

Ouachita Council of Governments
Regular Meeting Minutes
August 22, 2022

Members Present:	Mayor Friday Ellis City of Monroe	Mayor Staci Mitchell City of West Monroe
	Kema Dawson Monroe City Council	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	Tyler Burdeaux Planner II/GIS
	Celine Flores-Robinson Planner I/Grant Writer	Jeffrey Tyler Planner I

A public hearing was held August 22, 2022, at the Council Chambers of the Monroe Government Plaza at 11:30 a.m. to hear comments from the public regarding the FFY 23-26 TIP introduced at the previous July 25, 2022, OCOG meeting. There were no comments.

The Ouachita Council of Governments meeting was called to order by Staci Mitchell. 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 Thom Hamilton and seconded by Friday Ellis to approve the July 25, 2022, minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Friday Ellis and seconded by Thom Hamilton to recess OCOG and enter into the Transportation Policy Committee. Motion carried unanimously.

Transportation Policy Committee

A motion was made by Thom Hamilton and seconded by Friday Ellis to approve the FFY 23-26 TIP for adoption. Motion carried unanimously.

Kirk Gallien of Neel-Schaffer Engineering updated OCOG on the Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) discretionary grant program. OCOG agreed to move forward and apply for the grant through North Delta Regional Planning and Development District.

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

A motion was made by Friday Ellis and seconded by Thom Hamilton to ratify the actions of the Transportation Policy Committee. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Thom Hamilton and seconded by Friday Ellis to accept the Budget to Actual Report as presented by Jeff Maxwell. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Richard Ardis gave a presentation on Louisiana DOTD's Motorist Assistance Patrol (MAP) Incident Management Operations Program. The primary mission of this program is to: mitigate traffic related accidents, minimize the impacts of roadway incidents, aid emergency services, safeguard the motoring public, and restore the flow of traffic back to normal as safely and quickly as possible.

Ambulance Advisory Board

No report.

Long Term Recovery Board

A motion was made by Thom Hamilton and seconded by Friday Ellis to amend the agenda and add Karen Cupit. Mrs. Cupit updated OCOG on the awarding of round one grants by the Louisiana Watershed Council.

There being no other business a motion was made by Thom Hamilton and seconded by Friday Ellis to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.



Doug Mitchell
Executive Director, OCOG

10/24/2022
Date