



Zachary Taylor Parkway Commission

## MINUTES

Quarterly Commission Meeting  
Avoyelles Commission of Tourism  
October 11, 2023

### Present

AJ Roy, Avoyelles Parish  
Carlos Mayeux, Avoyelles Parish  
Martin Macdiarmid, East Feliciana Parish  
Buck Vandersteen, Rapides Parish  
Wilbert Carmouche, Avoyelles Parish  
Patty Alford, Washington Parish  
Randy DeCuir, Avoyelles Parish  
Melvin Harvey, West Feliciana Parish  
Maggie Miller, ZTP Management Team  
Julie Fuselier, ZTP Management Team  
Jack Daughtry, Rapides Parish  
Roderick Matthews, St. Helena Parish  
Louis Hebert, Pointe Coupee Parish  
Russell Wilson, Rapides Parish  
Patrick Witty, Pointe Coupee Parish  
Representative Daryl Deshotel  
Toni Melton, St. Helena  
David Gary, Redstick Internet  
Heath Pastor, Avoyelles Parish Assessor  
David Doza, Avoyelles Parish Sheriff  
Steve Mayeux  
Amy Valentine  
Catherine Roy  
Julie Roy  
Van Roy

### Absent

J.R. Rouchon, East Feliciana Parish  
Stewart Hamilton, West Feliciana Parish  
Curtis Jelks, East Feliciana Parish  
Les Cantrell, Pointe Coupee Parish  
Joe Thomas, Tangipahoa Parish  
Ginger Champagne, Washington Parish  
Gen. Ron McGlothlin, Washington Parish  
Louis Hebert, Pointe Coupee Parish  
Ronnie Jett, East Feliciana Parish  
Ron Roe, Rapides Parish  
Ryan Seal, Washington Parish  
AP Guillory, Rapides Parish  
Ron Roe, Rapides Parish

A.J. Roy, III of Avoyelles Parish called the Quarterly Meeting of the Zachary Taylor Parkway Commission to order at 10:18 AM on October 11, 2023, in Mansura, LA.

Martin Macdiarmid called roll and a quorum was recognized.

Representative Daryl Deshotel spoke to the group about the redistricting of Avoyelles Parish. He also reported that he was instrumental in the creation of the The Office of Broadband Development & Connectivity and the Gumbo Grant Program. Due to the success of the Gumbo Grant Program, Louisiana was awarded the eighth largest allocation out of any state in the country.

David Gary, owner of Redstick Internet, presented the progress of the new website to the board.



Mr. Roy proposed consideration of the August 16, 2023, board meeting minutes. Buck Vandersteen made a motion to approve the August 16, 2023, minutes. Mr. Macdiarmid seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Vandersteen reviewed the treasurer's report. He reported the Commission's balance of \$15,344.17 and a net income of \$14,684.62.

Mr. Roy provided the chairman's report. He thanked everyone in attendance for supporting the Zachary Taylor Parkway Commission and reflected on the successful year. Mr. Roy reiterated the importance of having relationships with local legislators to help with projects that benefit rural communities along the parkway.

Julie Fuselier reported that the Commission is re-applying for capital outlay funding for lighting on the Audubon bridge and will have the application submitted for the November 1, 2023, deadline.

Ms. Fuselier noted that the new website will tie in parishes' military history along the parkway.

Mr. Roy announced that the next meeting will be held in Pointe Coupee Parish on January 10, 2024.

Mr. Macdiarmid made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Roderick Matthews seconded the motion. Mr. Roy adjourned the meeting at 11:35 AM.