

Ouachita Council of Governments  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
August 23, 2021

Members Present:	Mayor Friday Ellis City of Monroe	Mayor Staci Mitchell City of West Monroe
	Scotty Robinson Ouachita Parish Police Jury	Shane Smiley Ouachita Parish Police Jury
	Thom Hamilton City of West Monroe	
Staff Present:	Doug Mitchell Executive Director	Shelby Rybicki Planner I
	Jeff Maxwell CPA	

A public hearing was held August 23, 2021, at the Council Chambers of the Monroe Government Plaza at 11:30 a.m. to hear comments from the public regarding TIP Amendments H.014646 and H.013805 introduced at the previous July 26, 2021, OCOG meeting. There were no comments.

The Ouachita Council of Governments meeting was called to order by Scotty Robinson. 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 Staci Mitchell and seconded by Thom Hamilton to approve the July 26, 2021, minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

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

#### **Transportation Policy Committee**

A motion was made by Shane Smiley and seconded by Friday Ellis to adopt TIP Amendment ***H.014646 I-20: US 165 – E. of Garrett Rd.*** Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Shane Smiley and seconded by Staci Mitchell to adopt TIP Amendment ***H.013805 Finks Hide-A-Way: Barkley – Bayou Oaks.*** Motion carried unanimously.

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

A motion was made by Scotty Robinson and seconded by Shane Smiley to ratify the actions of the Transportation Policy Committee and reconvene OCOG. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Shane Smiley and seconded by Staci Mitchell to accept the Budget to Actual Report as presented by Jeff Maxwell. Motion carried unanimously.

#### **Ambulance Advisory Board**

No report.

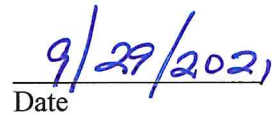
**Long Term Recovery Board**

Karen Cupit discussed the awarding of Round One grants by the Louisiana Watershed Council. Region 3 had 3 projects approved totaling \$5.68M. Round Two funding will prioritize projects in low-income areas and HUD areas that incorporate nature-based solutions. Projects chosen for Round Two funding will be projects previously submitted for Round One funding.

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



Doug Mitchell  
Executive Director, OCOG



Date