

**MINUTES OF THE RIVER PARISHES TRANSIT AUTHORITY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

April 12, 2012

The Chairperson, B. Petit called the regular meeting to order at approximately 3:00 p.m. on Thursday April 12, 2012 at the St. John the Baptist Parish Council Meeting Room, LaPlace LA.

Members present were, B. Petit, M. Octave, A. Harper, H. Banquer, C. Fauchaux and R. Vincent, thus achieving a quorum. Also present were Leo Marretta (SCPDC), Garrick Rose (SCPDC) and Aislinn Costello (Veolia).

It was moved by H. Banquer, seconded by A. Harper to approve the minutes of the December 27, 2011 meeting. Motion carried.

B. Petit read aloud the bills due for payment approval. Discussion ensued and it was moved by C. Fauchaux, seconded by A. Harper to approve the December 2011 through April 11, 2012 financial reports and payment approvals. Motion carried.

G. Rose announced that he has accepted an offer of employment from Veolia and will start with them on Monday April 16, 2012. In his new position he will be working under Veolia's contract to provide operations for the RPTA. L. Marretta then announced that, in light of this new development, he will be taking on responsibility for the tasks that G. Rose currently and before him M. Cazaubon formerly provided to the Board under their existing contract with SCPDC. G. Rose reported that the FTA had been made aware and confirmed that they were on board with these changes as well.

G. Rose led the Board through a point by point review of the Triennial Review Report Findings and Corrective Actions, inclusive of a description of the status of each grant and what we need to do in terms of procurement corrective actions prior to expending funds. A. Costello reviewed the status of the Corrective Actions that fall under the operations side. To close out this section of the agenda G. Rose presented the Board with the FTA's "Best Improved Ridership Award" for the past year.

A. Costello gave the transit operator's report. A total of 1,739 riders were transported in the month of March 2012, which is an average of 79.05 passengers a day. It was reported that preventable accident, that is not included in the report handed out today because it was so recent, occurred on Tuesday April 10, 2012 in Garyville, damaging a home's electrical line. The damage has been repaired and the home owners are satisfied. Current rider requests were relayed to Board, however none resulted in a change to service. A. Costello then announced that as G. Rose transitions into the General Manager of Operations position for Veolia she will begin working in Orleans and Jefferson Parishes for Veolia and ultimately be moving North to be closer to home.

It was moved by C. Fauchaux, seconded by H. Banquer that the RPTA re-join the St John Business Association. Motion carried. There was discussion regarding formalizing an outreach and marketing plan.

A "Board Proclamation" was proposed to show our appreciation and thank Cindi Clarke and Faye Washington for their service to the RPTA during their tenure on the Board.

It was moved by B. Petit, seconded by A. Harper to adjourn. Motion carried.



Brent Petit, Chairperson

7/20/12
Date