



Zachary Taylor Parkway Commission

MINUTES

Quarterly Commission Meeting

April 14, 2021

Present

A.J. Roy, III, Avoyelles
Melvin Harvey, West Feliciana
C.A. "Buck" Vandersteen, Rapides
Patrick Witty, Pointe Coupee
Louis Hebert, Pointe Coupee
A.P. Guillory, Rapides
Ron Roe, Rapides
Julie Fuselier, Management Team
Maggie Miller, Management Team

Absent

Ryan Seal, Washington
Martin Macdiarmid, East Feliciana
Carlos Mayeux, Avoyelles
Jack Daughtry, Rapides
Curtis Jelks, East Feliciana

A.J. Roy, III of Avoyelles Parish called the Quarterly Meeting of the Zachary Taylor Parkway Commission to order at 10:09 AM on April 14, 2021 via Zoom.

C.A. "Buck" Vandersteen called roll. Julie Fuselier gave the financial report. She reported that the commission does not have the funds, so the association has been assisting them. Ms. Fuselier also reported that the finances are now in QuickBooks and we are ready to move forward.

Mr. Roy then discussed the status of the commission board appointments. He asked if there was any report and reminded the board that this is the most important order of business.

Patrick Witty reported on Tangipahoa Parish. Mr. Witty said that he reached out to Robby Miller, the parish president. He reminded the board that Buddy Bel and Joe Thomas are the current appointments for Tangipahoa Parish, but they are searching for their replacements. Mr. Witty mentioned that Carla Tate and Stuart Hughes are potential replacements that they are looking into.

Mr. Witty reported that he had brief contact with West Feliciana Parish President, Kenneth Havard. He also reported that he has not been able to get in touch with David Norwood nor has he met with the mayor of St. Francisville, Robert Leake. Mr. Witty and Louis Hebert agreed they will work on Pointe Coupee parish together.

Melvin Harvey mentioned that he would be happy to set up an appointment with Mayor Robert Leake before the end of the month to discuss the vacant board spots. Mr. Roy mentioned that the commission board members are harder to approve than the association board members due to the political process. Mr. Roy asked Mr. Harvey to keep us updated regarding his meeting with Mayor Leake.

Mr. Roy reported that he has been working with State Representative Darrell Deshotel. Mr. Roy reported that he is hopeful and cautiously optimistic to replenish the Zachary Taylor Parkway Commission's funds now that he has Representative Deshotels' commitment and support.



Mr. Vandersteen asked Mr. Roy about Rick Ward. Mr. Roy said that he did follow up with Mr. Ward a few times but has not heard from him for some time and asked for Mr. Witty or Mr. Hebert's thoughts on the matter. Mr. Hebert responded that he has no problem calling Mr. Ward.

Mr. Hebert mentioned reaching out to Congressman Graves and possibly inviting him to the August meeting. Mr. Roy thought that was a great idea and said that he will reach out to his office to see if he can get an appointment.

Ms. Fuselier gave the military history byway update. She reported that as we move forward, we need to make it a point to keep the military byway update on the forefront. Ms. Fuselier suggested to make the areas on the website that do have military history shine and stand out. She also mentioned that we need to work hard to further the growth of our military byway. Mr. Witty was very appreciative of Ms. Fuselier for her efforts.