

Capital Area Road and Bridge District  
Minutes from Meeting of the District on April 9, 2019

Commissioners present: Dr. Eric Kalivoda (for Dr. Shawn Wilson, DOTD), J. H. Campbell, Jr. (Governor's Appointee), President Kenny Matassa (Ascension Parish, arrived at 1:08PM), Mayor-President Sharon Weston Broome (East Baton Rouge), President Mitchell Ourso (Iberville Parish), Sam Digirolamo (for President Layton Ricks, Livingston Parish), President Riley Berthelot (West Baton Rouge Parish).

Commissioners absent: none

1. Interim Chairman designee Dr. Kalivoda called the meeting to order at 1:02PM on April 9, 2019 in room 136-C of the Claiborne Building.
2. Dr. Kalivoda opened the floor for nominations to elect a Chairperson:
  - a. President Berthelot nominated J. H. Campbell, Jr., as Chairman, seconded by Mayor-President Broome
  - b. Unanimous vote to elect J. H. Campbell, Jr. as Chairman of the District
3. Mr. Campbell opened the floor for nominations to elect a Secretary, noting that Dr. Wilson had indicated willingness to serve in this capacity:
  - a. President Berthelot nominated Dr. Shawn Wilson as Secretary, seconded by President Mitchell Ourso
  - b. Unanimous vote to elect Dr. Wilson Secretary of the District
4. Mr. Campbell opened the floor to consideration of the proposed Rules of Procedure
  - a. Dr. Kalivoda moved to adopt the proposed Rules of Procedure, seconded by Mayor-President Broome.
  - b. Unanimous vote to adopt the proposed Rules of Procedure
5. Mr. Campbell opened the floor to a discussion regarding naming a designee for each Commissioner who would be vested with that Commissioner's voting power should he or she be unable to attend a meeting of the District. Mr. Campbell requested that each Commissioner provide the name of their designee to the Chairman at their earliest convenience.
6. Mr. Campbell opened the floor to consideration of Resolution 2019-1, requesting that appropriate staff from the Parishes represented in the District and from the DOTD work collaboratively to draft an RFQ for a consultant to serve as staff or project manager for the District and to gather information and conduct the necessary studies and approvals required to prepare the District to build the new South Mississippi River Bridge and its connectors.
  - a. President Berthelot made a motion to adopt the resolution, seconded by Mr. Digirolamo.
  - b. Unanimous vote to adopt the resolution.
7. Mr. Campbell opened the floor to a discussion about funding the work of the consultant who would be employed by the District pursuant to Resolution 2019-1.
  - a. President Berthelot asked what the cost would be for the consultant/work
    - i. Mr. Campbell replied that making that determination should be part of the work of the group coming together to write the RFQ.
  - b. Dr. Kalivoda noted that an informal group, including representatives from most of the parishes and DOTD had been meeting relatively regularly about the Bridge and could continue to do so, serving this purpose.

