

Ouachita Council of Governments  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
October 22, 2018

Members Present:	Mayor James Mayo City of Monroe	Mayor Staci Mitchell City of West Monroe
	Thom Hamilton City of West Monroe	Juanita Woods Monroe City Council
	Scotty Robinson OPPJ	
Staff Present:	David Creed North Delta	Doug Mitchell North Delta
	Tracy Ausberry North Delta	

The Ouachita Council of Governments meeting was called to order by Mayor Jamie 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 Mayor Mitchell and seconded by Thom Hamilton to approve the minutes of the September 24, 2018 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Juanita Woods and seconded by Mayor Mitchell to appoint Scotty Robinson as Vice-President of OCOG. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Scotty Robinson and seconded by Juanita Woods authorizing a letter from OCOG approving the application process for the 5310/5311 applicants Ouachita Council on Aging and ARCO. Motion carried unanimously.

Kevin Crosby presented the draft of the Ouachita Parish Resiliency Strategy Full Report, the Steering Committee Report and the Ouachita Parish Resiliency Strategy Power Point Presentation.

Long Term Recovery Committee Report: Plans are to ask OCOG for its endorsement November 26, 2018 complete presentations to the City of Monroe, West Monroe and the Ouachita Parish Police Jury on December 31, 2018.

Kevin Crosby updated OCOG Members of the Watershed meeting held October 16, 2018 at the West Monroe Convention Center. He stated the \$1.2 billion OCD funds will be handled through the Watershed Committee and funds will be used for drainage, cleaning out streams and detention. Next,

full studies of the Watershed will be conducted and major projects will be selected from the completed studies. Senator Cassidy will hold a 2018 Delta Region Economic Development Conference on November 1, 2018 at the Delta Community College.

Kevin introduced Sandra Gunner, LED and Tonya Pence, FEMA to OCOG and thanked them for their contributions.

Kevin and Tom Malmay presented the Ouachita Parish Resiliency Strategy Power Point to the members of OCOG. Tom went over in details the Strategy and Return on Investment; Action 1: Risk Reduction, Action 2: Community Priorities and Action 3: Preparedness. Kevin went through the RSF Project Development; Step 1. RSF's will develop projects based on their goals, objectives and initiatives; Step 2. Will develop an internal project selection process; Step 3. The RSF Co-Chairs will forward selected projects to the Steering Committee for approval. Projects approval does not mean funded. It means the projects fits the Resiliency Strategy and the Steering Committee will assists RSF's with identifying funding sources.

Kevin informed OCOG that the Governor has elected to send our area \$7.6 million dollars of Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) dollars and through reallocation a little over \$10 million, making the total a little over \$18 million dollars coming to our area. Kevin went over types of projects that have been submitted from Monroe, West Monroe and Ouachita Parish. Hazard Mitigation Projects that have been submitted for funding were discussed.

Kevin finished the presentation by thanking OCOG and Tom Malmay for their hard work through this process. Mayor Mayo also thanked everyone for their hard work, dedication and commitment through this process.

A motion was made by Scotty Robinson and seconded by Juanita Woods to accept the Budget to Actual report. 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.



# OUACHITA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

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West Monroe

Ouachita Parish

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COUNCIL CHAMBERS

OCTOBER 22, 2018  
12 NOON

**AMENDED**

## AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

APPROVAL OF PRIOR MEETING MINUTES

*Action Item*

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

*Action Item*

5310/5311 TRANSIT APPLICATIONS - OUACHITA COUNCIL ON AGING

*Action Item*

LONG TERM RECOVERY EXECUTIVE BOARD - *Power pt. Presentation*

*Havin Crosby  
Tom Maloney*

BUDGET TO ACTUAL REPORT

*Action Item*

ADJOURNMENT

Report from the Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness

**SEPTEMBER****Billed  
through  
15-Sep**

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Expended</u>	<u>%</u>
Local	35,613		0.00%
FTA	66,396	16,653	25.08%
FHWY	271,685	46,381	17.07%
Safety	<u>196,394</u>	<u>43,724</u>	22.26%
	570,088	106,759	18.73%

**18.73% COMPLETE**

October 19, 2018

Submitted To: Ouachita Council of Governments (OCOG)

From: Ouachita Parish Long-Term Recovery Steering Committee Report

Reference: Steering Committee Report

### 1.0 Overview:

The final edits to the first edition of the Ouachita Parish Resiliency Strategy have been made. We anticipate additional feedback and suggestions. It will be presented to OCOG October 22, 2018. The Ouachita Strong website is now under development.

#### Next Steps:

- A. October 22, 2018 - Present the Resiliency Strategy to OCOG
- B. November 26, 2018 - Receive endorsement by OCOG
- C. December 31, 2018 – Complete presentations to City of Monroe, City of West Monroe, Ouachita Parish Police Jury.
- D. Upon approval the Ouachita Steering Committee will convene a meeting to communicate to the Recovery Support Functions the process for project submission. Selected projects will become part of the Ouachita Resiliency Strategy.

