

MINUTES

SOUTH CENTRAL PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

Thursday, April 12, 2012

A regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners for South Central Planning & Development Commission was called to order at approximately 10:45 a.m. on Thursday, April 12, 2012 at Ormand Plantation in Destrehan, LA.

Vice-Chairman St. Pierre called the meeting to order and lead the forum in saying the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members present or represented by proxy were: E. Watson representing M. Triche, J. Naquin, W. Reed, M. Atzhenoffer, E. Price representing T. Eschete, R. Champagne, V. J. St. Pierre, E. Alexander, W. Bendetto, N. Robottom, R. Noel, H. Hardy, T. Roussel, M. Guillot, Jr., T. Borne, C. Pulaski representing M. Claudet, L. Charles, P. Gordon representing A. Williams, M. Marmande, Jr., and A. Badeaux, Jr. Members absent were R. Animashaun, C. Randolph, J. Bouziga, J. Wagner, K. Brass, R. Scott, J. Rogers and D. Pothier. Staff members present were K. Belanger, J. Boudreaux, and E. Bergeron. Guests in attendance were: J. DeGraff of the Louisiana Housing Finance Agency and J. Fondren of Senator David Vitters office.

First item on the agenda was the acceptance of minutes of April 12, 2012 regular meeting. It was motioned by E. Alexander, seconded by M. Marmande, Jr. to accept minutes of the April 12, 2012 regular meeting. Motion carried.

Due to scheduling conflicts the Management Committee was unable to meet.

Third item on the agenda was the review and approval of financial statement ending March 31, 2012. K. Belanger briefed the Commissioners on the financial statement to the board members and the reasoning for the deficit SCPDC has incurred. He explained how the CDBG Disaster Recovery projects changed from lump sum to cost reimbursement payments for projects taken. CDBG has lagged behind in their projects and the reimbursements; thus, costing SCPDC an unbudgeted \$150,000. Also, the Wildlife and Fisheries program had placed two programs on hold which SCPDC began making the necessary preparations in which the cost for these preparatory actions were also unbudgeted expenses at the onset of SCPDCs FY2012 budget. K. Belanger reiterated to the Commissioners, for the history of SCPDC, one cannot instill anything into the budget that has not been contracted. He reassured the Commissioners SCPDC's financial forecast is promising and the losses incurred will be regained. N. Robottom suggested the Commission may need to consider increasing the dues of each parish. Discussion ensued. It was motioned by A. Badeaux, Jr., seconded by P. Gordon to approve the financial statement ending March 31, 2012. Motion carried.

Next on the agenda was the review and approval of the FY12 Budget Adjustments. K. Belanger briefed the Commissioners on the Budget Adjustments. Discussion ensued. It was motioned by M. Atzenhoffer, seconded by W. Reed to approve the FY12 Budget Adjustments.

Ratification of new members to the RLF/RCF Boards was the next item on the agenda. It was motioned by E. Alexander, seconded by T. Roussel to ratify S. Hotard and G. Martin to the RLF/RCF Boards. Motion carried.

Item seven on the agenda was Louisiana Housing Finance Authority. B. Brooks gave an overview of the various programs LHFA offers to both the individual citizens as well as the parishes. Discussion ensued.

Next on the agenda was the resolution requesting DOTD to lower the speed limit at a certain intersection of LA Hwy 1 and LA Hwy 3090. K. Belanger explained due to recent fatalities at intersection the Legislator of that district introduced a state bill requesting DOTD to consider making modification. Discussion ensued.

It was motioned by J. Naquin, seconded by W. Reed to ratify resolution requesting DOTD to lower the speed limit at a certain intersection of LA Hwy 1 and LA Hwy 3090. Discussion ensued.

It was then motioned by J. Naquin, seconded by A. Badeaux, Jr. to amend resolution to reflect the reduction of speed limit to 30mph half a mile in support of Representative Trosclair's bill. Motion carried.

Item eight on the agenda was the amendment to the SCPDC Purchasing Policy for ILTAP, the Innovation Loan Program. K. Belanger briefed the Board this was a technical amendment for purposes of purchasing and/or procurement of services related to expenditures funded by the ILTAP. It was motioned by Marvin Marmande, Jr., seconded by A. Badeaux to amend the SCPDC Purchasing Policy for to reflect ILTAP requirements. Motion carried.

Item nine were announcements. K. Belanger announced DRA grant applications will be taken between April 11 & May 29, 2012. Also, he informed the Board of South Central Safe Community Partnership Program had been chosen to receive a NADO 2012 Excellence in Regional Transportation Award.

Vice-Chairman introduced corporate sponsor J. Babin of USI Insurance Services. J. Babin briefed the Commissioners on the insurance services USI offer.

Agency Activity Report was the next item on the agenda. It was unanimously decided by all to read at their own leisure.

Next meeting date has been set for Thursday, June 14 2012 location in St. James Parish yet to be determined. There being no other business to discuss, it was motioned by M. Atzenhoffer, seconded by W. Bendetto to adjourn. Motion carried.

As duly authorized officers of South Central Planning and Development Commission, Board of Commissioners, we do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is the official version of the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Commissioners held on April 12, 2012.

Michel Claudet, Chairman
South Central Planning & Development Commission

Ellis Alexander, Secretary
South Central Planning & Development Commission