

FISCAL YEAR 2023 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING SCHEDULE MEMBERS & OFFICERS

Meeting Dates and Time for Fiscal Year 2023 (July 2022 – June 2023)

In general, the Board of Directors will meet every six (6) weeks beginning with Friday July 22, 2022. The meetings will begin at **9:30 am** (or immediately following the MPO). Meetings will take place in the Seminar Room at the Shreveport Bar Building 625 Texas Street, Shreveport, LA 71101.

<i>July 22, 2022 – 9:30</i>	<i>January 6, 2023 – 9:30 (7 weeks)</i>
<i>August 26, 2022 – 9:30 (5 weeks)</i>	<i>February 17, 2023 – 9:30 (6 weeks)</i>
<i>October 7, 2022 – 9:30 (6 weeks)</i>	<i>March 31, 2023 – 9:30 (6 weeks)</i>
<i>November 18, 2022 – 9:30 (6 weeks)</i>	<i>May 12, 2023 – 9:30 (6 weeks)</i>
	<i>June 23, 2023 – 9:30 (6 weeks)</i>

Members for Fiscal Year 2023 (July 2022 – June 2023)

Mr. Bruce Blanton	Webster Parish
Mr. Steve Brown	Desoto Parish
Mayor Tommy Chandler	City of Bossier City
Mr. Jeff “Butch” Ford	Bossier Parish
Mr. Charles Henington	Caddo Parish Tax Assessor
Mayor Adrian Perkins	City of Shreveport
Dr. Woodrow Wilson	Caddo Parish

Officers for Fiscal Year 2023 (July 2022 – June 2023)

Mr. Bruce Blanton, Chair	Webster Parish
Mayor Tommy Chandler, Vice Chair	City of Bossier City



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Board of Directors

Friday July 22, 2022 9:30 am

1st Floor Seminar Room

625 Texas Street Shreveport, LA 71101

AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

PUBLIC COMMENTS

FINANCIAL

Fiscal Year 2023 Budget

[Summary of Fiscal Year 2023 Budget Revisions](#)

[Adoption of Revised Fiscal Year 2023 Budget addressing FHWA comments.](#)

Fiscal Year 2022 Audit

[Approval of Letter of Engagement with HMV for Fiscal Year 2022 Audit](#)

LEGAL REPORT

OTHER BUSINESS

Lease Extension for offices at 625 Texas Street, Suite 200

[Approval of the Lease Extension](#)

Approval of Minutes

[Approval of the Minutes of May 27, 2022](#)

Announcements

ADJOURN



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Board of Directors Meeting

MINUTES

Friday July 23, 2021 (9:30 AM)

Caddo-Bossier Port Commission

6000 Doug Attaway Blvd

Shreveport, LA 71115

Members Present

Mr. Steve Brown – DeSoto Parish Police Jury

Dr. Woody Wilson – Caddo Parish Commission

Mr. Bruce Blanton – Webster Parish

Mr. Charles Henington – Caddo Tax Assessor

Members Absent

Mr. Butch Ford – Bossier Parish Police Jury

Mayor Adrian Perkins – City of Shreveport

Mayor Tommy Chandler – City of Bossier City

Others Present

Mr. Kent Rogers – NLCOG

Mr. Joshua Chevallier – Bradley Murchison Kelly & Shea

Mr. William Altimus – Bossier Parish Police Jury

Mr. Tyler Comeaux – Port of Shreveport-Bossier

Mr. John Perkins – Allendale Strong

Mr. Kyle Robertson – Webster Deputy Assessor

Mr. Nick Cox – Webster Parish Police Jury

Mrs. Rita Barnette – NLCOG

Ms. Lacy Sargent – NLCOG

Call to Order

Dr. Wilson called the meeting to order and asked Mr. Rogers for a roll call. A quorum was present.

Public Comments

Dr. Wilson called for public comments. No public comment cards were turned in.

First Order of Business

1. Bossier Parish Appointment of Joe E. "Butch" Ford, Jr. as representee to NLCOG Board of Directors

Mr. Rogers presented a letter received from Bossier Parish Police Jury stating that they ratified approval of the appointment of Mr. Joe E. "Butch" Ford to the Northwest Louisiana Council of Government's Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) and the Board of Directors, effective July 1, 2021.

Financial

2. Fiscal Year 2021 Financial Audit Letter of Engagement

Mr. Rogers presented the fiscal year 2021 financial audit letter of engagement. Dr. Wilson called for a motion to approve the letter of engagement with Heard, McElroy & Vestal, LLC for fiscal year 2021 audit services. Mr. Brown was the first to motion, and Mr. Blanton seconded. All approved and motion passed.

3. Fiscal Year 2021 End of Year Financial Report (pre audit)

Mr. Rogers presented the fiscal year 2021 end of year report pre audit. Dr. Wilson called for a motion to accept the financial report. Mr. Henington was the first to motion, and Mr. Blanton seconded. All approved and motion passed.

Legal Report

Mr. Joshua Chevallier stated that there were no legal issues concerning NLCOG currently. The only report is that a public records request was received by Allendale Strong, as mentioned in the prior meeting. They are working on collecting on the requested documents for the request.

Other Business

4. Approval of Minutes

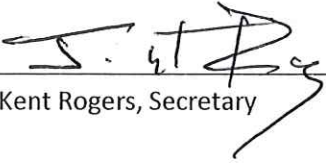
The next item on the agenda was for approval of the minutes from the June 18, 2021 meeting. Dr. Wilson called for a motion to approve the minutes with an adjustment to the Legal Report section. Mr. Brown was the first to motion, and Dr. Wilson seconded. All approved and motion passed.

5. Announcements

Mr. Rogers presented the revised meeting schedule, members, and officers.

Adjourn

With no remaining agenda items, The Chair entertained a motion to adjourn. Dr. Wilson moved to adjourn; Mr. Henington seconded, and the meeting was adjourned.


J. Kent Rogers, Secretary



Board of Directors

Friday September 30, 2022 9:30 am

1st Floor Seminar Room

625 Texas Street Shreveport, LA 71101

AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

PUBLIC COMMENTS

FINANCIAL

Quarterly Financial

[Fiscal Year 2022 End of Year – Pre-Audit](#)

Fiscal Year 2022 Audit

Updated Policies and Procedures

LEGAL REPORT

OTHER BUSINESS

Public Involvement Plan

Introduction of the updated [Public Involvement Plan](#) for public comment

Approval of Minutes

Approval of the Minutes of July 22, 2022

Announcements

ADJOURN

Board of Directors Meeting

MINUTES

Friday, September 30, 2022 (9:30 AM)

625 Texas Street, Suite 200
Shreveport, LA 71101

Members Present

Mr. Bruce Blanton, Chair – Webster Parish
Mayor Tommy Chandler, Vice Chair – City of Bossier City
Mr. Steven Brown – DeSoto Parish
Mr. Butch Ford – Bossier Parish
Mr. Charles Henington – Caddo Tax Assessor
Mayor Adrian Perkins – City of Shreveport

Members Absent

Dr. Woodrow Wilson – Caddo Parish (Erica Bryant present on behalf of Dr. Wilson, but cannot vote)

Others Present

Mr. Kent Rogers – NLCOG
Mr. Chris Petro – NLCOG
Mrs. Rita Barnette – NLCOG
Ms. Savannah Williams – NLCOG
Dr. Shelly Barrett - NLCOG
Mr. Josh Chevallier – BMKS, legal counsel

Call to Order

Mr. Blanton called the meeting to order and asked Mr. Rogers for a roll call. A quorum was present.

Public Comments

Mr. Blanton called for public comments. Mr. Rogers stated that no comment cards had been turned in or received online.

Financial

Fiscal Year 2022 Audit

Mr. Rogers reviewed the quarterly finance report for the end of the Fiscal Year 2022. He explained the changes in overhead that caused those amounts to be higher than what was anticipated. Mr. Blanton called for a motion to approve the financials. Mr. Brown was the first to motion, and Mr. Perkins seconded. All approved and motion passed.

Fiscal Year 2023 Budget

Mr. Rogers reviewed the Fiscal Year 2023 Budget Development Policy and Procedures. He directed everyone to their packets which describe in detail the Income and funding sources, the Federal, State And Local funds as well as the Expenses. Mr. Rogers also included the Budget Tables and Software which provide the methods for calculating each line-item expense.

Fiscal Year 2023 Travel Request and Expense Policy

Mr. Rogers reviewed the Travel Request and Expense Policy procedure for the Fiscal Year 2023. NLCOG follow's the State of Louisiana guidelines for travel. The PPM49 Tier Per Diem Rates table is attached to the policy per Mr. Rogers. And should there be any questions that were unable to be answered, anyone can reference the PPM49 Louisiana State Travel Guide for details. Mr. Rogers also said that travel requests must be authorized prior to travel by the Executive Director. He also attached a copy of the Employee Travel Request along with the Travel Report that must be filled out after the designated trip is fulfilled.

Legal Report

Mr. Chevallier was present, but there was nothing to report.

Public Involvement Plan Update FY 2023

Mr. Rogers introduced the key updates to the Public Involvement Plan for the FY 2023. He stated the public comment periods for required transportation plans and programs, except for the public involvement plan, that NLCOG will provide 14 days, plus 10 if needed, for public comment. The public comment period for the public involvement plan will be 45 days. Mr. Rogers directed the boards attention to pages 11-12 for the table that lists the MPO Public Comment Periods for Required Planning Documents. He described procedures NLCOG will undertake when the need arises for an expedited planning document modification, or when/if a special meeting needs to be called.