### 2.0 Partnership Development Opportunities

2.1 In support of the Ouachita Resiliency Strategy a number of partnership development activities are underway. They include the insurance, financial and real estate sectors.

2.2 Watershed Partnership - We conducted Outreach and partnership meetings with the parishes in our watersheds. We defined partnership as advocacy, dialogue and coordination. We also talked about promoting one another's community events. There were told our elected official would be glad to meet with them to discuss flooding and economic development. - Completed

See attached documentation

2.3 Watershed Council Technical Meeting – This meeting was successful. More insight into current thinking was provided.  
- Completed

2.4 Senator Cassidy 2018 Delta Region Economic Development Conference November 1, 2018 at the Delta Community College.

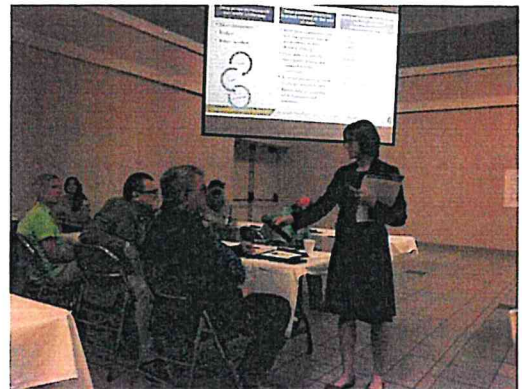


Exhibit A

Steering Committee Members

Ouachita Parish Long-Term Recovery Steering Committee Members  
May 29, 2018

**Ouachita Parish Police Jury:**

Karen Cupit  
Kevin Crosby

**Monroe City:**

Kim Golden  
Jimmie Bryant

**West Monroe City:**

Courtney Hornsby  
Robbie George

**Ouachita Parish Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness**

Neal Brown

**North Delta Regional Planning**

David Creed (Doug Mitchell attends for continuity)

*Tom Malmay, Recovery Manager and Tracy Hilburn, Tensas Basin Levee District attend the Steering Committee Meetings. They are not members.*

