

## ZACHARY TAYLOR PARKWAY COMMISSION MINUTES 12.12.01

The regular quarterly meeting of the Zachary Taylor Parkway Commission was called to order at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, December 12, 2001 at the Community Center of Amite City, LA. by Chairman, J. Curtis Jelks.

Administration of oath of office for new and re appointed Commission members and alternates was performed by Ellis C Magee. Marilyn Bateman (Alternate from Washington Parish,) and Ike Jenkins, (Alternate from St. Helena Parish), were sworn in for a new term of office.

Mr. Jelks requested that Secretary Donald Browning do roll call. Those in attendance included: J. Curtis Jelks and alternate Minnie Douglas (E. Feliciana), Patrick Witty and alternate, Jerome Lacombe (Pointe Coupee), Jim Dubroc (Rapides), Vernon McMorris and alternate Ike Jenkins (St. Helena), Richard Kent and alternate Dr. Jesse McClendon (Tangiapoha), Marilyn Bateman, alternate (Washington) and Donald Browning (W. Feliciana). Mr. Browning declared a quorum was in attendance.

Chairman Jelks requested that a minute of silence be observed in honor of Commissioner Robert Magee of Washington Parish, who died recently. Afterward, a resolution in Mr. Magee's honor was presented; and , on motion duly made and seconded, the resolution was unanimously accepted . Copy attached to the Master of these minutes.

Consideration was give to the minutes of September 12, 2001. As these minutes had been mailed to the Commissioners, Mr. Browning moved they be accepted, second by Mr. Witty. All voted in favor. Copy attached to the Master of these minutes.

Treasurer's Report was omitted from the agenda. Mr. Dubroc moved it be added, second by Mr. Kent. Mr. Browning performed a roll call vote and all voted in favor of its addition to the agenda. Mr. Witty passed out this report (copy attached to Master of these minutes). After review, Mr. Witty moved it be accepted, second by Mr. Dubroc. All voted in favor.

Chairman's Report included a review of activities on behalf of the Commission by Adams and Reese. Mr. Jelks passed out a copy of this letter which is attached to the Master of these minutes.

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Mr. Jelks then called on Mr. Ellis Magee to explain Agenda Item 7. "Expenditures in connection with environmental assessment, right of way acquisition and engineering work one or more Parkway segments"

Mr. Magee said that Congressman Baker will probably be able to obtain construction funds in 2002 for a Parkway segment in his district. Because preparations need to be made to assure an early start on that construction and because the funds thus far obtained for he Parkway project have resulted form Congressman Baker's efforts, the Chairman and Mr. Magee are recommending that the Chairman be authorized to request DOTD (a) to choose the segment in Rep. Baker's district that will be improved and (b) to proceed with the environmental assessment, design work and right-of-way acquisition in relation to that segment, which work would be funded from the money thus far provided by Congress for the Parkway.

After discussion, Mr. Witty moved that Mr. Jelks be authorized to request DOTD

(a) to choose a segment of the Parkway in Congressman Baker's district for which federal funds will be used, and

(b) to proceed with the environmental assessment, design work and right-of-way acquisition in relation to that segment, which work would be funded from the money thus far provided by Congress for the Parkway.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Dubroc and unanimously adopted.

Mr. Wayne Marchand , District Administrator of DOTD District 08, stated that he thought the plan agreed upon in the motion just passed was a "workable" one.

Mr. Jelks called on Charles East for a report. Mr. East noted the recent newsletter that had just been sent out, and reported that an insert for the Parkway brochure has been updated and is now available.

Mr. Jelks then introduced Mr. Ken Perry, Commissioner for the LA Airport Authority who addressed the group concerning the proposed Intermodal Transportation Center between New Orleans and Baton Rouge.

With no miscellaneous business at hand, Mr. Witty moved the meeting be adjourned.  
Second by Mr. . All voted in favor of this motion

Respectfully submitted  
/s/ Donald Browning, Secretary