Mr. Rogers also emphasized how the communication of abbreviated comment periods will be utilized through various media channels. NLCOG currently maintains a social media presence on FaceBook and is updated as needed.

The Chair entertained a motion to introduce the Public Involvement Plan Update for 45 days Public Comment Period. Mr. Brown motioned, and Mr. Perkins seconded. Mr. Blanton asked for any questions or comments and having none the motion was passed.

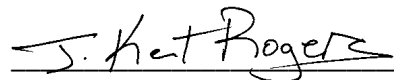
Other Business

1. Approval of Minutes

The next item on the agenda was for approval of the minutes from the July 22, 2022 meeting. Mr. Blanton called for a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Perkins was the first to motion, and Mr. Chandler seconded. All approved and motion passed.

Adjourn

With no remaining agenda items, The Chair entertained a motion to adjourn. Mr. Perkins moved to adjourn; Mr. Brown seconded, and the meeting was adjourned.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "J. Kent Rogers", written over a horizontal line.

J. Kent Rogers, Secretary



Board of Directors

Friday November 18, 2022 9:30 am

1st Floor Seminar Room

625 Texas Street Shreveport, LA 71101

AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

PUBLIC COMMENTS

FINANCIAL

Quarterly Financial

[Quarterly Financial Report July – September 2022](#)

Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire

[NLCOG FY22 Audit Compliance Questionnaire](#)

Fiscal Year 2022 Audit

[Updated Policies and Procedures](#)

LEGAL REPORT

OTHER BUSINESS

Public Involvement Plan

[Adoption of the Public Involvement Plan](#)

Approval of Minutes

[Approval of the Minutes of September 30, 2022](#)

Announcements

Board of Directors will be meeting on Friday January 06, 2023

ADJOURN

Board of Directors Meeting

MINUTES

Friday, November 18, 2022 (9:30 AM)

625 Texas Street, Suite 200
Shreveport, LA 71101

Members Present

Mr. Bruce Blanton, Chair – Webster Parish
Mayor Tommy Chandler, Vice Chair – City of Bossier City
Mr. Steven Brown – DeSoto Parish
Mr. Butch Ford – Bossier Parish
Mr. Charles Henington – Caddo Tax Assessor
Dr. Woodrow Wilson – Caddo Parish

Members Absent

Mayor Adrian Perkins – City of Shreveport

Others Present

Mr. Kent Rogers – NLCOG
Mr. Chris Petro – NLCOG
Ms. Savannah Williams – NLCOG
Dr. Shelly Barrett - NLCOG

Call to Order

Mr. Blanton called the meeting to order and asked Mr. Rogers for a roll call. A quorum was present.

Public Comments

Mr. Blanton called for public comments. Mr. Rogers stated that no comment cards had been turned in or received online.

Financial

Quarterly Financial Report July – September 2022

Mr. Rogers reviewed the quarterly finance report for the end of the Fiscal Year 2022. He explained the changes in overhead that caused those amounts to be higher than what was anticipated. Mr. Blanton called for a motion to approve the financials. Mr. Ford was the first to motion, and Mr. Blanton seconded. All approved and motion passed.

Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire – NLCOG FY 2022 Audit Compliance Questionnaire

Mr. Rogers reviewed the NLCOG FY 2022 Audit Compliance Questionnaire and summarized its purpose. He pointed out that it lists the board members along with what criteria each part of the Audit Questionnaire represents. Mr. Rogers pointed out that he attached a copy of the questionnaire in their packet. There were no comments or questions. Mr. Blanton called for a motion to approve the Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire and Dr. Wilson was the first to motion, and Mr. Ford seconded. All approved and motion was passed.

Fiscal Year 2022 Audit – Updated Policies and Procedures

Mr. Rogers reviewed the updated policies and procedures and directed the board to their packets where they also had a copy. He informed the board that the only part not included in the update was the Information Technology Disaster Recovery/Business Continuity. Mr. Rogers explained that Mr. John Pizzolato was updating the full plan. Mr. Blanton called for a motion to approve the updated policies and procedures and Mr. Ford was the first to motion, and Mayor Chandler seconded. All approved and motion was passed.

Legal Report

Mr. Chevallier was not present but stated to Mr. Rogers before leaving that there was nothing to report.

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The Chair entertained a motion to introduce the Public Involvement Plan Update for 45 days Public Comment Period. Dr. Wilson motioned, and Mayor Chandler seconded. Mr. Blanton asked for any questions or comments and having none the motion was passed.

Other Business

1. Approval of Minutes

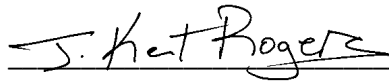
The next item on the agenda was for approval of the minutes from the September 30, 2022 meeting. Mr. Blanton called for a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Brown was the first to motion, and Mr. Chandler seconded. All approved and motion passed.

Announcements

Mr. Rogers wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year and reminded everyone of the next meeting scheduled for January 6, 2023, however it may change based on MPO meeting scheduling.

Adjourn

With no remaining agenda items, The Chair entertained a motion to adjourn. Mr. Perkins moved to adjourn; Mr. Brown seconded, and the meeting was adjourned.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "J. Kent Rogers", written over a horizontal line.

J. Kent Rogers, Secretary



Board of Directors

January 20, 2022 - 9:30 am following the MPO- 625 Texas Street, Shreveport, LA 71101

This is a reschedule of the January 06, 2023, meeting.

AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

PUBLIC COMMENTS

FINANCIAL

Fiscal Year 2022 Audit

[Independent Financial Audit Report](#)

[Statewide Agreed-Upon Procedures](#)

LEGAL REPORT

OTHER BUSINESS

Approval of Minutes

[Approval of Minutes from November 18, 2020](#)

Announcements

I-20 / I-220 Barksdale Interchange Ribbon Cutting February 8th at 10:00AM

Board of Directors will be meeting on Friday February 17, 2023

ADJOURN

Board of Directors Meeting MINUTES

Friday, January 20, 2023 (9:30 AM)

625 Texas Street, Suite 200

Shreveport, LA 71101

Members Present

Mr. Bruce Blanton, Chair – Webster Parish

Mayor Tommy Chandler, Vice Chair – City of Bossier City

Mr. Steven Brown – DeSoto Parish

Mr. Butch Ford – Bossier Parish

Mr. Charles Henington – Caddo Tax Assessor

Ms. Erica Bryant – Caddo Parish

Mayor Tom Arceneaux – City of Shreveport

Members Absent

Others Present

Mr. Kent Rogers – NLCOG

Mr. Chris Petro – NLCOG

Ms. Savannah Williams – NLCOG

Dr. Shelly Barrett - NLCOG

Ms. Rita Arnold – NLCOG

Ms. Heidi Stewart - NLCOG

Call to Order

Mr. Blanton called the meeting to order and wanted to address the board in welcoming Mayor Tom Arceneaux. Mr. Rogers had one other announcement and that he had received an official notice from Dr. Wilson that he'll be out for an extended period of time. During that time frame, Ms. Erica Bryant will be representing him with voting privileges until he returns. Mr. Rogers then began a roll call. A quorum was present.

Public Comments

Mr. Blanton called for public comments. Mr. Rogers stated that no comment cards had been turned in or received online.

Financial

Fiscal Year 2022 Audit – Independent Financial Audit Report

Mr. Rogers was asked to point out a few items from the FY 2022 Audit report. Mr. Flair, from Heard, McElroy and Vestal, an Independent Financial firm whom we utilize for financial services, asked Mr.

Rogers to call attention to a few pages in the report. On the first page was for the overall yearend balance for Federal, State and Local grants along with Interest and miscellaneous revenues. The goals and intentions are to have the fund balance for the beginning of the year roughly equal to a year's expenditures. Mr. Rogers stated that during the Inner Loop process they had multiple lawsuit expenses that diminished the funds substantially.

The second item Mr. Rogers wanted to bring to the board's attention to the table showing the schedule of revenues and expenditures by project. He reviewed each project's revenue and expenditure as well as the excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures. Mr. Rogers then reviewed the computation of the indirect cost rate for the FY 2022 ending on June 30, 2022. Ms. Rita Barnette stated that NLCOG has been billing out at 127% because it had been locked down at that rate for the last 3 years and that 132% is what NLCOG is wanting it to be locked down at for the next 3 years.

Mr. Rogers said the last thing he wanted to point out from the FY 2022 audit report was the control findings. He explained that these are portions that NLCOG has asked McElroy, Heard and Vestal to do instead of it being done in house. He expressed that it's better to have a 3rd party set of eyes on all this rather than it all be done internally just like previous boards and organizations have done. NLCOG has chosen them as a 3rd party to help give suggestions. Mr. Blanton called for a motion to approve the Fiscal Year 2022 Financial Audit Report. Mayor Arceneaux was the first to motion, and Mayor Chandler seconded. All approved and motion was passed.

