

MINUTES

SOUTH CENTRAL PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING

Thursday, January 20th, 2022

A regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners for South Central Planning & Development Commission was called to order at approximately 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, January 20th, 2022 at Rendezvous Restaurant in Thibodaux, LA.

Chairman Naquin called the meeting to order then A. Chaisson led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members present or represented by proxy were: J. Naquin, W. Reed, A. Chaisson, M. Atzenhoffer, C. Curole representing J. Bouziga, B. Raymond representing M. Jewel, E. Alexander, M. Bellock, B. Billings, P. Dufresne, S. Nosacka, S. Bienemy representing J. Hotard, C. Monica, D. Hanagriff, L. Levine representing P. Prejean, D. Arthur, E. Foulcard, R. Grogan, C. Pulaski representing G. Dove, and L. Charles.

Staff members present were: K. Belanger, J. Foret, M. Wich, R. Hutchinson, C. Curole, P. Gordon, and M. Menuet

Members absent were: R. Animashaun, J. Jones, P. Champagne, T. Eschete, C "Bub" Millet, P. St. Pierre, Dr. H. Hardy, L. Dragna, B. Hebert, M. Larussa, D. Prevost, and A. Williams..

Guests present: Mr. J. Donelon, Louisiana Insurance Commissioner, Mr. D. Zito of Louisiana Public Service Commission, A. Naik of US EDA, C. Janice of GIS, M. McClean of FCC, and M. Crochet of NSU.

The first item on the agenda was the Review and Acceptance of minutes of October 21st, 2021 Regular Meeting. ***It was motioned by A. Chaisson, seconded by D. Arthur to accept minutes of October 21st, 2021 Regular Meeting. There being no objections motion carried.***

Acceptance of Management Committee Minutes of January 6th, 2022 was the second item on the agenda. ***It was motioned by A. Chaisson, seconded by S. Nosacka to accept the Management Committee Minutes of January 6th, 2022. There being no objections motion carried.***

Election of Officers was the third item on the Agenda. Chairman Naquin opened the floor to receive nominations for Chairman of SCPDC's Board of Commissioners. ***It was motioned by E. Foulcard, seconded by R. Grogan for SCPDC Board of Commissioners Officers to continue with the current officers: J. Naquin as Chairman, D. Hanagriff as Vice-Chairman, A. Chaisson as Secretary, and S. Nosacka as Treasurer. One nay was received by B. Billings, motion carried.***

The fourth item on the agenda was the Review and Approval of the Financial Statement ending December 31st, 2021. He reviewed the Financial Statement ending December 31st, 2021 and relayed the ending fund balance to date for SCPDC's General Fund was \$1,715,427.00. ***It was motioned by S. Nosacka, seconded by L. Charles to approve the Unaudited Financial Statement ending December 31st, 2021. There being no objections, motion carried.***

Discussion with Louisiana Insurance Commissioner Jim Donelon on Insurance Mitigation was next on the agenda. Mr. J. Donelon briefed the forum on what the State has recently experienced due to Hurricanes Laura, Delta, and Ida; as well as what the future may hold for residents of the State in regards to home owners insurance. He relayed new bills that will be proposed during the next legislation session one will be to implement fortified construction which has been very successful in the state of Alabama. Another will be to increase the minimum capital requirements to have a license to do insurance in the State of Louisiana. Building Code Enforcement data is relevant to the underwriting of policies. The Insurance Commissioner stated he would be interested in reviewing the data collected by SCPDC. It may be beneficial to gaining discount incentives to encourage Louisiana residents to build their structures in line with code enforcement requirements.

The sixth item on the agenda was Mr. David Zito, Chief of Staff for the Louisiana Public Service Commission. He offered the Public Service Commissioner's office assistance to all for anything utility related. He briefed the forum on efforts being made to negotiate with the utilities to minimize the hike in rates post-storm. The Louisiana Public Commissioner is looking at alternatives that may be more helpful and beneficial. They have hired engineers to research improved ways for the utilities to structurally rebuild.

Accounting and Administrative Procedures Amendment to the Purchasing Policy was the seventh item on the agenda. Administration has amended the Purchasing Policy to reflect the State's Purchasing Policy. Purchases of \$30,000+ must be approved by the Board of Commissioners, advertised for sealed bid and let b contract to the lowest responsible bidder who bid according to the contract, plans and specifications as advertised. ***It was motioned by A. Chaisson, seconded by E. Foulcard to amend the Purchasing Policy to reflect the State's Purchasing Policy. There being no objections, motion carried.***

Next on the agenda was the Ratification of New Members to the RLF/RCF Boards. ***It was motioned by E. Alexander, seconded by W. Reed to ratify Ms. Mary Vedros, Mr. Leonard Ledet, and Mr. Evan Boudreaux to the RLF/RCF Boards. There being no objections, motion carried.***

Agenda item nine was the Resolution declaring various equipment as surplus property and authorizing the CEO to appropriately dispose of said equipment and setting the minimum acceptable bid for the sale of equipment declared as surplus. ***It was motioned by S. Nosacka, seconded by L. Charles to accept the resolution declaring various equipment as surplus property and authorizing the CEO to appropriately dispose of said equipment and setting the minimum acceptable bid for the sale of equipment declared as surplus. There being no objections motion carried.***

K. Belanger introduced Mr. A. Naik, EDA Regional Integrator Representative for Region 6. A Team of EDA Representatives plan to meet with K. Belanger and SCPDC staff following the conclusion of the Board of Commissioner's meeting to discuss what is most needed for recovery in the affected areas of Hurricane Ida.

Chairman Naquin stated that the SCPDC Newsletter had been provided in the meeting packets for all to read at their leisure. Also, it has been emailed to all Commissioner's.

Corporate Sponsor was GIS Engineering.

Under Other Business, K. Belanger stated everything was going good.

Next meeting date has been set for Thursday, April 21st, 2022 in St. Charles Parish, location to be determined.

There being no other business to discuss, ***it was motioned by A. Chaisson to adjourn the meeting, seconded by S. Nosacka. There being no objections 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 January 20th, 2022.

Jeff Naquin, Chairman
South Central Planning & Development Commission

Archie Chaisson, Secretary
South Central Planning & Development Commission