



Zachary Taylor Parkway Commission

MINUTES

Quarterly Commission Meeting
Southern Forest Heritage Museum, Long Leaf, LA
August 16, 2023

Present

AJ Roy, Avoyelles Parish
Martin Macdiarmid, East Feliciana Parish
Buck Vandersteen, Rapides Parish
Wilbert Carmouche, Avoyelles Parish
Stewart Hamilton, West Feliciana Parish
J.R. Rouchon, East Feliciana 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
Ron Roe, Rapides Parish
Paula Lambert, City of New Roads
Chris Soileau, District 08
Sharon Calcote, LA Office of Tourism
Lauren Holmes, LA Office of Tourism
Toni Melton, St. Helena

Absent

Carlos Mayeux, Avoyelles Parish
Curtis Jelks, East Feliciana Parish
Les Cantrell, Pointe Coupee Parish
Joe Thomas, Tangipahoa Parish
Ginger Champagne, Washington Parish
Randy DeCuir, Avoyelles Parish
Louis Hebert, Pointe Coupee Parish
Ronnie Jett, East Feliciana Parish
Ron Roe, Rapides Parish
Patty Alford, Washington Parish
AP Guillory, Rapides Parish
Russell Wilson, Rapides Parish
Gen. Ron McGlothlin, Washington Parish
Ryan Seal, Washington Parish
Patrick Witty, Pointe Coupee Parish

A.J. Roy, III of Avoyelles Parish called the Quarterly Meeting of the Zachary Taylor Parkway Commission to order at 10:10 AM on August 16, 2023, in Long Leaf, LA.

Martin Macdiarmid called roll and a quorum was recognized.

Buck Vandersteen introduced the staff of the museum. Doug Rhodes, executive director of the museum briefly spoke about the museum exhibits. Mike Miller, President of the museum, also spoke about museum resources. Guest speaker, Chris Soileau, Construction Coordinator from District 08, spoke to the group about the status of DOTD projects in the area.

Mr. Roy proposed consideration of the January 11, 2023, board meeting minutes. Buck Vandersteen made a motion to approve the January 11, 2023, minutes. Mr. Macdiarmid seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.



Mr. Roy proposed consideration of the February 17, 2023, board meeting minutes. Buck Vandersteen made a motion to approve the February 17, 2023, minutes. Roderick Matthews seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Roy proposed consideration of the April 12, 2023, board meeting minutes. Roderick Matthews made a motion to approve the April 12, 2023, minutes. Stewart Hamilton seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Vandersteen reviewed the treasurer's report. He reported the Commission's balance of \$18,236 and a net income of \$14,684.62.

Mr. Roy provided the chairman's report. He reviewed a list of strategic goals for the new year. Upon reviewing the list, the board discussed priorities and resources needed to execute the strategic goals. Maggie Miller presented an example of the new website homepage and features. Mr. Roy reviewed the appropriation budget provided in the meeting packet. He reported that the commission made substantial progress in the expense category and the amount due back to the state is \$14,684.62.

Julie Fuselier reported that the Commission will be re-applying for capital outlay funding for the lighting of the bridge project. She reported that the deadline is November 1, 2023.

Sharon Calcote offered her assistance with developing the military byway. She reminded the board that billboards are forbidden along Louisiana byways.

Mr. Roy announced that the next meeting will be held in Avoyelles Parish on October 11, 2023.

Mr. Vandersteen made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Roderick Matthews seconded the motion. Mr. Roy adjourned the meeting at 11:32 AM.