MINUTES OF THE RIVER PARISHES TRANSIT AUTHORITY FISCAL YEAR 2014 BUDGET HEARING December 11, 2013

The Vice-Chairman, Helen Banquer, called the meeting to order at approximately 10:10 A.M. on Wednesday, December 11, 2013 at the St. John the Baptist Parish Council Chambers, LaPlace LA.

Members present were, H. Banquer, C. Faucheux, R. LeBlanc, M. Octave, R. Drexel, and, R. Vincent, thus achieving a quorum. B. Petit was absent. Also present were Robert Collins (Veolia), Allison DeJong (GCR, Inc), Tyler Antrup (GCR, Inc), and, Stacy VanSickle (Solutient).

- H. Banquer opened the meeting for the public Fiscal Year 2014 Budget Hearing. T. Antrup reviewed the proposed budget that was presented by GCR at the November Board Meeting. T. Antrup noted differences under the federal income sections 5309 & 5307, which decreased from FY 2013 due to an increased amount of grants available that year. He also noted the farebox revenue of \$43,000 was based upon the 2013 estimates that included Saturday service for the entire fiscal year. The actual revenue will be lower due to the late start of the Saturday service program. He stated that the 5307 ARRA grant listed under Capital Funds was now closed and will not be receiving funding in 2014. Administrative expenses have increased due to the change of professional service contracts from South Central to Solutient and there was an \$800.00 line item increase for the annual audit contract with Stagni & Co.
- H. Banquer asked if there were any questions or comments. R. Drexel asked about the ARRA funds and T. Antrup replied that ARRA stands for the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act from 2009 and was a one-time allocation.
- H. Banquer asked if there were any public questions or comments. None were received.
- H. Banquer asked for approval of the 2014 Budget Resolution. C. Faucheux noted that a date listed in the resolution referred to fiscal year 2013 instead of 2014.

It was moved by C. Faucheux, seconded by R. Vincent to approve the 2014 Budget Resolution. Motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by C. Faucheux, seconded by M. Octave to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

Having no more business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 10:15 AM.

Brent Petit, Chairperson

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