Exhibit B  
Organizational Chart

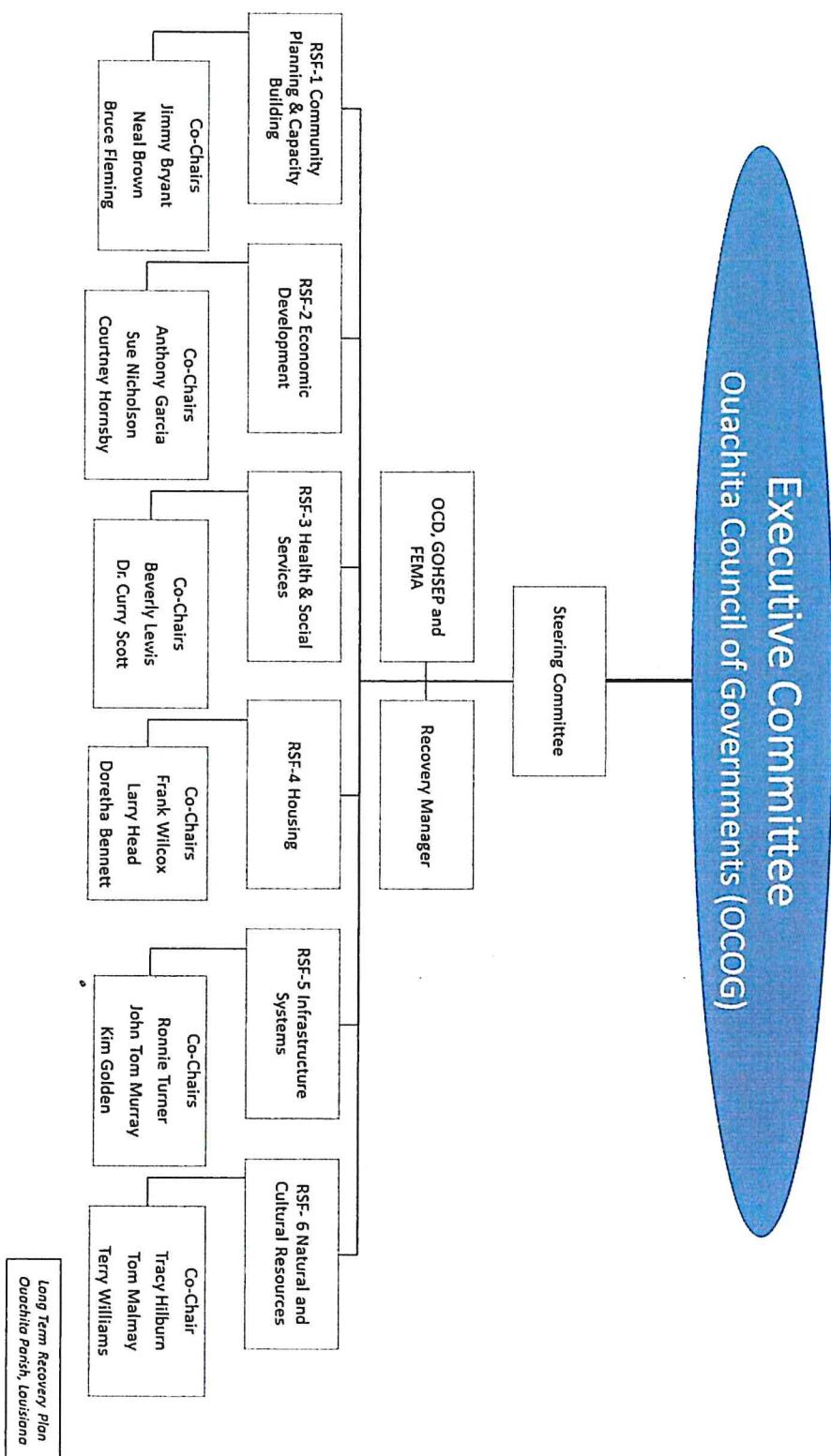




Exhibit C  
Watershed Outreach and Watershed Reports

Catahoula Parish Police Jury  
Partnership and Outreach  
October 9, 2018

Summary:

Last evening I spoke at the Catahoula Parish Police Jury meeting. The purpose of my presentation was to extend an offer of partnership. I told the Ouachita Strong story, talked about partnership and the importance of the Governor's Executive Order JBE 2018-16 Louisiana Watershed-Based Floodplain Management Coordination. See Exhibit A Tom's Talking Points. The Catahoula Police Jury members, Homeland Security Director, media and the public all engaged. Before it was over Congressional Candidate Jessee Fleenor joined the conversation. As the discussions came to close I said I needed to report back to officials in Ouachita their interest. I received a positive response. I said I would report back **"Catahoula Rising."**

Ouachita Elected Officials:

I encouraged them to reach out to our elected officials. I named Mayor Jamie Mayo, Mayor Staci Albritton Mitchell and Police Jury President Scotty Robinson a couple of times stating their focus on resiliency, flood mitigation and economic development. I stated their desire for partnerships and how Governor's Edwards actions were helping all of us. I suggested that think about a gathering in Catahoula and invite our elected officials to talk about flooding, economics and all the interest we share with the River Parishes. There was a very positive response to this suggestion.

Post Meeting Interview:

- I joined the Homeland Security Director for an interview with the Catahoula News Booster. We went into a little more detail about resiliency and partnership (advocacy, dialogue and coordination).
- I sent a note to Pat Forbes, Office of Community Development to let him know he might be ask for an interview. I also told him what a positive meeting this was.

Take Away:

- Ouachita leaders can count on Catahoula as a partner.
- I stated more than once the need to advocate for each other.
- The Catahoula News Booster plays a big role in promoting Catahoula events. There is a desire to engage with Ouachita Parish on doing more promotion of Monroe and West Monroe events in the River Parishes and promoting River Parish events in Ouachita. I spoke at length about the work Sue Nicholson and Courtney Hornsby have done in our community. I stated the framework to do that was in place.
- They enjoyed the story about how our elected official put our engineers together to develop solutions.

Next Steps:

- Catahoula will be represented at the October 16<sup>th</sup> meeting in West Monroe.
- We have competed similar discussions with Caldwell they will attend the October 16<sup>th</sup> meeting also.



October 5, 2018

Mr. Dale Powell  
Director Caldwell Parish OHSEP  
P.O. Box 1701  
Columbia, La. 71418

Re: Caldwell – Ouachita Partnership Meeting

Dear Dale:

I enjoyed our meeting this morning. We all agreed on the mutual benefits of a partnership to reduce flood risks. Attending were Dale Powell, Ricky Hart, Dean Hart, Denita Temple and Tom Malmay.

Discussions:

1. Governor's Executive Order on Watershed-Based Floodplain Management
2. Risk reduction activities in Ouachita
3. Risk reduction activities in Caldwell Parish
4. Benefits of a partnership (advocacy, dialogue, coordination)

Following item four we discussed a wide range of issues. Some of the comments from your team about the Lafourche Canal and Boeuf River I have heard in Ouachita discussions. I will brief our engineering group on the projects you are developing that will benefit Ouachita Parish. I really appreciate you sharing this information. This openness is what we were hoping for. We will reciprocate.

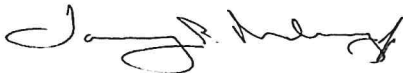
Materials:

Copy of the Governors Executive Order on Watershed-Based Floodplain Management Coordination.

