

MINUTES

SOUTH CENTRAL PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

Thursday, March 18, 2010

A regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners for South Central Planning and Development Commission was called to order at approximately 10:40 a.m. on Thursday, March 18, 2010, at Ellendale Country Club in Houma, Louisiana.

Chairman R. Champagne 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, J. Doty representing C. Randolph, M. Atzenhoffer, R. Champagne, V. J. St. Pierre, D. Hymel, M. Guillot, Jr., M. Claudet, L. Charles, A. Williams, M. Marmande, Jr., and A. Badeaux and Drake Pothier. Members absent were C. James, C. Caillouet, J. Bouziga, W. Bendetto, W. Hubbard, A. Tregre, K. Brass, H. Bourgeois, R. Scott, T. Cloutier. Staff members present were K. Belanger, J. Boudreaux, M. Wich, L. Prosperie, A. LeBlanc and K. Harris. Guests in attendance were: James Donelon, State of Louisiana Insurance Commissioner; Harry Shield of Entergy Louisiana; Anne Perry of Louisiana Economic Development; Pamela Ehlers of EDA, Lloyd Nelson of Daily Comet, Robert Zullo of Daily Comet, Doug Bourg of Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government and Rodney Duocet of Lafourche Parish Council.

At Chairman R. Champagne's request K. Belanger introduced the SCPDC staff members present.

First item on the agenda was the acceptance of minutes of January 14, 2010 regular meeting. It was motioned by A. Badeaux, seconded by M. Guillot to accept minutes of the January 14, 2010 regular meeting. Motion passed.

Next on the agenda was the acceptance of Management Committee Minutes of March 8, 2010. K. Belanger briefed the members on the minutes. Minutes were unanimously accepted by all members present.

The third item on the agenda was the potential changes to Articles of Incorporation/By-Laws. K. Belanger reviewed the changes to reflect a Secretary and a Treasurer as opposed to Secretary/Treasurer. It was motioned by M. Claudet, seconded by A. Badeaux to accept the changes to the Articles of Incorporation. Motion passed. It was unanimously agreed upon by the board that M. Claudet shall remain Treasurer.

Chairman R. Champagne opened nominations for Secretary. It is motioned by M. Claudet, seconded by M. Marmande to nominate M. Atzenhoffer as Secretary. Motion passed. There being no other nominations, it was motioned by A. Badeaux, seconded by L. Charles to close Secretary Nominations. Motion passed. M. Atzenhoffer was unanimously elected as Secretary of SCPDC by all members present.

K. Belanger reviewed the Financial Statement ending January 31, 2010. The Financial Statement ending January 31, 2010 was accepted unanimously by all members present.

Next on the agenda was Budget Amendment. K. Belanger reviewed the Budget Amendment with the members.

Arlanda Williams entered the meeting at 10:58.

It is motioned by M. Claudet, seconded by V. St. Pierre to accept the budget amendments. Motion passed.

The board agreed to table item six, Ratification of new members to the RLF/RCF.

The next item on the agenda is, Ratification of appointed board members. K. Belanger stated St. Charles Parish President, V.J. St. Pierre nominated George Williamson. It is motioned by D. Hymel, seconded by M. Marmande to accept George Williamson as a member of the board.

K. Belanger informed the board that Lafourche has two members which need to be appointed, one a business representative and the other a minority.

Item eight on the agenda was guest speaker, James "Jim" Donelon – State of Louisiana Insurance Commissioner. K. Belanger introduced Mr. Donelon. Mr. Donelon spoke of the options that are out there and the benefits of having building codes.

The next item on the agenda was policy changes. K. Belanger brought everyone's attention to the proposed policy changes. It was motioned by D. Hymel, seconded by A. Badeaux to amend the policy. Motion passed.

Item ten on the agenda was Delta Regional Authority 2010 Grant Round Update. K. Belanger discussed the Delta Regional 2010 Grant. The deadline was March 29, 2010.

Next on the agenda was a Resolution allowing the CEO and CAO to sign checks under \$10,000.00. It is motioned by A. Badeaux, seconded by V.J. St. Pierre to allow the CEO and CAO to sign checks under \$10,000.00. Motion passed.

On the agenda, item twelve was a Resolution allowing the Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws to be revised. It is motion by A. Badeaux, seconded by L. Charles to pass the resolution to submit the Article of Incorporation and By-Laws changes. Motion passed.

In lieu of time, we will take a small break to serve our plates and return to the meeting.

Chairman Champagne offered each member to read at their leisure the Activity Agency Report included in the meeting packet.

Entergy Louisiana was the Corporate Sponsor for the meeting. Mr. Harry Shield of Entergy Louisiana spoke of the improvements with the permits and explained several services available to the public.

Under Other Business, Ann Perry of Louisiana Economic Development stated LED was accepting applications for the second round of Pilot Program for Louisiana Development Ready Community.

Pam Ehlers with Economic Development Administration spoke of the grants available with EDA.

The next meeting date will be set for June 17, 2010 in Assumption Parish.

There being no other business to discuss, it was moved by M. Guillot, seconded by M. Atzenhoffer 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 March 18, 2010

Richard Champagne, Chairman
South Central Planning & Development Commission

Mark Atzenhoffer, Secretary
South Central Planning & Development Commission