

MINUTES

SOUTH CENTRAL PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING

Thursday, February 8th, 2024

On Thursday, February 8th, 2024, at 10:30am at the St. Charles Parish DHSEP in Hahnville, LA. Chairman Naquin called the meeting to order then J. Bergeron led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance. E. Bergeron conducted roll call followed by introductions.

Members present or represented by proxy were: J. Naquin, W. Reed, M. Arceneaux representing R. Animashaun, A. Chaisson, J. Jones, K. Clement, M. Jewel, E. Alexander, W. Comardelle, L. Wilson, C. Forrestier representing P. Dufrense, L. Levine representing C. Vappie, D. Arthur, E. Foulcard, R. Grogan, J. Bergeron, J. Amedee, M. Marmande, Jr., and S. Thibodeaux. Ex-Officio members J. David representing Dr. J. Clune of NSU and A. Nanny representing Dr. K. Strickland of FCC.

Staff members present were: K. Belanger, D. Allemand, J. Boudreaux, C. Curole, P. Gordon, M. Wich, and E. Bergeron.

Members absent were: M. Atzenhoffer, J. Bouziga, B. Plaisance, C "Bub" Millet, S. Bourgeois, P. St. Pierre, J. Hotard, C. Monica, S. Jones, D. Babin, L. Charles, and J. Rogers.

Guests present were: D. Klingman of Terrebonne Parish, C. Pulaski of TPCG, S. Arceneaux of the City of Thibodaux, K. Tregle and A. Laserre of Bourgeois Bennett, M. Huval of Brown & Brown, and the Honorable Louisiana Supreme Court Chief Justice J. Weimer.

The first item on the agenda was the Review and Acceptance of minutes of October 19th, 2023, Regular Meeting. **W. Reed motioned, seconded by J. Jones to accept minutes of October 19th, 2023, Regular Meeting. There being no objections motion carried.**

Next on the agenda was the Election of 2024 Officers. Chairman Naquin opened the floor to receive nominations for Chairman of SCPDC's Board of Commissioners. **J. Jones motioned, seconded by J. Amedee to nominate J. Naquin as Chairman, A. Chaisson as Vice-Chairman, E. Alexander as Treasurer, and J. Bergeron as Secretary. There being no objections or other nominations motion carried.**

The third item on the agenda was the Review and Approval of the Financial Statement ending December 31st, 2023. K. Belanger reviewed the Financial Statement ending December 31st, 2023 and relayed the ending fund balance to date for SCPDC's General Fund was \$1,671,511.21. **S. Thibodeaux motioned, seconded by E. Alexander to approve the Financial Statement ending December 31st, 2023. There being no objections motion carried.**

Review of SCPDC's FY2023 Financial Report was presented by K. Tregle of Bourgeois Bennett. He began by stating that SCPDC has received a "clean" opinion which is the highest opinion that can be received. He reviewed the financial highlights and the Statewide Agreed-Upon Procedures. He relayed there were no deficiencies found in internal control.

Agenda item five was an update on SCPDC's Housing Initiative presented by J. Boudreaux. The goal of the program is to build new homes and demolish structures within SCPDC's seven parish region in hopes of revitalizing the neighborhoods and promoting future improvements to those areas. He explained that this program has been built to employ, equip, and fund the construction of a series of model homes in each of SCPDC's respective parishes. Currently, the Commission is seeking qualified builders and tradesmen to employ for this new program.

P. Gordon gave a brief overview of the Planning Department projects. He reviewed recent EDA, DRA, HT-MPO, CDBG projects which the Planning Department has been working on. He also provided a handout listing the Grant Funding Opportunities available to the Parishes and Municipalities.

A Code Enforcement Initiative update was provided by M. Wich. He briefed the Commissioner's on the recent efforts of the Code Enforcement and Plan Review Department. Currently, SCPDC is in the process of beginning a Training Academy to certify Code Enforcement personnel.

R. Hutchinson was unavailable to attend the meeting; therefore, the update on MyGovernmentOnline was tabled.

Next C. Curole gave a brief presentation on the Restore LA Loan Program. Applications are still being collected for those in the impacted areas of Laura/Delta. Currently, staff is processing the applications received for the Ida/May Flood Restore LA Loan Program and working with the State to have as many applications funded as possible.

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. ***L. Levine motioned, seconded by E. Foulcard 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.***

Agenda item eleven was the Ratification of New Members to the RLF/RCF Administration Board. Mr. C. Guidry of TEDA and Mr. J. Klingman of South Louisiana Bank were appointed to the RLF/RCF Administration Board by Terrebonne Parish. ***It was motioned by A. Chaisson, seconded by E. Alexander to ratify Mr. C. Guidry and Mr. J. Klingman to the RLF/RCF Administration Board. There being no objections motion carried.***

Under Other Business, Chairman Naquin introduced Mr. M. Huval. Mr. Huval spoke briefly on a new insurance program available to local governments for wind coverage. This program does not compete with current coverage, it is additional protection for public property.

K. Belanger introduced the Honorable Louisiana Supreme Court Chief Justice J. Weimer. Chief Justice Weimer thanked K. Belanger and J. Manning for their assistance with helping to create an alternative to the proposed controversial Louisiana Supreme Court District redistricting map. The previously proposed map divided parishes between different Supreme Court Districts; thus, creating administrative issues. The newly created alternative map proposes more contiguous boundaries that don't split parishes. Discussion ensued.

Chairman Naquin stated that the SCPDC Newsletter were in the meeting packets for all to read at their leisure.

Next meeting date has been set for Thursday, April 18th, 2024 in St. James Parish, location to be determined.

There being no other business to discuss, ***E. Alexander motioned, unanimously seconded to adjourn the meeting. 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 February 8th, 2024.

Jeff Naquin, Chairman
South Central Planning & Development Commission

Jason Bergeron, Secretary
South Central Planning & Development Commission