Next Step:

You will meet the Ouachita Strong group October 16<sup>th</sup>.

Sincerely,



Tom Malmay  
Recovery Manager, Ouachita Parish

Cc: Ouachita Strong

October 12, 2018

Mr. Dale Powell  
Director Caldwell Parish OHSEP  
P.O. Box 1701  
Columbia, La. 71418


Re: Caldwell Parish Drainage Projects – Wish list

Dear Dale:

I received the list of drainage projects for Caldwell Parish yesterday. I forwarded the list to our engineering group. I will keep you posted. I attended the Catahoula Parish Police Jury meeting earlier this week with Ellis to talk about partnership. It went well. I am encouraging all communities to engage the public on resiliency, flood mitigation and economic development.

The fourteenth anniversary of the 2004 November Tornado is coming up. When I recall that storm I remember the kid that was picked up and carried across the field. I also remember how you guys responded and took care of your people.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tom Malmay", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Tom Malmay  
Recovery Manager, Ouachita Parish

Cc: Ouachita Strong  
Joe Stewart, Region 8 Coordinator

October 7, 2018

Mr. Jake Halley, Secretary Treasure  
Board of Commissioners  
Bayou D'Arbonne Lake Watershed District  
P.O. Box 696  
Farmerville, LA 71241

Re: Bayou D' Arbonne Watershed District – Partnership Discussion

Dear Jake:

Thank you for making time to talk today. Below are some points we discussed. I meant to tell you the river parishes remember our 2003 - 2004 community exercise projects. It's hard to believe so much time has passed. Patti and Dale send their regards.

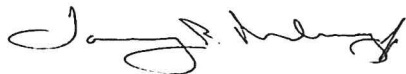
Discussions:

5. The Governor's Executive Order on Watershed-Based Floodplain Management has been well received.
6. Ouachita Strong Public Meetings – A Ouachita Parish citizen expressed concern about water from the lake (Union Parish) causing more flooding in Ouachita during the 2016 Flood. Our engineers have told us we need to educate the people on how the water moves.
7. The need for technical discussions (engineering) was identified for Ouachita and Caldwell Parishes.
8. Risk reduction activities in Ouachita
9. Benefits of a partnership (advocacy, dialogue, coordination)

Next Steps:

- I will send you the URL to the Governor's Executive Order and invitation to October 16<sup>th</sup> Watershed Management Council Technical meeting.

Sincerely,



Tom Malmay  
Recovery Manager, Ouachita Parish

Cc: Ouachita Strong

October 10, 2018

Mr. Mitch Reynolds, Director  
Franklin Parish OHSEP  
6550 Main St,  
Winnsboro, LA 71295

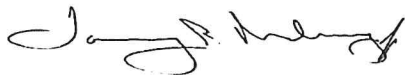
Re: Watershed – Partnership Discussion

Dear Mitch:

Thank you for your time this morning. I appreciate your interest in the partnership we discussed. We both agreed to more communications about a mutually beneficial partnership. There is a real opportunity for all of us to reduce our flood risks. We would like to have Franklin Parish as a partner. Look forward to seeing you on October 16<sup>th</sup>.

Thank you Mitch.

Sincerely,



Tom Malmay  
Recovery Manager, Ouachita Parish

Cc: Ouachita Strong

Prepared by: Tom Malmay

Approved by the Steering Committee at meeting on \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: October 22, 2018

ROLL CALL

MEMBERS	PHONE #	EMAIL	PRESENT	ABSENT
Mayor James Mayor	318-329-2310	<a href="mailto:barbara.roethlisberger@ci.monroe.la.us">barbara.roethlisberger@ci.monroe.la.us</a>	✓	
Mayor Staci Mitchell	318-396-2600	<a href="mailto:smitchell@westmonroe.la.gov">smitchell@westmonroe.la.gov</a>	✓	
Mr. Thom Hamilton	318-235-5998	<a href="mailto:thomhamiltonemail@gmail.com">thomhamiltonemail@gmail.com</a>	✓	
Mr. Scotty Robinson	318-355-4260	<a href="mailto:srobinson@oppj.org">srobinson@oppj.org</a>	✓	
Mr. Jack Clampit	318-366-4199	<a href="mailto:catfishjack@hotmail.com">catfishjack@hotmail.com</a>		✓
Ms. Juanita Woods	404-216-3138	<a href="mailto:juanita.woods@ci.monroe.la.us">juanita.woods@ci.monroe.la.us</a>	✓	

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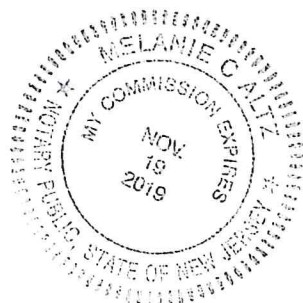
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