- i. Mr. Campbell asked that this group be formalized as a Committee of this District and requested that a representative of CRISIS act as its coordinator to convene that group soon, and on going forward, to ensure progress on the drafting of the RFQ.
  - c. The Parish Presidents noted their designees or appointees to this group:
    - i. President Ourso: Tim Johnson and/or Hank Grace
    - ii. Mayor-President Broome: Fred Raiford, and possibly another addition
    - iii. President Berthelot: Kevin Durbin
    - iv. President Matassa: William Daniel and likely another addition
    - v. Mr. Digirolamo noted that he would likely serve for Livingston Parish, but he would confirm with President Ricks
  - d. Mr. Campbell noted that he had listed a few items that he would like to see included as expectations or objectives of the Project Manager. He also provided copies of the list of five items to each Parish President but made it clear that said list did not cover all expectations or objectives of the desired Project Manager.:
    - i. See copy of the list attached hereto and made a part hereof
  - e. President Berthlot asked if Mr. Jamie Setze from the Capital Region Planning Commission (CRPC) had been and would continue to be included in the working group
    - i. Dr. Kalivoda replied that he had been, and would continue to be, included
8. Mr. Campbell opened the floor for consideration of an item to give him authority to take action between meetings to move forward those items upon which the District had voted
- a. Mayor-President Broome noted that in addition to a budget, she would like to see a timeline to keep the District apprised of progress
    - i. Mr. Campbell noted that he expected it would take 30 to 60 days for an RFQ to be drafted by the Committee referenced above. He also noted that the District could meet before then to hear and discuss the items listed in the agenda under new business (listed below) and that he would work on securing a next meeting date for the District very soon.
      - 1. A presentation by the Association for Improvement of American Infrastructure (AIAI) to fully explain and share information about the way in which a public-private partnership might work, and to share what CARB-D might expect and what experiences other groups have witnessed including best practices and missteps.
      - 2. A presentation by DOTD about its experiences and lessons learned with the public-private partnership involved with the Belle Chase project.
      - 3. A presentation/overview to CARB-D on each of those studies that have been done in the past, and how the elements of each will or will not contribute to the project and the development of a new bridge.
    - b. Dr. Kalivoda stated that the District must decide whether the Bridge and connectors would be a full freeway or a conventional highway
    - c. Mr. Campbell asked if enough information was available now to make that determination.

- d. Dr. Kalivoda replied there was not.
  - e. Mr. Campbell stated that such information and that determination should be gathered pursuant to the RFQ.
  - f. President Berthelot asked what the cost difference was between the two.
  - g. Dr. Kalivoda noted that the DOTD and the CRPC were studying this matter. He stated that a freeway would have greater environmental impacts, result in more cost, but that it would also attract more traffic. He noted that DOTD and CRPC should have this information available in May, with a rough cost estimate.
  - h. Mr. Campbell noted that DOTD and CRPC could present this information to the District in May.
  - i. Motion by President Berthelot, seconded by Mayor-President Broome to authorize the Chairman to take appropriate actions between meetings of the District to ensure that all above resolutions and/or actions are executed or are remaining on schedule.
  - j. President Ourso asked how a budget would be developed for the services within the Resolution 2019-01, asking if it would be based on population, an equal share per parish, pro-rata, or something else. He stated he would like to know more about what would happen should one of the Commissioners choose not to participate in the District and how a shared budget would be derived.
  - k. Dr. Kalivoda asked for clarification on what it would mean for the Chairman to take action between meetings, noting that DOTD serves the whole state and must balance the needs of all areas of the state in so doing
  - l. Mr. Campbell stated that he would like to work between meetings on what was approved as actionable during this meeting, so in this particular case, it would authorize the Chairman to ensure a timely execution of the Resolution 2019-01..
  - m. ???
  - n. Senator Ward was recognized by Mr. Campbell and was permitted to address the District, noting that while there was no funding that came along with the legislation creating the District, that he and others were working this legislative session to dedicate some funding to and for the District. He stated that he hoped that until that money came available, that the Parish Presidents of the parishes represented in the District would provide some temporary funding.
  - o. Vote on the authority provided to the Chairman was unanimous.
9. New business
- a. Mr. Campbell noted that he was honored to be appointed to the District and that he hopes to represent all citizens within the District
  - b. Dr. Kalivoda noted that since the adopted Rules of Procedure call for a Vice Chair, that he would like to nominate Mayor-President Broome, as the Vice-Chair.
    - i. President Berthelot seconded the nomination.
    - ii. Mayor-President Broome was elected unanimously to serve as Vice Chairperson
10. Public Comment
- a. Wilfred Barry asked a question about public notice and how it would be provided in the future.
    - i. Mr. Campbell stated that the District is subject to open meetings laws and would hope to provide longer notice than what is required by law in the future

- ii. Mr. Nial Patel noted that a website was being developed for the District, which would also be a place to host notices.
- iii. Mayor-President Broome stated that the Parish Presidents could also post notices, etc., on their parish websites.
  - b. There was no other public comment.

11. Adjournment

- a. Mayor-President Broome moved to adjourn, Dr. Kalivoda seconded the motion.  
Approved unanimously.
- b. Meeting adjourned at 1:40 p.m.