

Ouachita Council of Governments
Regular Meeting Minutes
February 24, 2020
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Members Present: Mayor James Mayo
City of Monroe

Mayor Staci Mitchell
City of West Monroe

Thom Hamilton
City of West Monroe

Shane Smiley
Ouachita Parish Police Jury

Scotty Robinson
Ouachita Parish Police Jury

Juanita Woods
Monroe City Council

Staff Present: Doug Mitchell
Executive Director

Tracy Ausberry
Director of Regional Development

Susan Mitchell
Safety Coordinator

A public hearing was held on February 24, 2020, at the Council Chambers of the Monroe Government Plaza at 11:30 a.m. to hear comments from the public regarding the HSIP Performance Measures and Establishing Targets. There were no comments.

The Ouachita Council of Governments meeting was called to order by Mayor Mayo, Chairman. The meeting was held in the Council Chambers of the Monroe Government Plaza.

A roll call certified a quorum was present.

A motion was made by Shane Smiley and seconded by Thom Hamilton to add Item B., Highway Safety Infrastructure and Operations Meeting Update, to the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Shane Smiley and seconded by Thom Hamilton to approve the minutes of the January 27, 2020 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

There was no report from the Long Term Recovery Executive Board.

A motion was made by Mayor Mitchell and seconded by Juanita Woods to table the appointments to the Northeast Delta Human Services Authority Board until more information is made available on the organization. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Shane Smiley and seconded by Juanita Woods to recess OCOG and enter into the Transportation Policy Committee Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

HSIP Performance Measures and Establishing Targets:

Doug Mitchell informed the board the HSIP performance Measures and Establishing Targets have completed the public review and a public hearing had been held. There were no comments from the public. A motion was made by Shane Smiley and seconded by Scotty Robinson to adopt the plan as provided by DOTD. Motion carried unanimously.

Susan Mitchell updated OCOG on the Infrastructure and Operation Meeting that was held Thursday, February 20, 2020. Also, a TAC meeting has been scheduled for Wednesday, February 26, 2020 for 10:30 a.m. to go over the Ouachita Parish Local Road Safety Plan to get it ready for presentation and adoption at the next OCOG Meeting. Louisiana ranked number seven as the worst state for distracted driving. Upcoming Safety Day meetings have been scheduled for Grambling University, March 23, 2020, Richwood High School, April 7, 2020, ULM, March 24, 2020 and LA TECH this Spring Quarter.

A motion was made by Shane Smiley and seconded by Juanita Woods to adjourn the Transportation Policy Committee and reconvene OCOG. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Shane Smiley and seconded by Mayor Mitchell to ratify the actions of the Transportation Policy Committee. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Shane Smiley and seconded by Juanita Woods to accept the Budget to Actual Report as presented by Doug Mitchell. Motion carried unanimously.

Doug Mitchell informed OCOG of the upcoming Stakeholder and Public meetings scheduled for March 9, 2020 at the Monroe Civic Center and March 10, 2020 at the West Monroe Senior Center. Stakeholders meeting is scheduled from 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m., March 9th only, with the Public Meeting to start at 4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. each evening.

There being no other business a motion was made by Juanita Woods and seconded by Shane Smiley to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.