Fiscal Year 2022 Audit: Statewide Agreed-Upon Procedures

Mr. Rogers stated that the second part to the FY 2022 Audit is the Legislative Auditors Agreed Upon Policies and Procedures. Mr. Rogers noted that these policies were provided to the Board at the previous meeting. He further stated that going forward, after employees have completed the Ethics and Sexual Harassment training and received their certificates, they will be required to sign the certificates and a copy of the policies. Mr. Rogers also stated that there were some things in the information technology and disaster recovery and that they were not added to the previous policy and procedures and were going to be added to the new one. Mr. Rogers stated that due to the sensitive nature of some of the IT policy and procedures, the full policy would be made available for members to review in house. Mr. Blanton called for a motion to approve the updated policies and procedures Mr. Brown was the first to motion, and Mayor Arceneaux seconded. All approved and motion was passed.

Legal Report

Mr. Chevallier was not present, and Mr. Rogers confirmed that he will be out the next few weeks due to being in court. Mr. Rogers stated that they were asked about the Merger agreement and the contact with EDA for the building that CDC had put up land and NLCOG had \$80,000 to put up along with that. Mr. Skaggs contacted Mr. Rogers and had made a request for the \$80,000. Mr. Rogers stated he had spoken with Josh Chevallier regarding the money, and he advised them to put it on the agenda since it's technically not in the budget. Mr. Rogers stated that there were two ways to do it: the board could amend the agenda for discussions today, which would take a unanimous vote, or they could put it on the next agenda and have the discussion. Mr. Brown motioned to have it on next month's agenda for the February 17th meeting.

Mr. Skaggs asked if he could make a comment. He said the grant request came with a 20% match requirement, CDC was to put up the land and NLCOG would provide \$80,000 cash. The total grant was

\$2 million dollars, and the grant was going to fund \$1.6 million. The land the CDC put up appraised for \$320k and they needed to get to \$400k to execute the 2 million. NLCOG stepped up with the \$80,000 piece that's in the grant application. Mr. Skaggs stated that basically what's happening now is that they're in the architectural and engineering phase process and the architect is billing CDC and they have everything submitted to the EDA to draw out on the land and they have set aside an account so everything can be audited out for the grant, and that's when he had requested for NLCOG to put up the \$80k in so they could start paying the upfront bills until they are funded from the Economic Development Administration. He explains that the why part of the urgency of him asking for the funds now is because he has two bills that are about 30 days out.

Ms. Bryant asked if he was saying that he's needing abatement funds now or waiting till the February 17th meeting may cause an issue? Bump replied and said "Yes, it will cause a delay in payment to that vendor". Ms. Bryant asked if they needed a unanimous vote to amend the agenda and Mr. Rogers stated that they did. Mr. Ford asked if Mayor Arceneaux, Mayor Chandler, and Mr. Brown had been briefed on this and they hadn't. Mr. Ford expressed his opinion as to they should all be briefed as to what's about to happen, so they know what they're voting on. He asked the board if they wanted to take a few minutes for Bump to brief the board on what's happening, what he applied for, and what NLCOG and CDC are going to do about the merge. Mr. Brown then stated that this is something that is needed for discussion, and it wasn't on today's agenda and the board needed to decide if they wanted to amend the agenda or not. If everyone agreed to get the briefing now that they needed to vote to amend the agenda or wait till the February 17th meeting. Mr. Henington then seconded Mr. Browns earlier motion to place the item on the February agenda. Mr. Blanton called for a vote on the motion to put it on the February 17th agenda, all approved, and motion was passed.

Other Business

1. Approval of Minutes

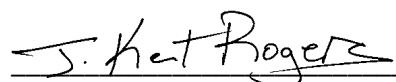
The next item on the agenda was for approval of the minutes from the November 18, 2022 meeting. Mr. Blanton called for a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Ford was the first to motion, and Mr. Henington seconded. All approved and motion passed.

Announcements

Mr. Rogers wanted to remind everyone of the I-20/I-220 Barksdale Interchange Ribbon Cutting ceremony on February 8, 2022, at 10:00 a.m... He also wanted to wish Dr. Wilson good health.

Adjourn

With no remaining agenda items, The Chair entertained a motion to adjourn. Mr. Ford moved to adjourn; Mr. Blanton seconded, and the meeting was adjourned.



J. Kent Rogers, Secretary



Board of Directors

February 17, 2023- 9:30 am following the MPO- 625 Texas Street, Shreveport, LA 71101

This is a reschedule of the January 06, 2023, meeting.

AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

PUBLIC COMMENTS

FINANCIAL

Quarterly Financials

[Approval of Financial Report for July 1, 2022 – December 30, 2022](#)

[Fiscal Year 2024 Income and Census Related Data \(July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024\)](#)

LEGAL REPORT

NLCOG / CDC Merger

OTHER BUSINESS

Approval of Minutes

[Approval of Minutes from January 20, 2020](#)

Announcements

[Safe Streets and Roads for All Action Grant](#)

Board of Directors will be meeting on Friday March 31, 2023

ADJOURN



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Board of Directors Meeting

MINUTES

Friday, February 17, 2023 (9:30 AM)

625 Texas Street, Suite 200

Shreveport, LA 71101

Members Present

Mayor Tommy Chandler, Vice Chair – City of Bossier City

Mr. Steven Brown – DeSoto Parish

Mr. Charles Henington – Caddo Tax Assessor

Ms. Erica Bryant – Caddo Parish

Mayor Tom Arceneaux – City of Shreveport

Members Absent

Mr. Bruce Blanton, Chair – Webster Parish

Mr. Butch Ford – Bossier Parish

Others Present

Mr. Kent Rogers – NLCOG

Mr. Chris Petro – NLCOG

Ms. Savannah Williams – NLCOG

Dr. Shelly Barrett - NLCOG

Ms. Rita Arnold – NLCOG

Ms. Heidi Stewart – NLCOG

Mr. Josh Chevallier – NLCOG Legal Council

Mr. Rogers wanted to inform the board of Mr. Blanton's absence due to upcoming open-heart surgery the following week and will be out for a while.

Call to Order

Mayor Chandler called the meeting to order Mr. Rogers then began a roll call. A quorum was present.

Public Comments

Mayor Chandler called for public comments. Mr. Rogers stated we received one public comment.

David Hackney - public comment is attached to minutes.

Financial - Quarterly

Approval of Financial Report for July 1, 2022 – December 31, 2022

Mr. Rogers stated that he had emailed a revised version of the quarterly financials the day before and that we are on track with basically everything in terms of expenses. On the assets side they are continuing to maintain roughly the 1.2 million. In terms of the liability and equity, the only thing Ms.

Barnette had brought to his attention is that there are a couple of areas they may need to make some amendments on at the next meeting. Mr. Rogers stated that from some of the recommendations from the auditor last time, through the audit process they had charged travel and he said should be professional development so there may be some adjustments with those two. The tension in the supplies since the cost of everything has gone up may need some adjustments as well. Mayor Chandler called for a motion to accept the Quarterly Financial Report as presented. Mayor Arceneaux motioned, and Ms. Bryant seconded. All approved and motion was passed.

Fiscal Year 2024 Income and Census Related Data (July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024)

Mr. Rogers stated that this was more informational for FY2024 reminding them that Fiscal Year is from July to June. He says that from Federal Highway and Federal Transit that there will be a decrease in the planning funds next year of roughly a forty-two thousand dollar decrease. Mr. Rogers stated that he has outlined some of the anticipated other expenses. There are some changes on a couple of these in terms of the STBG Funds and the Reserve Funds. He says the only reason there is a difference is that the last time the STBG Funds went towards the aerial photography project which was the substantial entire amount. Mr. Rogers said the biggest overall difference for Operational expenses will be the change in terms of the Federal Highway PL funds and the Federal Highway Transit funds. He explained that how that works is the PL funds are distributed by the percentage of the Urban population from the 2020 Census Urban Population vs 2010 Census Urban Population. The 2020 Urban Population Census of our area vs the Urban population areas of the State is unfortunate because they've changed the way they define the urban areas. Previously is primarily population based and they've added a new factor that's housing density based. Mr. Rogers stated that they've looked at some of the numbers in some of the areas and they are going to contest it. He directed them to the slide to show that for the planning factor funds showing our area factor change was estimated at -0.61% change and when the PL funds come into the state those funds are distributed out by those population factors. With the change in population factor there will be a deduction in those funds for our area. The other portion of that is along with that, because we are an area of over 200 thousand population, there are attributable funds we have including the STBG and 200k funds. Mr. Rogers stated that the cost of inflation and a decrease in funds will hit hard. He pointed out the map, that was included in their packets, that would show why they wanted to contest the Census. NLCOG had imagery taken the same time as the Census imagery was taken deliberately so they would have something to show if there were any differences. Mr. Rogers points out and describes what the Census allows for what they call hops and jumps where one of them is a mile and the other a mile and a half. One particular area Mr. Rogers was pointing out is less than half a mile which means the two Urban areas would be joined and an additional fifty-five hundred that would be included in our Urban area population. He states that if you go back and include those numbers into the Urban area population it will make a big difference in terms of that percentage and what percentage of funding would be available to that area.

