

MINUTES

SOUTH CENTRAL PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

Thursday, October 13, 2011

A regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners for South Central Planning and Development Commission was called to order at approximately 10:45 a.m. on Thursday, October 13, 2011 at Sugarland Country Club, Raceland, La.

Chairman Claudet 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, W. Reed, M. Atzenhoffer, T. Eschete, R. Champagne, E. Alexander, W. Bendetto, G. Williamson, N. Robottom, A. Tregre, H. Hardy, D. Hymel, M. Claudet, L. Charles, G. Large representing A. Williams, J. Rogers, M. Marmande, Jr., and A. Badeaux. Members absent were C. James, R. Animashaun, C. Randolph, J. Bouziga, V. J. St. Pierre, J. Wagner, K. Brass, M. Guillot, Jr., T. Borne, R. Scott, and D. Pothier. Staff members present were K. Belanger, J. Boudreaux, and E. Bergeron. Guests in attendance were: J. Loeske and A. Krouse of Buchart Horn, Inc., M. Maggio, L. Sposito of City of Thibodaux, C. Chaisson of Greater Lafourche Port Commission and L. Prudhomme of South Louisiana Port Commission.

K. Belanger introduced the guest and SCPDC staff members present.

First item on the agenda was the acceptance of minutes of June 17, 2011 regular meeting. It was motioned by M. Atzenhoffer, seconded by R. Champagne to accept minutes of the June 17, 2011 regular meeting. Motion carried.

Next on the agenda was the review and approval of the un-audited financial statement ending June 30, 2011. K. Belanger reviewed and briefed the Commissioners on the un-audited financial statement. It was motioned by N. Robottom, seconded by M. Marmande, Jr. to accept the un-audited financial statement ending June 30, 2011. Motion passed.

Ratification of new members to the RLF/RFC Boards was item three on the agenda. It was motioned by A. Badeaux, seconded by M. Marmande, Jr. to ratify R. Ross, official proxy of J. Sublett, and ratify S. Baudoin, Advisory Board nominee, to the RLF/RFC Boards. Motion passed.

Item four on the agenda was the acceptance of 2011 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS). It was motioned by J. Rogers, seconded by W. Reed to accept the 2011 CEDS. Motion passed.

The fifth item on the agenda was an update from the ports within the Region. C. Chaisson, of Greater Lafourche Port Commission, spoke to the Board first. He briefed the Board on the Port's impact on the local economy and reviewed upcoming projects and plans. L. Prudhomme, of the South Louisiana Port Commission, gave an update on the expansion dock project in St. Charles Parish, the upgrading of the St. John the Baptist Parish airport, as well as, the rail spur, funded through SCPDC. M. Claudet reviewed D. Rabelais' report from the Terrebonne Port Commission. Discussion ensued.

Next was the North/South Corridor EIS Update by J. Loeske. J. Loeske informed the Commissioners the North/South Corridor is still a project under development. After many meetings held, revised alignments have been submitted to DOTD in September and currently, waiting on concurrence from DOTD on the revised alignments. Discussion ensued.

Under Announcements, K. Belanger informed the Commissioners that EDA has approved a financial assistance award for \$1.5million to be used for facilities expansion of SCPDC.

K. Belanger thanked the Ports for sponsoring the meeting.

It was agreed upon by all Members to read the Agency Activity Report at their leisure.

Item ten of the revised agenda was the resolution to support LA 1 Coalition in applying for Tiger Grant fund to the FHWA. It was motioned by M. Marmande, Jr., seconded by D. Hymel to accept the resolution to support LA 1 Coalition in applying for Tiger Grant fund to the FHWA. Motion passed.

The next meeting date will be set for January 12, 2012 in Terrebonne Parish.

Under Other Business, K. Belanger presented D. Hymel with a plaque in grateful recognition for the 20years of dedicated service he has provided SCPDC.

Tentative 2012 meeting dates were discussed.

There being no other business to discuss, it was motioned by R. Champagne, seconded by A. Badeaux 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 October 13, 2011.

Michel Claudet, Chairman
South Central Planning & Development Commission

Mark Atzenhoffer, Secretary
South Central Planning & Development Commission