



Zachary Taylor Parkway Commission

MINUTES

Quarterly Commission Meeting
Parish Hall at St. Mary of False River
January 10, 2024

Present

AJ Roy, Avoyelles Parish
J.R. Rouchon, East Feliciana Parish
Toni Melton, St. Helena Parish
Stewart Hamilton, West Feliciana Parish
Patrick Witty, Pointe Coupee Parish
Buck Vandersteen, Rapides Parish
Louis Hebert, Pointe Coupee Parish
Patty Alford, Washington Parish
Roderick Matthews, St. Helena Parish
Gen. Ron McGlothlin, Washington Parish
Maggie Guillory, ZTP Management Team
Julie Fuselier, ZTP Management Team
Jack Daughtry, Rapides Parish
Addie Armato, LA Electric Cooperatives
Jeanne Hendrix, Pointe Coupee Parish Gov.
Jimmy Laurent, Pointe Coupee Parish Assessor
Bill Sherman, Office of Lt. Governor
Major Thibaut, Pointe Coupee Mayor
Carla Morales, Pointe Coupee Office of Tourism

Absent

Melvin Harvey, West Feliciana Parish
Randy DeCuir, Avoyelles Parish
Carlos Mayeux, Avoyelles Parish
Wilbert Carmouche, Avoyelles Parish
Curtis Jelks, East Feliciana Parish
Les Cantrell, Pointe Coupee Parish
Joe Thomas, Tangipahoa Parish
Ginger Champagne, Washington Parish
Ron Roe, Rapides Parish
Russell Wilson, Rapides Parish
Ronnie Jett, East Feliciana Parish
AP Guillory, Rapides Parish
Ryan Seal, Washington Parish

A.J. Roy, III of Avoyelles Parish called the Quarterly Meeting of the Zachary Taylor Parkway Commission to order at 10:13 AM on January 10, 2024, in False River, LA.

Martin Macdiarmid called roll and a quorum was recognized.

Bill Sherman, Multimedia Producer for the Office of Lieutenant Governor Billy Nungesser, gave a presentation about tourism in Louisiana. He presented video footage of the Louisiana floats participating in the Macy's Thanksgiving Day parade in New York City as well as a Louisiana tourism ad for the 2025 Superbowl.

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

Mr. Witty 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 for taking the time to attend the first meeting of the new year. He reported to the group that the legislative efforts are ongoing. He explained that letters to every legislator along the parkway have been both mailed and emailed requesting meetings with them in hopes of securing consistent funding needed to maintain the Military History Byway. Mr. Roy also reminded the group of the commission's efforts to light the Audubon Bridge. He also encouraged members and management to promote attendance at future meetings of the Commission and association to business associations such as rotary clubs and chambers as well as leaders in the communities.

Julie Fuselier reported the 2024 regular legislative session is scheduled for March 11 to June 3, 2024. She also reported that she contacted the LA Office of Facility Planning & Control to check on the status of the capital outlay submission and everything is being processed accordingly. Ms. Fuselier reminded the board that several board terms are up for re-appointment and that AMS will send the necessary letters and add the re-appointments to the April meeting agenda.

Ms. Fuselier followed up Mr. Roy's report by reiterating that letters to every legislator along the parkway have been sent requesting meetings with them in hopes of securing consistent funding needed to maintain the Military History Byway.

Mr. Roy announced that the next meeting will be held in Baton Rouge on April 10, 2024.

Mr. Macdiarmid made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Vandersteen seconded the motion. Mr. Roy adjourned the meeting at 11:26 AM.