Legal Report

Mr. Chevallier states that he's been asked to provide a status of the memorandum of understanding that was executed and approved by the board in January 2021 concerning the ultimate and potential merger of NLCOG and the Coordinating Development Corporation (CDC). He says the aim of that MOU was to ultimately bring the planning district, CDC, under the umbrella of NLCOG so there was one unified entity for both the MPO and planning district here in northwest Louisiana which would be consistent, from his understanding, with the way those are developed in other parts of the state. Mr. Chevallier states that the reason for entering the MOU at the time of January 2021 was because of a grant application made to the EDA for funding of a building to house the ultimate entity, which was related to the Covid Relief fund that was created for the funding. He continues to say that in the intervening two years we have not really made significant, in his opinion, progress concerning reaching an ultimate merger that can actually be implemented. Mr. Chevallier states that they've had some meetings and have had due diligence request out as NLCOG would be the ultimate entity and they're trying to get some sense as to what they would exactly need in order to effectively put together a real plan of merger. He says the MOU amounts to in all practical respects to an agreement to agree and was predicated and asked by the EDA in order to facilitate that grant application. Along with the MOU there was a resolution of the board and letter sent to the EDA in coordination with the grant application potentially setting aside eighty thousand dollars in reserve for NLCOG to be made available for potential match funding for the construction of the building. At that time there was no CA or contractual arrangement put in place as to how the money was going to become available, how it would be called upon, and what it would be utilized for. Today, no funds have been utilized for that project. In Mr. Chevallier's opinion, any use of any funds of NLCOG for a construction contract that NLCOG is not a party to, would obviously require a CEA to be put in place before any of that was done in order to avoid any donations or misappropriations of funds issues. He states that right now his recommendation to the board is that NLCOG isn't in a position to make any funds subject to that resolution available. He would like to convene a special meeting of the board to spend more time in depth considering the MOU and the best path forward for NLCOG concerning any potential merger with CDC in light of all of the changes to bring it to everyone at one meeting if he possibly can. Mr. Chevallier says he thinks it's imperative given the amount of changeover that we have everyone in the room for that meeting. Mr. Skaggs asked if he could make a public comment and states that the grant for two million dollars was approved. He says the CDC put up three hundred twenty thousand dollars in match and NLCOG's part was eighty thousand of that match to go into this building to start unifying the area.

Other Business

1. Approval of Minutes

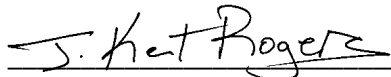
The next item on the agenda was for approval of the minutes from the January 17, 2023 meeting. Mayor Chandler called for a motion to approve the minutes. Mayor Arceneaux was the first to motion, and Ms. Bryant seconded. All approved and motion was passed.

Announcements

Mr. Rogers stated that they previously applied for the Safe Streets and Roads for All Action plan grant. He said they've been reaching out through the safety program trying to get some funding for actual projects and since came back and said they had to have a regional safety plan to get the actual implantation grants. And in terms of those granted in the State of Louisiana, NLCOG was granted the largest. Mr. Rogers stated they were just awarded that and are going through the process with DOTD and Federal Highway in getting those funds involved and what that will in tale is more some of the local roads and some of the high incident locations and solving some of those problems. They are coming up with some projects to implement for those along with the ones they already have, and this will help provide to get this done.

Adjourn

With no remaining agenda items, The Vice Chair entertained a motion to adjourn. Mayor Arceneaux was the first to motion, and Mr. Henington seconded. The meeting was adjourned.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "J. Kent Rogers". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

J. Kent Rogers, Secretary

PUBLIC COMMENT CARD

All cards must be returned to the Chair prior to the start of the meeting. Comments will not be accepted during the meeting. You will be called upon at the appropriate time to speak.

Please print:

Date: Feb 17, 2023

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I am representing: ☒ myself ☐ business ☐ organization

Name of business / organization: _____

Comment on: ☐ Agenda item ☒ Non-agenda item

Briefly describe your comment(s):

Tim James, Inc road & bridge

As a reminder, public comment is limited to three (3) minutes per speaker.

Comments relative to any issues that are in active litigation will not be heard in this meeting.

Speakers are to address the Chairman, not each other or the audience, and are expected to conduct themselves in an appropriate manner. The use of abusive or profane language shall not be allowed. No debate or argument between speakers and/or members of the audience shall be permitted.

February 17, 2023

My name is Dave Hackney and I am a Shreveport resident, living in the Esplanade subdivision. I am a retired petroleum engineer and a registered professional engineer in the State of Louisiana. I grew up on Barksdale AFB and I am a Bossier High graduate. I have roots on both sides of the Red River.

On February 8th, I emailed my Caddo Parish Commissioner, John Adkins, asking if there was any news on the Tim James, Inc toll bridge and road proposal. Mr. Adkins promptly replied that he had not heard anything, but was anticipating an update soon.

On February 9th, Commissioner Adkins sent me an email, stating that the Tim James, Inc team had an "update meeting" at the Caddo-Bossier Port. I asked Commissioner Adkins who attended the meeting and was told representatives from Shreveport, Bossier City, Caddo and Bossier Parishes and perhaps a few others.

Also on February 9th, I had a phone call with Eric England, Executive Port Director, Caddo-Bossier Port. Mr. England told me he attended the Tim James, Inc. meeting and told me about some of the issues discussed and the engineering challenges involving the river, levees, Louisiana Highway 1 and the railroad, all in close proximity.

The attendee group sounded a lot like NLCOG, so that is the reason I am here today.

When a meeting involving public officials, held at a tax payer supported facility occurs, why isn't the general public notified and invited?

Is there any public record or minutes from the February 8th meeting?

I would encourage and request public officials to be more transparent on this project. I would like to commend both Commissioner Adkins and Director England for always being prompt and professional in responding to my information requests.

David F Hackney, P.E.

Shreveport, LA



Board of Directors

March 31, 2023- 9:30 am following the MPO- 625 Texas Street, Shreveport, LA 71101

AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

PUBLIC COMMENTS

FINANCIAL

Quarterly Financials

[Fiscal Year 2023 Budget Amendments](#)

LEGAL REPORT

NLCOG / CDC

Update and consideration of memorandum of understanding concerning NLCOG, CDC, and EDA pertaining to the EDA Grant

OTHER BUSINESS

Approval of Cooperative Endeavor Agreement for I-69 MEGA Grant Application

[CEA I-69 SIU 15 FY 2023 MEGA Grant](#)

Approval of Budget Amendment for Providence Engineering

[Alternative 3a feasibility](#)

Approval of Minutes

[Approval of Minutes from February 17, 2023](#)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Board of Directors will be meeting on Friday April 21, 2023

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Board of Directors Meeting

MINUTES

Friday, March 31, 2023 (9:30 AM)

625 Texas Street, Suite 200
Shreveport, LA 71101

Members Present

Mr. Dinero' Washington - SporTran
Mr. Steven Brown – DeSoto Parish
Mr. Charles Henington – Caddo Tax Assessor
Dr. Woodrow Wilson – Caddo Parish
Mr. Bruce Blanton, Chair – Webster Parish
Mr. Butch Ford – Bossier Parish

Members Absent

Mayor Tommy Chandler, Vice Chair – City of Bossier City
Mayor Tom Arceneaux – City of Shreveport (Represented by Mr. Washington, but not in a voting capacity)

Others Present

Mr. Kent Rogers – NLCOG
Mr. Chris Petro – NLCOG
Ms. Savannah Williams – NLCOG
Dr. Shelly Barrett - NLCOG
Ms. Rita Arnold – NLCOG
Mr. Josh Chevallier – NLCOG Legal Council
Ms. Laura Phillips - FHWA

Call to Order

Mr. Blanton called the meeting to order Mr. Rogers then began a roll call. A quorum was present.

Public Comments

Mr. Blanton called for public comments. Mr. Rogers stated we received three public comments.

Mr. Patrick Harrison stated he wanted to comment on the change order and the additional funds to study the alternate three route for the I-49 Inner-City Connector. Mr. Harrison stated that first, it was confirmed that Allendale is not a historic district and also confirmed by SHPO that Allendale is not even being considered for a historical district. Mr. Harrison said that what was put out after the last NLCOG meeting was absolutely false. His main concern with this, and states that he's been involved for many years as a representative for the business community, the Chamber of Commerce, Community 100, various organizations, and businesses including his own business which is a steel distribution company, and his trucks must go through downtown is that a lot of businesses must navigate the logistics of deliveries and it's very difficult in the way we have the interstate system set up now without the inner-city connector. Mr. Harrison says that his main concern right here is the fact that we're playing word salad with what could potentially be a historic district. He said you could say this could potentially be an environmental concern or this could potentially be this or that. That Broadmoor could potentially be a historic district and for that matter everywhere could potentially be something. Mr. Harrison said so why is it in 2023 and almost at the end of this process when all of you know that they've been promised a timeline after timeline, just to have the field goal post moved and moved and moved. It's simply not fair to the community. He stated that it's absolutely absurd that they're right here right now, end of where they should be getting a ROD and now, we're going to explore another potential route. He states that if Allendale had been made a historical district, then he could see moving on to pursue that, but it has not been considered and it's not even being considered, so why are we doing this. Furthermore, you have Providence that has been involved from day one as a consulting agent, saying that we do this. Mr. Harrison states it was confirmed that this did not come from DOTD, this did not come from Federal Highway Administration, he knows it didn't come from SHPO and so this idea either came from NLCOG or Kent Rogers or Providence. He asked if we called the engineering firm suggesting they explore another route. He says they know what that means. That's more money, more taxpayers' dollars and everybody here is a taxpayer. Mr. Harrison stated we are spending public money. Mr. Harrison says his concern now is that Providence is now driving this boat and the board is reacting to what Providence is telling them to do instead of NLCOG saying that no, you're outside the scope. He says let's continue forward and we've already explored a reasonable number of routes. Mr. Harrison tells Mr. Rogers he absolutely understands his comments and that yes there may be a lawsuit, but there may be a lawsuit from the business community as well and there may be some bigger ones. He states that they'll fight that out in court so let's just get this thing done and quit wasting taxpayers' money because every month that this is not done is costing the taxpayers a lot of money and not to mention the inconvenience of not having the interstate.

