully submitted,

Buck Vandersteen, Secretary