

## MINUTES

### SOUTH CENTRAL PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

**Thursday, January 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, January 12, 2012 at South Central Planning & Development Commission.

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, C. Randolph, M. Atzhenoffer, L. Sposito representing T. Eschete, R. Champagne, V. J. St. Pierre, E. Alexander, W. Bendetto, H. Hardy, S. Landry representing T. Roussel, M. Guillot, Jr., M. Claudet, A. Williams, J. Rogers, M. Marmande, Jr., A. Badeaux, Jr., and D. Pothier. Members absent were C. James, R. Animashaun, J. Bouziga, G. Williamson, N. Robottom, A. Tregre, J. Wagner, K. Brass, T. Borne, R. Scott, and L. Charles. Staff members present were K. Belanger, J. Boudreaux, M. Wich, and E. Bergeron. Guests in attendance were: D. Telford and M. Pellegrin of Bourgeois Bennett, N. Verret of LTAP, L. Rodrigue of Terrebonne Parish Registrar of Voters, C. Skidmore of Assumption Parish Registrar of Voters, B. Champagne of St. Charles Parish Registrar of Voters, G. Randolph of Lafourche Parish, P. Gordon, D. Bourg of TPCG, S. Vassello of TEDA, T. Vial of St. Charles Parish Government, Congressman B. Cassidy, B. McNabb of Congressman Cassidy's office, State Representative W. Lenoir and J. Harrison, and T. Schedler Louisiana's Secretary of State.

Chairman Caludet requested each person introduced their self.

First item on the agenda was the acceptance of minutes of October 13, 2011 regular meeting. It was motioned by M. Atzenhoffer, seconded by M. Marmande, Jr. to accept minutes of the October 13, 2011 regular meeting. Motion carried.

Next item on the agenda was the acceptance of Management Committee minutes of January 6, 2012. It was motioned by A. Badeaux, seconded by V.J. St. Pierre to accept Management Committee Minutes of January 6, 2012. Motion carried.

Election of 2012 Officers was the third item on the agenda. It was motioned by A. Williams, seconded by M. Atzenhoffer to open nomination of M. Claudet as Chairman. Motion carried. It was motioned by A. Badeaux, seconded by R. Champagne close nominations of Chairman. There being no other nominations, nor objections M. Claudet was unanimously elected Chairman of SCPDC Board of Commissioners.

A. Williams motioned to open nominations of Vice-Chairman by nominating VJ St. Pierre, it was seconded by M. Marmande, Jr. R.Champagne motioned to close nominations for

Vice-Chairman, and it was seconded by E. Alexander. Motion carried. V.J. St. Pierre was unanimously elected Vice-Chairman of SCPDC Board of Commissioners.

A. Williams motioned to open nominations of Secretary by nominating E. Alexander; it was seconded by VJ St. Pierre. M. Marmande, Jr. motioned to close nominations of Secretary, seconded by R. Champagne. Motion carried. E. Alexander was unanimously elected Secretary of SCPDC Board of Commissioners.

E. Alexander motioned to open nominations of Treasurer by nominating A. Williams, it was seconded by M. Marmande, Jr. M. Marmande, Jr. motioned to close nominations of Treasurer, seconded by W. Bendetto. Motion carried. A. Williams was unanimously elected Treasurer of SCPDC Board of Commissioners.

Fourth item on the agenda was the Review and Approval of Financial Statement ending October 31, 2011. K. Belanger briefed the Board of Commissioners on the Financial Statement. It was motioned by A. Badeaux, seconded by R. Champagne to approve the Financial Statement ending October 31, 2011. Motion carried.

The next item for discussion was the Review and Approval of FY2011 Audit by Bourgeois-Bennett. D. Telford of Bourgeois Bennett presented the Review of SCPDC's FY2011 Audit. Discussion ensued. It was motioned by VJ St. Pierre, seconded by A. Williams to approve the FY2011 Audit. Motion carried.

Chairman Claudet requested a motion be made to deviate from the agenda in order to allow Representative Harrison to speak briefly to the Board. It was moved by E. Alexander, seconded by D. Pothier to deviate from agenda. Motion carried.

Representative Harrison spoke briefly to the Board of his and fellow delegates efforts to strengthen the Region and its economy in the upcoming legislative session. Discussion ensued.

It was motioned by E. Alexander, seconded by M. Atzenhoffer to return to the agenda. Motion carried.

Ratification of new members to the RLF/RCF Boards was the next item on the agenda. It was motioned by M. Marmande, Jr., seconded by A. Badeaux to ratify E. Watson as replacement of G. Caillouet as the Economic Development Professional and D. Bourg to replace T. Oliver as the floating seat on the Advisory Board. Motion carried.

Item seven on the agenda was Secretary of State, Ted Schedler to speak on his vision for the Secretary of State's office. T. Schedler recognized the Registrar of Voters present at meeting. He spoke of the new Smartphone app GeauxVote Mobile developed by The Louisiana Department of State. This app allows a Louisiana Voter to find their voter registration and elections information using this secure application. Recently, the Louisiana Department of State unveiled GeauxBiz.com. It's a one stop shop to inform persons interested in opening a business of exactly all what is needed by them to open a new business. T. Schedler then commended the Reapportionment efforts of the Region and suggested that legislation was being anticipated to merge precincts prior to 2014. Discussion ensued.

It was then motioned by A. Williams, seconded by Al Badaeux to deviate from the agenda to allow Congressman Cassidy to speak to the Board. Motion carried.

Congressman Cassidy gave a brief introduction of his self to the Board of Commissioners. He offered his services to all his constituents. Discussion ensued.

It was motioned by A. Badaeux, seconded by R. Champagne to return to the agenda. Motion carried.

Next on the agenda was Local Road Safety Program by N. Verret. N. Verret explained the LTAP program which provides technical assistance to the local public works agencies. Located on the LSU campus, LTAP provides work force development and training to public works departments. Most importantly, LTAP assists in the implementation of the State's Strategic Highway Safety Plan down to the local level. He commended the HT-MPO for being the first regional area in the state of Louisiana to create, implement, and adopt a Strategic Highway Safety Plan. Discussion ensued.

Item nine were announcements of Police Jury Conference being held in Houma in February. Also, SCPDC Open House to be held on January 26, 2012 for elected officials. Currently staff is working on hosting an Ethics Workshop, one on the River Parishes side possibly at the St. John the Baptist Parish Civic Center, second on the Bayou Parishes side possibly at the Houma Civic Center.

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

There being no other business to discuss, it was unanimously motioned to adjourn. Motion carried.

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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 12, 2012.

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Michel Claudet, Chairman  
South Central Planning & Development Commission

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Ellis Alexander, Secretary  
South Central Planning & Development Commission