Ms. Linda Biernacki stated that in the meeting on March 10, 2023, with Lt. Governor Nungesser, DOTD and SHPO, many questions came up. When was the request to study an additional and potential alternative requested? Who requested it and is there a copy in the public domain under NLCOG? Is there a copy of this letter requesting you to look for this alternative route due to the potential of Allendale being a historic district? MS. Biernacki states that in Providence's letter dated March 23, 2023, they're requesting this additional supplement for environmental and engineering services necessary to comply with this request, but they don't put in the letter as to whom requested it to study a build alternative. Ms. Biernacki stated that DOTD, Senator Peacock and their local delegation got one hundred million dollars to start this project and asked who is allowing them to use the money on something the public does not want to move forward with? She stated that Lt. Governor Nungesser and Mayor Arceneaux told the Committee 100 members specifically that we're going to get sued no matter what and we're going to ahead forward so we can handle that lawsuit and move forward. Ms. Biernacki stated that Mr. Rogers came to Committee 100 in 2019 and said they should get a ROD, then again in 2020, then Covid hit, then said again in 2021. She states that Mr. Rogers never brought up the Allendale issue with it potentially becoming a historical district. Ms. Biernacki said that in 2022 Mr. Rogers stated that DOTD and SHPO had a couple of questions that needed to be answered. She stated that they came in January 2023 and low and behold, there's this huge presentation from Providence saying that there's this potential of Allendale being a historic district. Ms. Biernacki said they left the room shocked and this was never brought to their attention. She's asking for them to vote the

additional funding down until they can get a handle on exactly what they need to do and what road they need to take. Ms. Biernacki is asking for a timeline for all that she's mentioned.

Senator Barrow Peacock stated what they said and who made the suggestion of studying 3A, and what was stated in the previous meeting as to it was never said who made that suggestion whether it was DOTD, and they understand from Lt. Governor's office and SHPO that it was not them. He stated that it wasn't DOTD because DOTD was there. Their request is to who to made the request. Senator Peacock stated that after looking at the paperwork that it's more than a four-month project before it's approved. After being in government more than twelve years he knows that this will be years before this is done. He said it's about accountability and this board along with NLCOG is accountable and they need to take responsibility for failures thus far.

John Perkins was the final comment and wanted to address the public. Mr. Perkins stated that he disagrees with his friends that don't come to the meetings. He was here today because his people of Allendale Strong are working people and they can't come, but Senator Peacock's opinion of what the mayor said that it's a federal project that requires federal funds and you have to obey federal law. That it's as simple as that. That was the most sane thing he's heard on that. He stated that what they haven't done is read the 1960 Civil Rights Act. Mr. Perkins states in there the FHWA helps us secure everyone's civil rights. Your right to drive on the highway is wide open. Build alternative 5 is still on the table. He says Mr. Harrison could move his plant out to build alternative 5 in some of the federally funded lots out there in the business district. We could get all the way to Texarkana or Lafayette nonstop. This is talking about working people, getting them out of their homes that they were building, when the Committee of 100 said that they didn't want them to build anymore homes. They took the Beard family property that was a slumlord operation, the city mowed those old stumps down, and we built new homes on that property and sold them to first time homeowners. Then they said they had to stop that and it was the Committee of 100 . There designees that went to the churches, First Baptist, First Methodist, St. Marks and only First Presbyterian said no thank you. First Presbyterian said that if you support building houses for these people then we'll stop supporting you. Then they went to community renewal and they went to Fuller Center for Housing and they said if y'all keep building in these vacant lots we'll stop supporting you. Mr. Perkins said that that's why there are vacant lots there or they would be filled with homeowners if you guys would educate yourselves and read something. He said to ask a lawyer to explain it to them and there's probably a lawyer in the Committee of 100. He stated they should come to meetings and that he's been coming for years. Mr. Perkins said they really don't know what they're talking about, but it's kind of funny, but it's pathetically sad.

Financial – Quarterly Financials – Fiscal Year 2023 Budget Amendments

Mr. Rogers stated there were some amendments to the FY23 budget and directed the members to the summary page in their packets. He stated that the first page is the actual spreadsheet that shows the changes, and the second page has the actual verbiage that goes with them. Mr. Rogers said that there was no overall change and the balance is within the funding is allocated. Mr. Rogers stated the adjustments shifting some funds around in various areas. He reviewed the adjustment of the funds individually with the board.

Mr. Blanton called for a motion to approve the Quarterly Financials Report for FY23 Budget Amendments. Dr. Wilson motioned, and Mr. Brown seconded. All approved and motion was passed.

Legal Report

Mr. Chevallier states since their last meeting that he's had the opportunity to do a little more due diligence into the current feasibility of the MOU with NLCOG and CDC that was entered in early 2021 for the purposes of applying for an EDA grant for a new building to house a proposed combine entity between NLCOG and CDC. Mr. Chevallier states that part of that process he's been able to work with CDC directly and with Bump Skaggs and he thinks they have both determined, and the position he feels is going to be supported and approved by CDC is that that the money made available in the federal EDA grant for the building that was proposed that prompted the MOU, with the current cost of construction, will no longer support the size that would actually be necessary to house the combined entity. The ten thousand square foot building that was proposed is now going to be shy of six thousand, and so the feasibility of the entities to proceed with the merger and combine to be housed in that one building is really no longer in the best interests of either of the entities. Mr. Chevallier said for that reason, he's going to be recommending that NLCOG withdraw from the MOU. As part of that process, they have worked with and spoken with EDA to understand 1) The first and foremost to make sure they're protecting the investment of those federal dollars in this area. Their withdraw is not going to put in jeopardy the EDA grant of one point six million dollars. It's going to allow CDC to continue and complete it's building project, modified to allow them to suit their needs as an individual entity and use and maintain that property going forward. Secondly, CDC and Bump Skaggs, it's director, Mr. Chevallier and Mr. Rogers are going to work together to make sure the local match funding that's going to be necessary to allow that building and acquire that one point six million dollars that's part of the EDA grant, to make sure it's available to not put that project in jeopardy in any way. Mr. Chevallier stated that yesterday they got confirmation on what they needed from both boards as far as resolution and a letter suggesting exactly how they are going to actually do this. He wants to make sure that EDA approves, that if this is how the board takes this particular action, that yes, they approve this letter you send to EDA on the withdrawal of the MOU, as well as CDC's action to reaffirm their commitment to a project and the local match as the sole grantee, that they will be able to move forward with the project. Mr. Chevallier is waiting on the approval from EDA for that so he's asking for action at the April 21, 2023 meeting when he'll have the resolution to be presented and approved.

Other Business

1. Approval of Cooperative Endeavor Agreement for I-69 MEGA Grant Application

Mr. Rogers stated that a few of them had let him know of some small typos on his side and he's corrected those. He says that this is basically for the application of a MEGA Grant for I-69 SIU 15. Mr. Rogers states that the Port is contracting with Neel-Schaffer, Inc. for the total I-69 project and this is just our side of that.

Mr. Blanton called for a motion to approve the Approval of the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement for the I-69 MEGA Grant Application. Dr. Wilson Motioned, and Mr. Brown seconded. All approved and motion was passed.

2. Approval of Budget Amendment for Providence Engineering – Alternative 3A Feasibility

Mr. Rogers stated that what was actually requested here is a budget amendment to their contract. The scope has been reviewed by DOTD. The supplemental funding, we do have some existing funds that they're operating under right now to complete this work and he has been assured by DOTD that they're pulling those funds from the hundred-million dollar allocation that was made and he can send that email around to each of them if they would like to see that. Mr. Ford asked who at DOTD approves these amendments. Mr. Rogers stated that ultimately it would be Dr. Kalivoda. Mr. Ford asked who our direct contact is at the environmental section because based on the comments he's heard, someone at DOTD has to review this then send them to Dr. Kalivoda. Mr. Rogers said they have and Dr. Kalivoda was the one that looked at that. Dr. Kalivoda was the original one that looked at and sent it around to his environmental engineering, bridge and all the other sections to look at from the get go. Mr. Ford asked that Dr. Kalivoda is now the new secretary of DOTD and Mr. Rogers replied that that was correct. Mr. Washington asked if they waited until next meeting would there any problem or delays until they got a better understanding. Mr. Rogers explained the issue that if he continues to tell them to move forward and they run out of money, the issue comes in in terms of billings and billing timelines and how quick they get them in and out with DOTD. But the invoice from Providence probably wouldn't reach us til the end of that timeframe for this. The issue is whether that's been approved of prior to that work. It's that you can't pay for something prior to it being approved. Mr. Ford said also, did they put in the timeframe of when this would be finished because he was there when they said four months and if they're going to tell them four months then it needs to be in the agreement. That way it won't be dragged on for two years.

