



Zachary Taylor Parkway Commission

MINUTES

Quarterly Commission Meeting
Oakley State Park, St. Francisville, LA
October 9, 2024

Present

AJ Roy, Avoyelles Parish
J.R. Rouchon, East Feliciana Parish
Toni Melton, St. Helena Parish
Sharonda Brown, St. Helena Parish
Patrick Witty, Pointe Coupee Parish
Louis Hebert, Pointe Coupee Parish
Patty Alford, Washington Parish
Roderick Matthews, St. Helena Parish
Martin Macdiarmid, East Feliciana Parish
Maggie Guillory, ZTP Management Team
Julie Fuselier, ZTP Management Team
Rangle Pittman, Tangipahoa Parish
Buck Vandersteen, Rapides Parish
Joe Thomas, Tangipahoa Parish
Melvin Harvey, West Feliciana Parish
Wilbert Carmouche, Avoyelles Parish
Corey Roblin, Avoyelles Parish
Devan Corbello, West Feliciana Parish Tourism
Diane Rouchon, Guest
Ronald Harrell, Kentwood Chamber of Commerce
Christian Mongel, Guest
Rep. Roy Daryl Adams, LA House of Representatives

Absent

Ronnie Jett, East Feliciana Parish
Randy DeCuir, Avoyelles Parish
Carlos Mayeux, Avoyelles Parish
Gen. Ron McGlothlin, Washington Parish
Jack Daughtry, Rapides Parish
Sharonda Brown, St. Helena Parish
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Ron Roe, Rapides Parish
Russell Wilson, Rapides Parish

A.J. Roy, III of Avoyelles Parish called the Quarterly Meeting of the Zachary Taylor Parkway Commission to order at 10:07 AM on October 9, 2024, in St. Francisville, LA.

Martin Macdiarmid called roll and a quorum was recognized.

Devan Corbello, Executive Director of West Feliciana Parish Tourist Commission, spoke about tourism trends and initiatives within the parish.

Mr. Roy proposed consideration of the July 10, 2024, board meeting minutes. Buck Vandersteen made a motion to approve July 10, 2024, minutes. Mr. Macdiarmid seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.



Mr. Witty reviewed the treasurer's report. He reported the Commission would receive a legislative appropriation of \$100,000. He also reported that the bank balance as of September 30, 2024, was \$10,277.

Mr. Roy provided the chairman's report. He thanked everyone for attending and reported that exciting things are happening for the commission. He thanked the leadership team for their efforts and reviewed the strategic goals.

Mr. Vandersteen provided the legislative appropriation status report. He reported that the commission was successful in securing funding through the legislature for 2024-2025, but that does not eliminate challenges moving forward. He noted that the commission will continue to have a constant request for funding in the future.

Mr. Roy reported on the proposed budget. Patty Alford made a motion to allow the executive committee to adopt the budget for the appropriation in 2024-2025. Roderick Matthews seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. He noted that the budget will be presented at the January 8th meeting in Tangipahoa Parish.

Julie Fuselier provided the executive director's report. She reported that the team met with Rachel Milam, Grants & Special Projects Director for Congresswoman Julia Letlow. Ms. Fuselier explained that Ms. Milam will assist in preparing the Commission to be grant ready in the future. Ms. Fuselier noted that there is no report for the military history byway.

Mr. Roy announced that the next meeting will be held in Tangipahoa Parish on January 8, 2025.

Mr. Witty made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mrs. Alford seconded the motion. Mr. Roy adjourned the meeting at 11:02 AM.