Board of Directors Meeting

MINUTES

Friday, September 15, 2017 (9:45 am)
NLCOG First Floor Seminar Room
625 Texas Street
Shreveport, LA 71101

Members Present
Mayor Ollie Tyler – City of Shreveport
Mr. Charles Henington – Caddo Tax Assessor
Mr. William Altimus – Bossier Parish Police Jury
Mayor Lo Walker – City of Bossier City

Members Absent
Dr. Woody Wilson – Caddo Parish Commission

Others Present
Mr. Chris Petro – NLCOG
Mrs. Anna O’Neal – BMKS Legal Council
Ms. Rita Barnette – NLCOG

Call to Order

Mayor Tyler called the meeting to order and asked Mr. Petro for a roll call. A quorum was present.

Public Comments

Mayor Tyler stated asked if anyone wished to speak. There were no comments.

Legal Report

Mrs. O’Neal stated that there was nothing new to report. She then stated that their firm had gone back to look at dates on the 3132 litigation and noted that it has been 2 years since the case was ordered transferred to Baton Rouge and no action has occurred since. Mrs. O’Neal stated that we need 3 years of no action for the case to be considered abandoned. The board had no questions.

Financial

Mrs. Barnette stated that staff was preparing for the Fiscal Year 2017 audit. The team from Heard, McElroy, & Vestal is scheduled to be in office October 9-13, 2017. Mrs. Barnette stated she would have a quarterly report available for the board at our next meeting.
Other Business

1. Louisiana 3132 Inner Loop Extension Contract Extension for BKI

Mr. Petro introduced a request from BKI for a no-cost time extension for completion of the LA 3132 environmental document. Mr. Petro stated that the extension is due primarily due to regulatory reviews. There are several review times that are mandated by statute and we have no control over the time frame. Mr. Comeaux concurred with Mr. Petro’s statements. Mayor Tyler asked if there was any indication that litigation would continue or refiled at that point. Mrs. O’Neal stated that there were several cases initially filed and that most of them have been thrown out. The remaining case has been remanded to Baton Rouge and the cost to move the case there is quite extensive. Mrs. O’Neal stated she did not believe Willis Knighton would move forward with that case due to the cost that would be incurred to move it to Baton Rouge. Mr. Petro stated that we could not be sued based on the answer or decision but on the process. Mayor Tyler asked for comments having none she called for a motion to approve the no-cost time extension. Mr. Altimus made a motion to approve seconded by Mayor Walker, the motion was approved.

2. Approval of Minutes

Mayor Tyler asked the members to take a moment to review the minutes of the August 20, 2017 meeting. Mayor Walker noted a typo under the section referring to the revised Transit MOU. Mr. Altimus made a motion to approve which was seconded by Mayor Walker. The motion was approved.

3. Adjourn

Mayor Tyler stated we were at the end of the agenda, Mayor Walker motioned to adjourn with Mr. Altimus seconding the motion. The meeting was adjourned.

J. Kent Rogers, Secretary