Mr. Washington suggested a motion to defer the Approval of Budget Amendment for Providence Engineering – Alternative 3A Feasibility until the April 21, 2023 meeting in order to address all the questions. Dr. Wilson motioned, and Mr. Henington seconded. All approved and motion was passed to defer.

3. Approval of Minutes

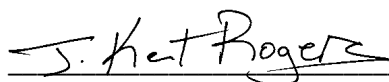
The next item on the agenda was for approval of the minutes from the February 17, 2023 meeting. Mr. Blanton called for a motion to approve the minutes. Dr. Wilson motioned, and Mr. Ford seconded. All approved and motion was passed.

Announcements

Mr. Blanton wanted to remind the board of the next meeting on Friday, April 21, 2023.

Adjourn

With no remaining agenda items, The Vice Chair entertained a motion to adjourn. Dr. Wilson was the first to motion, and Mr. Ford seconded. The meeting was adjourned.



J. Kent Rogers, Secretary



Board of Directors

April 21, 2023- 9:30 am following the MPO- 625 Texas Street, Shreveport, LA 71101

AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

PUBLIC COMMENTS

FINANCIAL

Fiscal Year 2024 Budget

[Fiscal Year 2024 Draft Budget – Introduction for Public Comments](#)

LEGAL REPORT

NLCOG / CDC

Update and consideration of memorandum of understanding concerning NLCOG, CDC, and EDA pertaining to the EDA Grant

OTHER BUSINESS

Approval of Budget Amendment for Providence Engineering

[Alternative 3a feasibility](#)

Approval of Minutes

[Approval of Minutes from March 31, 2023](#)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Board of Directors will be meeting on Friday May 12, 2023

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Board of Directors Meeting

MINUTES

Friday, April 21, 2023 (9:30 AM)

625 Texas Street, Suite 200
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Members Present

Mr. Steven Brown – DeSoto Parish
Dr. Woodrow Wilson – Caddo Parish
Mr. Bruce Blanton, Chair – Webster Parish
Mr. Butch Ford – Bossier Parish
Mayor Tom Arceneaux – City of Shreveport

Members Absent

Mayor Tommy Chandler – City of Bossier City (Represented by Ms. Amanda Nottingham, but not in a voting capacity)
Mr. Charles Henington – Caddo Tax Assessor

Others Present

Mr. Kent Rogers – NLCOG
Mr. Chris Petro – NLCOG
Dr. Shelly Barrett - NLCOG
Ms. Rita Arnold – NLCOG
Ms. Heidi Stewart - NLCOG
Mr. Josh Chevallier – NLCOG Legal Council

Call to Order

Mr. Blanton called the meeting to order Mr. Rogers then began a roll call. A quorum was present.

Public Comments

Mr. Blanton called for public comments. Mr. Rogers stated we received three public comments.

Ms. Linda Biernacki stated she was respectfully requesting five and a half minutes for her public comment. Ms. Biernacki says she has been requested by Lt. Governor Billy Nungesser to respond to one of the agenda items, approval of budget amendment for Providence Engineering. Please see the attached letter that Ms. Biernacki read and then requested to be placed on record.

Mr. Eric Barkley was next to comment. He thanked the board for allowing him to speak and stated he is the current President of the Committee 100. Mr. Barkley said that he's pretty sure they're aware of his predecessors in his are all supportive in the completion of this project. He is just there to reiterate to them their interest in this project moving along for approval and ultimate completion because they feel that's the right thing to do.

Patrick Harrison states he's been a part of a lot of business organizations in Shreveport/Bossier over his career. Mr. Harrison says that every organization that he's been a part of, whether it be a manufacture's council, Chamber of Commerce, Committee 100, have all identified the importance of getting this project done. He says that eight years ago they met with Sherry LeBas and had huge meetings discussing this project and how important it was to them. Mr. Harrison states that at that time they were told timelines of two or three years before this was going to be done. He says the goal post has been kicked down, kicked further and further out continuously. Mr. Harrison stated they finally got to a point in 2016 where they were almost to the end. They had five routes to consider, five public hearings and the public spoke. He says that ninety-four percent of the public gave comments and spoke to support route one. Mr. Harrison says that the City Council, Caddo Parish Commission, this board here, NLCOG unanimously at one point passed a resolution to support route one. That was years ago and now they're about to consider a change order for two hundred seven thousand dollars of taxpayers' money to explore another route that was derived from the consulting firm and NLCOG. Mr. Harrison asks how many times we are going to keep doing this and how long is this going to on. He says the citizens of Allendale are frustrated and not sure what is going to happen. Mr. Harrison says the business community is frustrated as well. He states the North Market corridor is going to be absolutely destroyed if we don't do something about it now.

Mr. John Perkins states that five thousand friends from Allendale Strong from all over the city, new homeowners, had built their homes then were told they were building a highway through their neighborhood. He says how they started the meeting was getting interested in urban planning and engineering and called in experts to speak to them about it and to teach them about it. Urban planning is something Shreveport is not interested in and we're soaking in the results of that ignorance. Mr. Perkins says is already easy for him to get to Texarkana by looping around all the way to Lafayette non-stop. He says that 3132 is a mess and build alternative 5 is 3132, and we could all be happy if we spent the federal dollars available to fix 3132.

Financial – Fiscal Year 2024 Draft Budget – Introduction for Public Comments

Mr. Rogers stated that two meetings ago he brought forward to them the income portion of the budget and outlined some of the changes and differences happening with it. In relation to two things, one of them was some of the changes from the census data, in terms of urbanized area and the allocations of the federal PL funds and transit funds. The other portion was associated with the local funds and in terms again with the 2020 census data. Mr. Rogers reviewed the details of the financials for FY2024 as included in the packets. He stated they followed, if they recalled, at the last meeting they had some budget amendments for this fiscal year and used some of those refined adjustments and factored in some of those increases that they knew were going to happen for insurance etc. Also, as of April 1, they had one employee brought on to put in one of the vacant positions, the general overhead expenses remain roughly about the same with some slight increases due to inflation rates. Mr. Rogers said that included within work for the Regional Active Transportation Plan that was mentioned early during the MPO meeting, and they'll be using attributable funds for the great majority of that, and the match support will come from the reserve funds. He directed them to their packets where he had outlined some of the larger line items for the overhead with more detail. Mr. Rogers stated that again, this is for introduction public comment.

Mr. Blanton called for a motion to approve the Fiscal Year 2024 Draft Budget for Public Comment. Dr. Wilson motioned, and Mr. Brown seconded. All approved and motion was passed.

Legal Report

NLCOG/CDC – Update and consideration of memorandum of understanding concerning NLCOG, CDC, and EDA pertaining to the EDA Grant

Mr. Chevallier stated that in addition to the legal report pertaining to the NLCOG and CDC issue, he wanted to reiterate what Mr. Rogers stated earlier and that they're in the process of investigating and responding to all the public comments and engagements they've received with respect to the contractual item that's on the agenda in the other business for Providence Engineering. One thing he thinks is going to be recommended that NLCOG support is given the time of Dr. Kalivoda's visit at the May 12, 2023 meeting, he is going to recommend the board postpone that amendment item until such time as having heard from Dr. Kalivoda. At which point they'll have the opportunity both for them to receive the response from NLCOG with the respect from comments previously received as well as those comments from Congressman Johnson's office from the prior meeting and those received from Lt. Governor Nungesser there this morning.

Mr. Chevallier stated with respect to NLCOG and CDC agenda item there's a draft of a letter prepared for Mr. Rogers signature, and he would ask for approval. He states this letter is addressed to the Economic Development Administration, which was the form of letter requested by EDA, for NLCOG to formally withdrawal as a secondary recipient on EDA award number 087905436 in the amount of one point six million dollars to fund the building in Bossier that was intended to house, when it was conceived of, the merge between NLCOG and CDC entity. Due to rising construction costs the feasibility and size of the building that could be constructed with that money is no longer sufficient to house a combined entity. Mr. Chevallier says for that reason, and with EDA's support and approval, we are going to withdrawal as a primary recipient and allow CDC to move forward to build the building. The federal dollar investment made in the community is still going to be made and we remain in support of that being done. Mr. Chevallier states that this letter will allow CDC to go forward as the sole and primary recipient.

Mr. Blanton called for a motion to approve the letter to EDA. Dr. Wilson motioned, and Mr. Brown seconded. All approved and motion was passed.

Other Business

1. Approval of Budget Amendment for Providence Engineering – Alternative 3A Feasibility

Dr. Wilson requested to have this approval taken off the table and moved to the next meeting on May 12, 2023. Mr. Blanton called for a motion for the Approval of Budget Amendment for Providence Engineering – Alternative 3A Feasibility, to be moved off the table until the May 12, 2023 meeting. Dr. Wilson motioned, and Mr. Ford seconded. All approved and motion was passed.

Mr. Harrison asked if there wasn't any progress being made on I-49 now. Mr. Chevallier stated the reason for his recommendation was that it's his understanding that there's sufficient funding still available for Providence to continue doing its work in the immediate terms. This table waiting till the May 12th meeting wouldn't cause any delay. Mr. Chevallier stated that action on the agenda item will need to be taken imminently at the next meeting and that's less than a month away, so that's his recommendation.

2. Approval of Minutes

The next item on the agenda was for approval of the minutes from the March 31, 2023 meeting.

