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Board of Directors Meeting

MINUTES

Friday, February 21, 2025 (9:00 AM)

Government Chambers at Government Plaza
505 Travis St., Shreveport, LA 71101

Members' Present

Mayor Tommy Chandler – City of Bossier City
Mr. Bruce Blanton – Webster Parish
Mayor Tom Arceneaux, Chair – City of Shreveport
Mrs. Erica Bryant – Caddo Parish
Dr. Ken Ward – Bossier Parish

Members Absent

Mr. Eric England – Port of Caddo-Bossier
Mr. Michael Norton, Vice-Chair – DeSoto Parish

Others Present

Mr. Kent Rogers – NLCOG
Mr. Chris Petro – NLCOG
Mrs. Savannah Williams – NLCOG
Mrs. Rita Arnold – NLCOG
Mrs. Heidi Stewart – NLCOG
Dr. Shelly Barrett - NLCOG

Call to Order

Mayor Arceneaux called the meeting to order. He stated that we generally have an invocation, roll call and a pledge at the beginning of the meeting. Mayor Arceneaux said that Mayor Chandler was going to lead us in prayer and Mr. Blanton to lead us in the pledge. He asked if those that cared to join them to please stand. Mayor Chandler began the invocation followed by Mr. Blanton leading us in the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Arceneaux asked Mr. Rogers to begin a roll call. Mr. Rogers called roll. A quorum was present.

Public Comments

Mr. Chevallier stated they had received one public comment.

Mr. Albert Compton thanked the board for giving him the opportunity to speak this morning. *(Mr. Compton has requested we attach his comment to the MPO minutes. That's where he intended to make it.)*

Financial

Fiscal Year 2025 Year to Date Quarterly Report - Approval of Quarterly Financial Report

Mr. Rogers said the next item on the agenda was the quarterly financial report. The first page covers Revenue and this for year to date covering July 01, 2024, through December 31, 2024. The first section is Federal Funds. Next, is General Local followed by Other Income and Contractual. Mr. Rogers said they're probably wondering why Shreveport and Bossier City are under the General Local. The way their invoices are put out is split into two invoices, one goes out on January 01 and the other goes out after June 01. Those funds are reflected on the next sheet.

Under Expenditures, he didn't think there was anything out of the ordinary at this time. The only one that may seem high is the Bonding and Insurance and that's because the primary Bonding and Insurance comes in feral part of the year. Only part of the fiscal year, so it covers most of that. Mr. Rogers said that other than that they're pretty much on track with the Expenditures as they were originally budgeted.

For Contractual expenses, you'll see those expenses for I-49 ICC, LHSC No Refusal contract, (*this is the one the Shreveport Police Officer was speaking about*), the Active Transportation Plan, the SS4A Plan, and the Regional Safety Coalition.

Lastly is the Balance Sheet. Again, this is as of December 31, 2024.

Mayor Arceneaux asked if there were any further questions. Having none, Mayor Arceneaux entertained a motion to Approve the Fiscal Year 2025 Year to Date Quarterly Financial Report. Mayor Chandler motioned, and Mr. Blanton seconded. Mayor Arceneaux called for questions or comments. Having none, the chair called for a vote and the motion passed.

Legal Report

Mr. Chevallier stated there was no legal news to report.

Other Business

Approval of Minutes

The next item on the agenda was for approval of the minutes from the January 17, 2025, meeting. Mayor Arceneaux called for a motion to Approve the Minutes as provided. Mrs. Bryant motioned, and Mr. Blanton seconded. All approved and motion was passed.

Announcements

Mr. Rogers reminded everyone that the next regularly scheduled meeting for the Board of Directors will be on Friday, March 21, 2025, at Government Plaza in the Government Chambers.

Adjourn

With no remaining agenda items, Mayor Arceneaux entertained a motion to adjourn. Mrs. Bryant was the first to motion, and Mayor Chandler seconded. The meeting was adjourned.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "J. Kent Rogers". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

J. Kent Rogers, Secretary