

Greater Ouachita Port Commission Minutes
January 8, 2014
Monroe Chamber of Commerce

Commissioners Present: Ricky Guillot, Terri Odom, James Lee, Bobby Manning

Commissioners Absent: James Jones, Roland Charles and Matt Sanderson

Guests: Josh Hays, Lazenby & Associates, Paul Trichel, Ouachita Terminals, and Sue Nicholson, Monroe Chamber of Commerce

Call to Order

Chairman Ricky Guillot called the meeting to order and gave an invocation. The December 11, 2013 minutes were approved with one correction. The amount of the low bid for the exterior rail project was \$2,929,329.89 awarded to Amethyst Construction. Commissioner Manning moved that the minutes be approved as corrected. Seconded by Commissioner Lee. Motion passed.

Financial Report

Treasurer Terri Odom gave the financial report for January 8. The balances in the various GOPC accounts is as follows:

GOA	\$107,210.22
FTA	\$1,649.29
PPA	\$139.45
EDI HUD	\$100.00
OEDC-Land Corp	\$62,618.68
Twin Cities	\$62,670.98
Facility Planning	\$99.73
DRA	-0-
EDA	\$99.79
FRA	\$100.00

Commissioner Manning made the motion to approve the financial report. Commissioner Lee seconded. Motion passed.

Construction Report

Josh Hays reported that there was a small glitch with the FRA ACH transfer, but it has been resolved. The cold wet weather and the holidays slowed the project. Primarily they just cleared and grubbed the area. They cleared trees and cleaned culverts and are waiting for the site to dry before they proceed.

Josh presented two bills: one for \$17,693.75 to Amethyst and one \$3,575.00 to Lazenby and Associates for engineering. Commissioner Lee moved that the GOPC authorize Terri Odom to pay the two bills. Commissioner Manning seconded. Motion passed.

Operations Report

Paul Trichel with Ouachita Terminals said that year end traffic slows and they have seen that at the port. He will be attending a Louisiana Port Authority meeting and will get more information on the tax credits for ports in Louisiana. They should be close to pinning everything down as the new rules are expected to be implemented on March 1, 2014.

Adjournment

The GOPC will meet again at noon on February 5, 2014 at the Monroe Chamber of Commerce. There being no further business, the GOPC adjourned.

Greater Ouachita Port Commission Minutes
February 5, 2014
Monroe Chamber of Commerce

Commissioners Present: Ricky Guillot, James Lee and Bobby Manning

Commissioners Absent: Matt Sanderson, James Jones, Roland Charles and Terri Odom

Guests: Josh Hays, Lazenby & Associates, Paul Trichel, Ouachita Terminals, Lori Reneau, Monroe Chamber of Commerce and Zachary Parker, Ouachita Citizen

Call to Order

Chairman Ricky Guillot called the meeting to order and gave an invocation. The January 8th, 2014 minutes were review with no questions or concerns. The approval of the minutes was deferred until the meeting due to a quorum not being present.

Financial Report

Chairman Ricky Guillot reviewed the financial report with no questions or concerns from the group. The approval of the February 5th, 2014 financial report was deferred until the next meeting due to a quorum not being present.

Commissioner Lee stated that Michael Dickerson indicated that Mr. Lee did not have to sign checks under \$1,000.00. The group decided to continue the current process of two signatures on checks.

Construction Report

Josh Hays reported that he had a resolution that needed to be signed for an Industry Track Agreement with Kansas City Southern Railroad. Josh said he would send the resolution out to the group for review.

Josh reported that a decent amount of work had been done before the recent rain. A catch basin, pipe and dirt work had been done before the rainy weather. The tentative completion date is mid-summer.

Josh presented two pay requests: one for \$171,104.74 to Amethyst and one for \$15,357.50 to Lazenby and Associates. Josh reviewed the requests after the meeting with Commissioner Lee.

Operations Report

Paul Trichel with Ouachita Terminals said that rock had been coming in for several weeks. Commissioner Lee asked about pellet operations coming to the Port. Paul said it was not possible because the product is handled too much before it reaches the Port and causes it to break down.

Adjournment

The GOPC will meet again at noon on _____ at the Monroe Chamber of Commerce. There being no further business, the GOPC adjourned.

Greater Ouachita Port Commission Minutes
March 12th, 2014
Monroe Chamber of Commerce

Commissioners Present: Ricky Guillot, James Lee, Terri Odom and James Jones

Commissioners Absent: Matt Sanderson, Bobby Manning and Roland Jones

Guests: Josh Hays, Lazenby & Associates, Paul Trichel, Ouachita Terminals and Lori Reneau, Monroe Chamber of Commerce

Call to Order

Chairman Ricky Guillot called the meeting to order and gave an invocation. The February 5th, 2014 minutes were reviewed with no questions or concerns. Commissioner Jones moved that the minutes be approved as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Lee. Motion passed.

Note: The January minutes will need to be approved at the April meeting due to a quorum not being present at the February 5th meeting.

Financial Report

Treasurer Terri Odom gave the financial report for March 12. The balance in the various GOPC accounts is as follows:

GOA	\$109,123.59
FTA	\$1,649.29
PPA	\$139.45
EDI HUD	\$100.00
OEDC-Land Corp	\$130,621.05
Twin Cities	\$130,673.36
Facility Planning	\$5,685.72
EDA	\$16,907.79
FRA	-0-

Commissioner Lee made the motion to approve the financial report subject to changes noted in the meeting. Commissioner Jones seconded. Motion passed.

Note: The January financials will need to be approved at the April meeting due to a quorum not being present at the February 5th meeting.

Construction Report

Josh Hays reported the project is going faster and has been broken into two parts. Josh presented a pay request for \$281,386.22 to Amethyst and an invoice for \$18,910.00 to Lazenby and Associates. The construction committee, Chairman Guillot and Commissioner Odom approved the payment of the checks. Josh reported that they are working on the Industry Track Agreement

with Kansas City Southern Railroad. Josh reported that he has a few questions about the cost of the deposits on the switches. Josh advised that he is discussing the issues with Terry and Steve North. Josh advised he has a proposed price that is \$50K less than the current proposal.

Operations Report

Paul Trichel with Ouachita Terminals said Graphic Packaging has had power outages due to the weather and they are playing catch up at this time.

Other

Commissioner Odom reported that the Jindal Administration is requiring the GOP to post all notices, minutes and audits on the internet. The GOP also needs to provide a list of dates that the GOP members were appointed.

Adjournment

The GOPC will meet again at noon on April 2nd at the Monroe Chamber of Commerce. There being no further business, the GOPC adjourned.