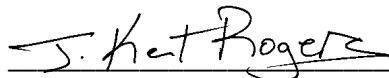
Mr. Blanton called for a motion to approve the minutes. Dr. Wilson motioned, and Mr. Brown seconded. All approved and motion was passed.

Announcements

Mr. Blanton wanted to remind the board of the next meeting on Friday, May 12, 2023. Mr. Rogers stated that for Mayor Arceneaux's benefit, Dr. Wilson asked Mr. England if they could house the next meeting at the Port knowing that Dr. Kalivoda will be present and a potential larger crowd. Mr. England said yes and that he would make that available. Mr. Rogers stated the next meeting will be at the Regional Commerce Center and Dr. Kalivoda will be present.

Adjourn

With no remaining agenda items, The Vice Chair entertained a motion to adjourn. Dr. Wilson was the first to motion, and Mr. Brown seconded. The meeting was adjourned.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "J. Kent Rogers", is written over a horizontal line.

J. Kent Rogers, Secretary

PUBLIC COMMENT CARD

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Please print:

Date: April 21, 2023

Name: Linda Biernacki

Address: _____

E-mail: _____

Phone: (318) 469-4335

I am representing: ☐ myself ☐ business ☐ organization

Name of business / organization: Lt Gov. Nungesser

Comment on: ☒ Agenda item ☐ Non-agenda item

Briefly describe your comment(s): @Board Mtg only

Support of 1-49 ICC Route 1+2
not supporting the 3A Alt Route

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BILLY NUNGESSER
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April 20, 2023

Dear NLCOG Board of Directors:

The history of planning the route of the I-49 Inner City Connector (ICC) in Shreveport is long and tortuous. It has been something of a battleground between the common good and groups, special interests, government agencies that either want to kill the project or make it unfeasible. During the period between the early 2000s and this year, the Northwest Louisiana Council of Governments, The Louisiana Department of Transportation, and extremely expensive consulting firms have:

- Held at least 12 public and stakeholder meetings.
- Identified four potential "build" routes.
- Delayed the overall project by adding a fifth "no build" route using LA 3132 and I-220 to create a wide loop around the west side of Shreveport.
- "Discovered" that Build Routes 3 and 4 would unnecessarily impact the Allendale neighborhood, which is in the early stages of being considered as a National Historic Neighborhood.
- Narrowed the list to Routes 1 and 2, which are very similar and do the least amount of damage to Allendale.
- Ignored the most feasible route, from which Routes 1 and 2 derived, running along city-owned former Texas and Pacific Railroad right-of-way.
- Finally, the design group (public and private) preferred introduced completely nonsensical route 3-A bridges Cross Bayou/Twelve Mile Bayou twice and destroys the viewshed of the McNeill Street Pump Station/Waterworks Museum. In addition, this route creates a flyover span directly above the property. McNeill is a triple National Register of Historic Places property and has been praised nationally for its Victorian Era machinery.

The I-49 Inner City Connector project has become a consultant's dream. At each level of adding routes, each route required extensive study under the authority of Federal and State regulations (FHWA, LADOTD, and SHPO), particularly Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act and Section 4(f) of the Department of Transportation Act of 1966. These included archaeological and broader cultural resource studies. The long-term effect was to utterly waste state resources, chasing three routes that would never work, ignoring the most logical route, and developing two (Routes 1 and 2) that are feasible with some issues (It is interesting that Routes 1 and 2 are literally the first two proposed), and then developing Alternative Route 3A, which guarantees a long, contentious battle. The

consultants reap steady work and are paid handsomely for it. At every change order, new tasks are added, new regulations are administered, and more state agencies' time is wasted.

The longest-lasting damage is to Shreveport neighborhoods and the people living there. Attitudes have soured. The Allendale neighborhood has been lied to and fed so much misinformation that they oppose a project from which they reap the most benefit. Routes 3 and 4 were (logically) designed to create this turmoil. Routes 1 and 2 skirts Allendale's eastern side, destroying very few buildings and will not harm the neighborhood's character. The St. Paul's Bottoms/Ledbetter Heights National Historic District is in the process of study to reduce its boundaries and remain viable. Route 3A would most likely kill this district.

Fortunes have been made on this much-needed project. Not one spade of earth has been turned. Local and state officials and agencies have made careers by practicing an old legal defense – Deny, Delay, then Defend. The efforts, thus far, are successful.

What should be done? Kill any future activity on Routes 3, 4, 5, and 3A. Force the issue by mainlining Routes 1 or 2. Investigate the whole process through the State Internal Auditor, particularly the actions of NLCOG, former activities of the Metropolitan Planning Commission, and the primary consultants and subcontractors.

The current situation raises concerns about the integrity of the project and its partnerships. It is crucial to act now and prevent further damage to the community. We hope that appropriate action will be taken to address these issues before it is too late.

If I can be of assistance to you in any way, please don't hesitate to call.

Sincerely,



Billy Nungesser
Lieutenant Governor

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PUBLIC COMMENT CARD

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Date: 4/21/23

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I am representing: ☐ myself ☐ business ☒ organization

Name of business / organization: Committee of 100

Comment on: ☐ Agenda item ☒ Non-agenda item

Briefly describe your comment(s):

I 49 ICC

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Please print:

Date: 4-21-23

Name: Patrick Harrison

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E-mail: pharrison@SVCSteel.com

Phone: (318) 218-9008

I am representing: ☐ myself ☒ business ☒ organization

Name of business / organization: _____

Comment on: ☒ Agenda item ☐ Non-agenda item

Briefly describe your comment(s):

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Board of Directors

May 12, 2023- 9:30 am following the MPO

**This meeting will be held at the Regional Commerce Center at the Port of Caddo Bossier
6000 Doug Attaway Blvd, Shreveport, LA 71115**

AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

ZOOM Audio Streaming
Phone: **309-205-3325**
Meeting ID: **868 8024 6964**
Passcode: **770615**

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Comments are to be held to 3 minutes.

On agenda items with the exception of the Amendment for Providence Engineering

FINANCIAL

Fiscal Year 2024 Budget

[Fiscal Year 2024 Draft Budget – Adoption](#)

LEGAL REPORT

OTHER BUSINESS

Approval of Budget Amendment for Providence Engineering

[Alternative 3a feasibility](#)

Comments by Dr. Eric Kalivoda – Secretary LaDOTD

Public Comments

Approval of Minutes

[Approval of Minutes from April 21, 2023](#)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Board of Directors will be meeting on Friday June 23, 2023

[Schedule of meetings](#)

ADJOURN



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Board of Directors Meeting

MINUTES

Friday, May 12, 2023 (9:30 AM)

Regional Commerce Center at the Port of Caddo Bossier
6000 Doug Attaway Blvd.
Shreveport, LA 71115

Members Present

Mr. Steven Brown – DeSoto Parish
Dr. Woodrow Wilson – Caddo Parish
Mr. Butch Ford – Bossier Parish
Mayor Tom Arceneaux – City of Shreveport
Mayor Tommy Chandler, Vice Chair – City of Bossier City

Members Absent

Mr. Charles Henington – Caddo Tax Assessor
Mr. Bruce Blanton, Chair – Webster Parish

Others Present

Mr. Kent Rogers – NLCOG
Mr. Chris Petro – NLCOG
Dr. Shelly Barrett - NLCOG
Ms. Rita Arnold – NLCOG
Ms. Heidi Stewart – NLCOG
Mr. Adam Driskill - NLCOG
Mr. Josh Chevallier – NLCOG Legal Council
Dr. Eric Kalivoda – DOTD Secretary

Call to Order

Mayor Chandler called the meeting to order Mr. Rogers then began a roll call. A quorum was present.

Public Comments

Mayor Chandler called for public comments. Mr. Rogers stated we had not received any public comments.

Financial – Adoption of the Fiscal Year 2024 Budget

Mr. Rogers stated that the draft budget was presented over the last few meetings and presented through the work program as well. He said that along with the work program it had been put out for public comment and that we have received no public comment. Mr. Rogers wanted to reiterate that there is a slight reduction this fiscal year from the Federal Highway Planning Funds and the Federal Transit 5303 Funds. He is hoping it will go back up again in the near future and says that the reduction was caused from the 2020 Census information. Mr. Rogers said that because of that there were also some slight adjustments to the local funds under the general local. He stated that there have been no public comments received and asked the board if they had any questions or comments.

Mayor Chandler called for a motion to Adopt the Fiscal Year 2024 Budget. Dr. Wilson motioned, and Mr. Ford seconded. All approved and motion was passed.

Legal Report

Mr. Chevallier stated there was no legal report at this time.

Mayor Arceneaux had a question about receiving information regarding the Alternative 3A for today's meeting to be prepared. He stated he didn't receive any information prior to the meeting. Mr. Rogers stated that Dr. Kalivoda's visit and presentation were strictly for that purpose and that he didn't receive Dr. Kalivoda's packet till the day before. Mayor Arceneaux said that he'll make sure his expectations are clearly expressed next time.

Other Business

1. Approval of Budget Amendment for Providence Engineering – I-49 ICC Contract - Alternative 3A Feasibility

Mr. Rogers stated that this was in order to complete the work for the 3A that was outlined earlier and the funding for this is coming from state funds and there are no local funds or any MPO attributable funds. Dr. Wilson asked if this was going to be for any and all additional work related to the 3A. Mr. Rogers stated yes and the initial tasks is for the feasibility analysis. Dr. Wilson asked if there was money necessary for completion of the process and Mr. Rogers replied, correct. Dr. Wilson stated they needed to go ahead and take action on that and that he would move the board approve the funding to complete the project as outlined by Dr. Kalivoda's presentation and the contract amendment with Providence. Mr. Ford seconded the motion.

