

MINUTES

SOUTH CENTRAL PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

Thursday, January 18, 2007

A regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners for South Central Planning and Development Commission was called to order at approximately 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, January 18, 2007, at The Inn at Seventy and One, Belle Rose, Louisiana.

Chairman C. Randolph called the meeting to order and requested roll call. Members present or represented by proxy were M. Triche, B. Warren representing C. James, W. Reed, R. Animashaun, C. Randolph, M. Atzenhoffer, B. Lafont representing C. Caillouet, R. Champagne, T. Vial representing A. Laque, D. Hymel, E. Aubert, and P. Gordon representing D. Schwab. Members absent were J. Bouziga, D. Hilaire, D. Vial, N. Monica, C. Farlough, A. Tatje, H. Jones, H. Bourgeois, R. Scott, A. Williams, and J. Palmisano. Staff members present were K. Belanger, M. Menuet, J. Boudreaux, and S. Leger. Guests in attendance were: R. Lefort and T. Foles of Capital One Bank, Deanna Zeringue of Bourgeois Bennett, A. Perry of LDED, B. Ramachandran of NSU Geomatics Department, J. Gardner of TPCG, B. Lier of St. James, and K. Torres of Assumption Parish Police Jury.

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It was moved by E. Aubert, seconded by W. Reed to approve the minutes of October 12, 2006. Motion carried.

After brief discussion, it was moved by R. Champagne, seconded by M. Atzenhoffer to approve the minutes of the Management Committee meeting of January 12, 2007. Motion carried.

The Chairman called for nominations for 2007 officers.

It was moved by R. Champagne, seconded by W. Reed to keep the current officers for the year 2007. Those officers are: Chairman: Charlotte Randolph, Vice-Chairman: Don Schwab, Secretary-Treasurer: Dale Hymel, Jr. There being no other nominations, Ms. Randolph, Mr. Schwab, and Mr. Hymel were elected by acclamation.

K. Belanger discussed the financial statement ending November 30, 2006.

It was moved by D. Hymel, seconded by P. Gordon to approve the financial statement ending November 30, 2006. Motion carried.

It was moved by T. Vial, seconded by W. Reed to approve the FY 07 Budget Adjustments.

D. Zeringue of Bourgeois Bennett presented the FY 2006 Audit.

Dr. B. Ramachandran of the NSU Geomatics department discussed a possible Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between NSU and SCPDC to perform land surveying and mapping for the region.

K. Belanger presented the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) for approval by the Board.

It was moved by M. Atzenhoffer, seconded by R. Champagne to approve the CEDS document. Motion carried.

K. Belanger discussed the results of the performance evaluation conducted by the Southwest Regional Conference.

Mr. Belanger informed the Board of the vacancies on the RLF Loan Advisory Board. He presented the nomination of Felix J. Sternfels by the Assumption Parish Police Jury.

It was moved by D. Hymel, seconded by M. Atzenhoffer to approve the nomination of Felix Sternfels to the RLF Loan Advisory Board. Motion carried.

K. Belanger briefly discussed the Agency Activity Report.

R. Lefort and T. Foles of Capital One Bank spoke to the Board about the services that Capital One can provide to businesses.

Under other business, A. Perry informed the Board that Louisiana Speaks will have their kickoff meeting on January 22, 2007 and she encouraged participation. She also discussed the Small and Emerging Business Program and the Tier II Grants (LDED).

K. Belanger discussed the building code program with the Board.

It was moved by M. Atzenhoffer, seconded by R. Champagne to offer a resolution to show the State Building Code Council that the Board of Commissioners supports the use of third party providers. Motion carried.

K. Belanger next discussed the MERS retirement program and the cost involved in participating in the program. He stated that he felt this would be a tremendous investment in the employees and felt that the agency should pursue joining MERS.

It was moved by P. Gordon, seconded by M. Atzenhoffer to allow the agency to join MERS. Motion carried.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned. 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 18, 2007.

Charlotte Randolph, Chairman
South Central Planning & Development Commission

Dale J. Hymel, Secretary/Treasurer
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