

Zachary Taylor Parkway Commission  
**Minutes**  
 Quarterly Commission Meeting  
 June 11, 2008

Present

Carlos Mayeux, Alternate, Avoyelles  
 Martin Macdiarmid, Alternate, East Feliciana  
 Jim Dubroc, Commissioner, Rapides  
 C. A. Vandersteen, Alternate, Rapides  
 Vernon McMorris, Commissioner, St. Helena  
 Ike Jenkins, Alternate, St. Helena Parish  
 Tobias Ford, Commissioner, West Feliciana

Absent

A. J. Roy, III, Commissioner, Avoyelles  
 Curtis Jelks, Commissioner, East Feliciana  
 Patrick Witty, Commissioner, Pointe Coupee  
 Samantha Jewitt, Alternate, Pointe Coupee  
 Buck Cefalu, Commissioner, Tangipahoa  
 Dr. Doughas Kent, Alternate, Tangipahoa  
 Bob Bateman, Commissioner, Washington  
 Marilyn Bateman, Alternate, Washington

The regularly scheduled quarterly meeting of the Zachary Taylor Parkway Commission was called to order by Jimmy Dubroc, Secretary at 10:00 am on June 11, 2008 at the Southern Forest Heritage Museum in Longleaf, LA.

Roll was called with the results shown above. Five parishes were represented forming a quorum.

Carlos Mayeux moved to approve the minutes of March 12, 2008 as presented. Russell Wilson seconded the motion and the motion passed with no objection.

The Treasurer's report was read by Sandi Miller showing:

Carry Forward from FY 06-07	\$ 7,486.92	
FY 07-08 Legislative Appropriation	\$ 50,000.00	
		\$57,486.92
<b>Expenditures</b>		
Administrative & Public Information		
Services (ZTPA)	\$14,100.00	
Professional Services		
Magee	\$11,700.00	
Wagoner	5,400.00	
Ducote	--0—	
		\$17,100.00
<b>Miscellaneous</b>		
Advertising	\$ 460.00	
Meeting Expense	316.79	
Travel Expenses	724.21	
Postage	55.66	
P O Box Rent	52.50	
Printing Costs	124.34	

Storage Room Rent	185.00	
Supplies	126.33	
Website	285.00	
		2,329.83
		33,529.83
Balance on Hand		23,957.09

Motion was made by Toby Ford with a second by Vernon McMorris to accept the report as presented. With no objections the motion passed.

Legal Counsel, Ellis Magee, addressed the Commission concerning a change to when the quarterly meetings are held. The present schedule has the meetings being held in March, June, September and December. With the legislature being in session in June requires the attendance of the Executive Director at the Capital. At the next regular meeting he will present a proposal to change the meeting months to January, April, July and October beginning in 2009.

Mr. Magee presented the Chairman's report and a brief explanation on each item including:

- HB 656- appointing authority statute
- Legislative Appropriations
- Ethics update
- AG Opinion request status

Neil Wagoner, Transportation Consultant gave his report on DOTD along the parkway, including work on Hwy 61 (a short part of this highway is on the parkway) on Thompson Creek. The good news is the bids were project to be about 25 million, but came in at 19 million. He recently attended a meeting on the proposed Baton Rouge bypass. A question had been asked could the John James Audubon Bridge at St. Francisville be a part of the by-pass. Mr. Wagoner says he believes it is too far out. He explained further that the by-pass will be a billion dollar project and one-half of the cost will come from tolls. Toll revenue drops off when there is a far distance to access the road. The by-pass project is a "long time off".

Dan Broussard, DOTD, introduced Nick Verrett and Brian Parson also with DOTD. He reported the John James Audubon traffic study for the east side of the bridge has been done and a Notice to Proceed has been issued. This was a "connector" study of traffic to and from the bridge. Mr. Broussard also reported that at one of the previous ZTP Commission meeting Mike Schiro reported a study would be done for improvements in Washington Parish on LA 10. URS Corporation will do the work. It was requested they be invited to attend the September ZTP meeting. It was stressed this is not a start of the environmental process, cut research of land use, cultural research, traffic study and cost estimate.

Brian Parson brought to the group's attention a grant program that he is overseeing. "Safe Routes to School" programs is to improve the health of kids and the community by making walking and bicycling to school safer, easier and more enjoyable. A 100 % federally funded

grant he encouraged everyone to share this information with their respective areas. Homer, Minden and Shreveport are three communities that have taken advantage of this program.

Mike Verrett reported DOTD is acquiring ROW between Mansura and Marksville

Neil Wagoner gave a brief update on the John James Audubon Bridge.

Guest Richard Billings, Rapides Parish Police Jury, Escebia McMorris, Mona Jenkins and Gail Hayes were introduced.

Mr. Jim Barnett, on behalf of the Southern Forest Heritage Museum extended a warm welcome to everyone and gave a brief overview of their museum. Originally the primary source of employment for approximately 350 people it was steam operated until 1950. Closing abruptly in 1969, the family donated the property. The facility was stabilized and with the support of many has evolved to its present status. Bob Carroll, ZTP Association is the Executive Director of the museum.

A motion was made by Russell Wilson with a second by Carlos Mayeau that the meeting be adjourned. Motion passed.