Mayor Chandler called for questions, having none he called for vote. All approved and the motion was passed.

2. Approval of Minutes

The next item on the agenda was for approval of the minutes from the April 21, 2023 meeting.

Mayor Chandler called for a motion to approve the minutes. Dr. Wilson motioned, and Mr. Ford seconded. All approved and motion was passed.

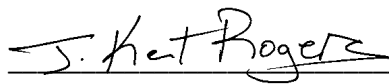
Announcements

Mayor Chandler wanted to remind everyone of the next meeting on Friday, June 23, 2023. Mr. Rogers stated that similar as to what they had done during the MPO meeting earlier, he wanted to once again acknowledge Dr. Wilson for his many years of service.

Mayor Chandler entertained a motion to Adopt the Resolution in Recognition and Appreciation of Distinguished Service by Dr. Woody Wilson. Mayor Arceneaux motioned, and Mr. Ford seconded. All approved and the motion was passed.

Adjourn

With no remaining agenda items, The Vice Chair entertained a motion to adjourn. Mayor Arceneaux was the first to motion, and Dr. Wilson seconded. The meeting was adjourned.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "J. Kent Rogers". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line extending from the end of the name.

J. Kent Rogers, Secretary



Board of Directors

**June 23, 2023- 9:30 am following the MPO
Seminar Room, 625 Texas Street, Shreveport, LA 71101**

AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Comments are to be held to 3 minutes.

FINANCIAL

Fiscal Year 2023 Quarterly Report

[Approval of Fiscal Year to Date Financial Report \(July 1, 2022 – March 31, 2023\)](#)

Fiscal Year 2023 Audit Letter of Engagement

LEGAL REPORT

OTHER BUSINESS

Election of Officers for Fiscal Year 2024 (July 01, 2023 – June 30, 2024)

Chair – Mayor Chandler – Bossier City

Vice Chair –

Approval of Minutes

[Approval of Minutes from May 12, 2023](#)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Board of Directors will be meeting on Friday August 4, 2023

[Schedule of meetings](#)

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Board of Directors Meeting

MINUTES

Friday, June 23, 2023 (9:30 AM)

625 Texas Street, Suite 200
Shreveport, LA 71101

Members Present

Mr. Bruce Blanton, Chair – Webster Parish
Mayor Tommy Chandler, Vice Chair – City of Bossier City
Mrs. Erica Bryant – Caddo Parish
Mr. Butch Ford – Bossier Parish
Mr. Charles Henington – Caddo Tax Assessor
Mr. Michael Norton – DeSoto Parish

Members Absent

Mayor Tom Arceneaux – City of Shreveport

Others Present

Mr. Kent Rogers – NLCOG
Mr. Chris Petro – NLCOG
Ms. Savannah Williams - NLCOG
Dr. Shelly Barrett - NLCOG
Ms. Rita Arnold – NLCOG
Ms. Heidi Stewart – NLCOG
Mr. Adam Driskill - NLCOG
Mr. Josh Chevallier – NLCOG Legal Council

Call to Order

Mr. Blanton called the meeting to order. Mr. Rogers stated that prior to roll call, he had two announcements to make. One, and they knew it was coming, but they had received an official notice from DeSoto Parish that Mr. Michael Norton will now be representing DeSoto Parish as Administrator. Mr. Steve Brown, unfortunately unable to be there today, but he did want to make one little comment of his leaving and that was to thank them all for supporting DeSoto Parish...the little guys that never felt small. Mr. Rogers said that Mr. Brown just wanted to send his appreciation for all the support and help over time. Mr. Rogers stated that he hopes to recognize him soon. Mr. Blanton welcomed Mr. Norton and asked Mr. Rogers to begin a roll call. Mr. Rogers began the roll call. A quorum was present.

Public Comments

Mr. Blanton called for public comments and stated we had two.

Senator Barrow Peacock was first to address the board. Senator Peacock stated that he knew everyone except Mr. Henington had already heard his public comment from the MPO meeting, so he was going to address Mr. Henington. He wanted to talk about funding overall for projects and specifically for I-49 in the legislative session and the importance of obligating the funds of a “cannot be taken.” He stated that they had this issue with Jimmie Davis Bridge, and they all know whether that project can be moved forward. Senator Peacock asked for Mr. North to correct him if he was wrong, but that project is moving forward and do we do need to secure P5 in our years. He states that one of the reasons that the project could move forward is because the funds were obligated, and a contract was already signed. Senator Peacock said that that applies and needs to be emphasized by this board for I-49 with the funding there for the one hundred million dollars. He said that if you don’t obligate that money it’s going to be removed and taken away because there’s too much temptation from the legislation to want that money. Senate Bill 146 by the president of the senate, there was an amendment that they try to put on the House floor, to try to take the hundred million dollars and reallocate it to multiple projects. Senator Peacock said that most of that money would not be in this area so most people who think that it could be used for other projects in our area in the Northwest should know that it would be scattered across the state. He emphasized for I-49 that they need to obligate that hundred million dollars and get it secured and committed between now and the next legislative session. He fears that if they don’t obligate the money, it won’t be spent in the Northwest Louisiana area. Senator Peacock asked that they use the hundred million dollars between now and next March.

Mr. Tim Magner was next to comment. Mr. Magner stated he was with the Chamber of Commerce and just wanted to bring to the attention of the board that as part of the recent agreement to end the debt ceiling in congress, some pertinent streamlining language was included that limits the NEPA process to a two-year window. Mr. Magner said that if that two-year window isn’t met, that organization that’s responsible for that project can take that federal agency to court to empower them to act within ninety days. He said that given the extensive infrastructures, investments, and opportunities that we have going on in the area, he wanted to make sure that NLCOG was aware of that and that change. Mr. Magner encourages them to use that at their discretion as they can to move projects forward.

Financial – Fiscal Year 2023 Quarterly Report - Approval of Fiscal Year to Date Financials

Mr. Rogers stated that the quarterly financials are through March 31, 2023, of this year and they are reflective of the budget amendments that were made at the previous meeting. Mr. Rogers said that in general, they are on track and good with all items. Mrs. Barnette had given him a few things yesterday in terms of Outlook through the end of the fiscal year and they should be good and in line with everything. Mr. Rogers stated in terms of assets, liabilities, and equity, they’re still hovering roughly at the one point two million mark which is planned for to keep around that amount.

Mr. Blanton called for a motion to Accept the Financial Report for the Year-to-Date Financials. Mr. Norton motioned, and Mayor Chandler seconded. All approved and motion was passed.

Fiscal Year 2023 Audit Letter of Engagement (Tabled)

Mr. Blanton asked if there was any news with the Audit Letter. Mr. Rogers stated that they need to table that. He said they didn't receive the letter of engagement from Heard, McElroy and like so many others last week, the power and other issues within the office, they did not receive it in time. Mr. Rogers stated they would get that to them at the next meeting.

Legal Report

Mr. Chevallier stated there was no pending or threatened litigation at this time and no significant legal matters that need to be reported at this meeting.

Other Business

1. Election of Officers for Fiscal Year 2024 (July 01, 2023 – June 30, 2024)

Mr. Rogers stated that as previously noted at the MPO meeting, the typical process is to move up. The vice-chair would move up to chair. Mr. Rogers said that Mayor Chandler would move up to chair and after previous conversations, Mayor Chandler has stated that he's ready to go. Mr. Rogers stated that the same with Mayor Arceneaux and that they've had conversations with him, and he's agreed to serve in the spot of vice chair. Mr. Rogers said they would need a motion to approve the Elections of Officers for Fiscal Year 2024 (July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024), Mayor Chandler (Bossier City) – Chair and Mayor Arceneaux (Shreveport) – Vice Chair. Mr. Henington motioned, and Mr. Norton seconded. All approved and motion was passed.

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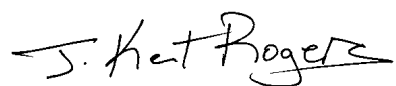
Mr. Blanton called for a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Ford motioned, and Mrs. Bryant seconded. All approved and motion was passed.

Announcements

Mr. Rogers stated that once again they've included a schedule of meeting dates starting July 1, 2023. Every meeting is roughly six weeks apart.

Adjourn

With no remaining agenda items, The Chair entertained a motion to adjourn. Mr. Norton was the first to motion, and Mayor Chandler seconded. The meeting was adjourned.



J. Kent Rogers, Secretary

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Please print:

Date: 6/23/23

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Phone: () 06

I am representing: ☐ myself ☐ business ☒ organization

Name of business / organization: GSU

Comment on: ☐ Agenda item ☒ Non-agenda item

Briefly describe your comment(s):

NEPA Process

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Please print:

Date: June 23, 2023

Name: Burren Pearock

Address: _____

E-mail: _____

Phone: () _____

I am representing: ☐ myself ☐ business ☐ organization

Name of business / organization: Senate Dist 37

Comment on: ☒ Agenda item ☐ Non-agenda item

Briefly describe your comment(s):

I-49 Funding