

Meeting Minutes / Wednesday

July 9, 2025

Chair Buz Craft called the meeting to order 3:00p.m. Ashley Skipper did the roll call.

Board Members:

Becky Brown – Senate 34 (Katrina Jackson)

C.Travis Johnson -Rep 21

Doretha Cook – Rep 19

Carl Olds- Mayor of St. Joseph

Johnny Hughes -Madison Police Jury

Kendal Thompson- East Carroll Police Jury

Ashley Skipper – Town of Ferriday (Mayor)

Buz Craft – Mayor of Vidalia

Mike Strain- Commissioner

Steve Fleming- Concordia Parish Police Jury

Dave Wilson – Madison Police Jury

Robert James Lee- Village of Clayton Mayor

Brandon Davis – Tensas Police Jury

Ranata Johnson-Lake Providence Mayor

Pat Whitty- Louisiana Economic Development

Quorum was established and prayer was led by Chair Buz Craft then followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comments none at this time.

The motion was made Kendall Thompson East Carroll police Juror and second by Lake Providence Mayor Ranata Johnson.

VI. Q5 Financials

Budget approval motion made by C. Travis Johnson State Rep and second by Becky Brown Senate 34.

VII. District Director's Report

I. Funding & Grant Updates

A. Safe Street Grants

Director Jimmy Jones gave updates about the grant also the grant amount is \$250,000.00.

B. U.S. DOT Thriving Communities

Scope and updates Director Jimmy Jones gave updates for this grant.

DOT kickoff During Sustainability Conference Director Jimmy Jones stated that the conference will be held in October.

C. Brownfields Grant

Grant Final Update Director Jimmy Jones stated that the Brownfields grant was unsuccessful at this time.

D. Delta Food Network System State Rep C. Travis Johnson gave an update from the 21st workforce development for the Delta food Network.

D. Future Grants

A.I Stem Grant the grant is due August 14,2025 with this grant there will be four school districts partnering East Carroll, Concordia, Lake Providence and Tensas.

Value Added Grant Director Jimmy Jones stated the grant will open up in October 2025.

DRA Grant the amount for the grant is 150,000 planning grant is to build a plant with DERSD.

E. Delta Bike Trail Commission

Engineer selected DERSD was awarded .

VII. Chairs Report

A. Legislative Update

B. Resolutions

Water Council Committee A motion was made by Lake Providence Ranata Johnson and second by State Rep. C. Travis Johnson.

Delta Stem & AI Institute MOU A motion was made by Concordia Parish Police Juror Steve Fleming and second by Ashley Skipper -Ferriday Mayor.

Removal of Chairman Davis from Bank account A motion was made by State Rep C. Travis Johnson and second by Tensas Brandon Davis. _

Resolution 25-07 A motion was made by State Rep. C. Travis Johnson and second by Clayton Mayor Robert Lee.

Motion made to adjourn by Madison Police Juror Johnny Hughes and second by Lake Providence Ranata Johnson _.