

MINUTES

SOUTH CENTRAL PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING

Thursday, October 17th, 2019

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, October 17th, 2019 at Belle Terre Country Club in LaPlace, LA.

Chairwoman N. Robottom called the meeting to order then led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members present or represented by proxy were: W. Reed, M. Arceneaux representing R. Animashaun, M. Atzenhoffer, J. Thibodaux representing T. Eschete, C. Curole representing J. Bouziga, M. Albert representing L. Cochran, T. Wilson, T. Roussel, S. Nosacka, N. Robottom, Dr. H. Hardy, C. Monica, H. LaGrange representing D. Hanagriff, L. Levine representing P. Prejean, D. Arthur, E. Foulcard, R. Grogen, T. Lambeth representing G. Dove, L. Charles, and J. Rogers.

Staff members present were: K. Belanger, C. Curole, J. Foret, P. Gordon, and E. Bergeron.

Members absent were: J. Naquin, J. Cantrelle, J. Jones, E. Reinhardt, P. Murray, IV, P. St. Pierre, F. Grizzaffi, S. Carlos, B. Hebert, M. Marmande, Jr. and A. Williams.

K. Belanger introduced the guests who were in attendance: Louisiana State Insurance Commissioner Mr. Jim Donelon, Mr. Jason Wilson of USEDA, Dr. Mark McLean of Fletcher Technical College, and of Mr. A. Arceneaux of NSU.

The first item on the agenda was the Review and Acceptance of minutes of June 27th, 2019 Regular Meeting. E. Foulcard stated he was present at the June meeting; however, the minutes reflect he was absent. E. Bergeron apologized for her oversight and stated she would make the necessary correction. ***It was motioned by T. Roussel, seconded by E. Foulcard to accept minutes of October 17th, 2019 Regular Meeting as amended. There being no objections motion carried.***

K. Belanger gave a brief report of the Management Committee. He relayed the Management Committee met prior to the start of the Board of Commissioner's meeting where they discussed finances, personnel issues, and the Commission's path forward. Full Management Committee Meeting minutes will be placed on the January 2020 meeting agenda for approval.

Review and Approval of the Unaudited Financial Statement ending June 30th, 2019. K. Belanger reviewed the Unaudited Financial Statement ending June 30th, 2019. He relayed the ending fund balance to date was \$37,898,194.82. ***It was motioned by M. Atznehoffer, seconded by L. Charles to approve the Unaudited Financial Statement ending June 30th, 2019. There being no objections, motion carried.***

K. Belanger introduced Mr. Jason Wilson of US EDA. J. Wilson replaced Ms. V. Hendershot as SCPDC's EDA Representative. He briefed the Commissioner's on his role as SCPDC's Representative and the grant opportunities offered by US EDA.

Amendment to the ByLaws adding two Ex-Officio Members was item six on the agenda. K. Belanger explained NSU President and Fletcher Community College Chancellor has been attending SCPDC Board of Commissioner's meetings. They would not hold voting rights; however, they will be able to participate in discussions. ***It was motioned by H. LaGrange, seconded by T. Roussel to amend SCPDC ByLaws by adding NSU President and Fletcher Community College Chancellor as Ex-Officio Members to SCPDC's Board of Commissioners. There being no objections, motion carried.***

Next on the agenda was Louisiana Insurance Commissioner, Mr. Jim Donelon. He spoke to the Commissioner's in regards to the success of Building Codes initiative. He stated that Louisiana's Building Code initiative is the model model for Building Codes implementation, enforcement, and

property owners not just with discounts but with resiliency. Today Louisiana has the most competitive market in property insurance in the State's history. For the past 5 years homeowner's insurance rates have increased 1% per year statewide. The State now has 31 small regional companies offering homeowner insurance. He credits the Building Code for being the reason for the State's success in recovering the State's insurance market. Discussion ensued.

Item eight was an Amendment to SCPDC Accounting and Administrative Policy Manual. K. Belanger explained that OCD is requiring SCPDC to amend their Accounting and Administrative Policy Manual to include the addition of an appendix. The appendix was included within the meeting packet for Commissioner's to review. ***It was motioned by E. Foulcard, seconded by L. Levine to approve amending the SCPDC Accounting and Administrative Policy Manual as required by the Louisiana Disaster Recovery Community Development Program. There being no objections, motion carried.***

Next on the agenda for discussion was a Resolution authorizing SCPDC to participate in the Watershed Initiative Program giving full authority to the CEO to enter application and sign contracts. A 16 Parish Coalition has been created to study Watershed from Pointe Coupee Parish to the Gulf of Mexico. The Parishes within Watershed Region 6 has agreed and issued letters of support for SCPDC to be the fiscal agent and coordinating entity. This Resolution is needed to accompany the grant application which is due December 13th, 2019. P. Gordon distributed a copy of the proposed action plan for Commissioner's to review. ***It was motioned by M. Albert, seconded by S. Nosacka to adopt the Resolution authorizing SCPDC to participate in the Watershed Initiative Program giving full authority to the CEO to enter application and sign contracts. There being no objections, motion carried.***

K. Belanger announced the Commission would like to surplus their 2008 Ford Expedition which is in need of costly repair. ***It was motioned by H. LaGrange seconded by S. Nosacka to adopt 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 was item ten There being no objections motion carried.***

Item eleven was a Resolution to facilitate an assignment and transfer of Acadiana's Louisiana Business Recovery Grant & Loan Program's Revolving Capital Fund Portfolio (ARCF) from SCPDC to APC. K. Belanger reminded the Commissioner's in 2013 SCPDC took over the loan portfolio from the Acadiana Regional Development District (ARDD) to help ensure the monies was kept within the Region. ARDD has since become APC and are now in a position to take back the loan portfolio. APC made a request to OCD to regain their loan portfolio which OCD has approved and granted. The transfer has already taken place, this Resolution is a formality. ***It was motioned by T. Roussel, seconded by M. Albert approving the Resolution to facilitate an assignment and transfer of Acadiana's Louisiana Business Recovery Grant & Loan Program's Revolving Capital Fund Portfolio (ARCF) from SCPDC to APC. There being no objections, motion carried.***

The Agency Activity Report was included in the meeting packet for Commission members to read at their leisure.

Chairwoman N. Robottom thanked GEC for their Corporate Sponsorship.

Under Other Business was the proposed 2020 meeting dates. Also, K. Belanger took the moment to express gratitude to all the outgoing elected and non-elected officials who have participated in the Commission over the past four years. Vice-Chairman Roussel thanked the Commission for everything it does for the communities within the Region. Chairwoman Robottom spoke accolades of the SCPDC's accomplishments and thanked her appointments for their participation in the Commission.

Next meeting date has been set for Thursday, January 16th, 2020 in St. Mary Parish, location to be determined.

There being no other business to discuss, ***D. Arthur motioned to adjourn the meeting, L. Levine seconded. 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 October 17th, 2019.

Jeff Naquin, Chairman
South Central Planning & Development Commission

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South Central Planning & Development Commission