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APC Board Meeting

Rosa Parks Transportation Center 101 Jefferson St, Lafayette, LA 70501 Thursday February 20, 2025 10:00 am – 12:00 pm

Meeting Minutes

The Acadiana Planning Commission Board meeting was called to order on Thursday February 20, 2025, at 10:06 am by Chairman Larry Richard. The pledge was said. Roll was called and quorum announced by CEO Sara Gary. Guests were introduced.

Present

Acadia Parish Corey Vincent for Beau Petitjean, Acadia Parish Police Jury President

Evangline Parish Kevin Veillon, Evangeline Parish Police Jury President

Iberia Parish M. Larry Richard, Iberia Parish President

Lafayette Parish Monique Boulet, Mayor-President

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Andre Breaux
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Dr. June Vincent

Keith Roy for Mark Poche, Vermilion Parish Police Jury President
For Troy Wayman, President/CEO One Acadiana, non-voting
President University of Louisiana Lafayette, non-voting
Chancellor SoLAcc, non-voting, arrived at 10:21 am

Staff

Sara Gary APC CEO
Nicole Clavier APC Staff

Absent

Dr. Nancee Sorenson Chancellor LSUE, non-voting

Public

Jake Benoit Senator Kennady's Office
Sarah Boudreaux Office of Rural Development
Christie Dunn Darnall Sikes & Frederick

Dirk Deville Evangeline Parish

Election of New Officer

Sara informed the Board that Bryan Vidrine was no longer serving as Police Jury President for Evangeline Parish and, as a result, could no longer retain his position as Secretary-Treasurer. Larry Richard then called for nominations to fill the Secretary-Treasurer role.

A motion was made by Jessie Bellard to nominate Monique Boulet as Secretary-Treasurer, Kevin Veillon seconded this motion; the motion carried unanimously.

APC Administrative

Minute Approval

A motion was made by Jessie Bellard to approve November 21, 2024, APC Board Meeting Minutes, Monique Boulet seconded this motion; the motion carried unanimously.

APC Budget to Actuals

The APC Budget to Actuals was presented in the Agenda Packet and acknowledged by the APC Board.

Legislative FY 23-24 Audit Review

Christie Dunn, from Darnall Sikes & Frederick presented the audit findings to the Board.

Larry asked if the audit covered the NTIA Fiber project.

Sara stated that NTIA was one of the programs that was reviewed as part of the Audit.

Larry asked if Sara could update the Board on where the project was.

Sara stated that a one-year extension was in the works and that hopefully the construction portion of the project would be finished by the summertime if not before and that the remainder of the year the providers would be concentrating on customer hookups.

Banking Resolution, Officer Signatures

Sara explained that, with the election of a new Secretary-Treasurer, a resolution must be passed to remove Bryan Vidrine as an authorized signer on the accounts with First Horizon and to add Monique Boulet as an authorized signer.

A motion was made by Pete Delcambre to approve the banking resolution, Monique Boulet seconded this motion; the motion carried unanimously.

Revolving Loan Fund (RLF)

Sara gives a background on the R & Y Washaterias cases, she explains that due to the overall cost to litigate the case a decision was made to not move forward. Since the decision was made to not move forward with litigation an outstanding balance of \$34,326.44 on the loan must be written off. In accordance with the Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) Policies and procedures any loan write-offs must be approved by the APC board.

A motion was made by Monique Bouley to write off the R & Y Washaterias outstanding balance of \$34,326.44, Jessie Bellard seconded this motion; the motion carried unanimously.

Transportation Report

ALOP

Sara presents the Annual List of Obligated Projects to the Board. She explains how this is a listing of all projects that had federal funds from the last federal fiscal year.

Economic and Community Development

Grant Training Meetings

Sara let the Board know that Kade would be reaching out over the next couple of months to set up a series of grant training meetings. She explained that the meetings would be comprehensive and cover crucial programs and resources in both transportation and economic development.

Other Business

Jessie Bellard gave an update on the Juvenile District. He stated that Judge Tray Haik stepped down as chairman and that at the last meeting that was held, he was elected to the chairman position. At that meeting it was voted on the lobby the legislature for the district to levy a one cent sales tax for 1 year to fund the construction of a new juvenile detention facility and that after that one year the one cent would go to a quarter cent to fund the operations of the facility.

Jessie gives an update on his legal case with the Sheriff in Acadia Parish.

Monique says that she is having similar issues with the Sheriff in Lafayette Parish and suggested that the Parish get together and set up a meeting with the Governor.

Keith Roy stated that to aid some of the issues that they were having they have an employee that works in the jail and that works well for them.

Keith Roy stated that they were still looking for additional funds for the HWY 14 project.

Larry asked if they met with Rep Jacob Landry to see if he could get some additional funds.

Keith stated that Rep Landry was not able to get additional funds.

Jessie asked if they had made Capital Outlay request.

Keith stated that they had but had not been successful.

Keith stated that he would like to get an update on where projects were and what their timeline for progression was.

Sara stated that they would reach out to the project managers and get the timeline and that she would put on the June agenda for discussion.

Public Comment

No public comment

A motion was made by Keith Roy to adjourn the meeting at 11:22 am, Kevin Veillon seconded this motion; the motion carried unanimously.

APC Board 2025 Meeting Dates:

Q2: Thursday June 5, 2025 (Budget Adoption)

Q3: Thursday August 21, 2025

Q4: Thursday, November 20, 2025