# Ouachita Council of Governments Regular Meeting Minutes May 26, 2020 DRAFT

Members Present:

Mayor James Mayo

City of Monroe

Mayor Staci Mitchell

City of West Monroe

Scotty Robinson

Ouachita Parish Police Jury

Juanita Woods

Monroe City Council

Staff Present:

Doug Mitchell

**Executive Director** 

Tracy Ausberry

Director of Regional Development

A public hearing was held on May 26, 2020, at the Council Chambers of the Monroe Government Plaza at 11:30 a.m. to hear comments from the public regarding the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) and the Ouachita Local Road Safety Plan. 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.

The February 24, 2020 minutes were not available, they were tabled until the next meeting.

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

A motion was made by Juanita Woods and seconded by Scotty Robinson to appoint Dr. Baker and Ms. Merrills to serve a three years term on the Board of Directors of the Northeast Delta Human Services Authority Board. Motion carried unanimously.

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

# Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP):

Doug Mitchell informed the board the UPWP had been previously introduced and had gone through the public review process. A public hearing was held and there were no comments. A motion was made by Mayor Mitchell and seconded by Juanita Woods to adopt the 2020-2021 UPWP. Motion carried unanimously.

#### **UPWP** Supporting Documentation

## a. OCOG Contract

Contract between OCOG and North Delta to provide staff support to perform tasks that comes through the Unified Program Work Plan. A motion was made by Mayor Mitchell and seconded by Juanita Woods to approve the OCOG Contract. Motion carried unanimously

## b. Authorizing Resolution

Resolution giving Doug Mitchell the ability to sign documents on behalf of the Ouachita Council of Governments. A motion was made by Scotty Robinson and seconded by Juanita Woods authorizing Doug Mitchell to sign documents on behalf of OCOG. Motion carried unanimously.

#### c. UPWP Adopting Resolution

Resolution becomes a part of the UPWP working document. A motion was made by Juanita Woods and seconded by Scotty Robinson to accept the adopting resolution. Motion carried unanimously.

## Ouachita Parish Local Road Safety Plan

Doug Mitchell informed the board the Ouachita Parish Local Road Safety Plan had been previously introduced and had gone through the public review process. A public hearing was held and there were no comments. A motion was made by Juanita Woods and seconded by Scotty Robinson to adopt the Ouachita Parish Local Road Safety Plan. Motion carried unanimously.

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

A motion was made by Scotty Robinson and seconded by Juanita Woods to ratify the actions of the Transportation Policy Committee. Motion carried unanimously.

#### FY 2019 OCOG Audit

Doug Mitchell introduced Jeff Maxwell. Jeff Maxwell stated the audit received an Unmodified Opinion in the Aduitor's Report. He informed the members this is the best you can receive. A motion was made by Scotty Robinson and seconded by Juanita Woods to accept the Audit presentation. Motion carried unanimously.

#### Draft OCOG FY 2019-2020 Budget Amendment

Doug Mitchell presented a copy of the budget to be amended. The budget amendment would include the Metropolitan Planning Consultant fee, awarded to Neel Schafer, would be added to the budget. A motion was made by Mayor Mitchell and seconded by Juanita Woods to allow advertising for the FY 2019-2020 OCOG budget amendment. Motion carried unanimously.

#### Draft OCOG FY 2020-2021 Budget

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Doug Mitchell presented the Draft FY 2020-2021 OCOG Budget to the members of OCOG and requested permission to advertise for public review through the newspaper and North Delta's website. A motion was made by Scotty Robinson and seconded by Juanita Woods to allow advertising of the FY 2020-2021 OCOG Budget. Motion carried unanimously.

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

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