

Meeting Minutes/ Wednesday

October 9,2025

C. Travis Johnson called the meeting to order @ 3:10p.m. C. Travis Johnson did the roll call.

Board Members

Becky Brown -Senate 34(Katrina Jackson)

C. Travis Johnson -Rep 21

Doretha Cook- Rep 19

Frankie Robinson -Mayor of Newellton

Kendal Thompson- East Carroll Police Jury

Ashley Skipper-Ferriday,Mayor

Tron Mccoy- Mayor of Vidalia

Steve Fleming-Concordia Parish Police Jury

Johnny Hughes -Madison Police Jury

Robert James Lee, Village of Clayton Mayor

Jerry Hicks- Tallulah Mayor

Robert Clark -Tensas Police Jury

Quorum was established and prayer was led by Kendall Thompson then followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

There were no public comments made.

The approval was made for the last meeting.

**The motion was made by Tron McCoy -Vidalia and seconded by Johnny Hughes -Madison.
Unanimously approved.**

District Director's Report on Funding & Grants update was given by Dr. Jimmy Jones.

Safe Streets Grants update the grant is going good as of now.

U. S. DOT Thriving Communities

1. Update 55 thousand dollars grant, see Dr. Jones for more information they will be here on Nov 3-5,2025.

2. DOT Kickoff During Sustainability Conference See Dr. Jones will be held on Nov.3-5,2025.

U.S. DOT IFAC Grant Updates Dr.Jimmy Jones the Town of Ferriday applied the grant is 18 months. tourism, right-of-way.

EPA Water Resilience Grant Updates the grant is focus on workforce development 1-million-dollar grant has been submitted they will be 3 meetings a year -Delta water council met with Rural Water Association to discuss water certifications.

Brownfields Grant Update grant was submitted last year 1.2 million to help all 4 parishes, (Concordia , Tensas, Madison, East Carroll) which was unsuccessful, the grant can be resubmitted and apply again for the new grant for the amount of 1.5 million they will have 60 days to apply.

Delta Food Network System

- 1. 21st Century Workforce Development farmers are picked from 4 parish secured two (2) Hydroponic facilities 1. East Carroll 2. Waterproof.**

Delta Stem Academy works with Rochelle Kelly, and this has been approved by the 4 superintendents of the parishes listed with the Academy. They will focus on A.I., workforce development, job placement. Met with the Board for Meta for funding.

1. Four Parish Partnership

Concordia

Madison

Tensas

East Carroll

Delta bike Trail Commission kickoffs Dr. Jones gave an insight into the Bike Trail working with the 4 parishes, Concordia, East Carroll, Tensas, Madison. The grant amount is 500k the engineer has to come back to restructure the trail route.

Chair's Report

- 1. Legislative Update C. Travis Johnson stated as of now we have 5 Universities on board, and we are going to remove LS Ag and add LSU center for Energy the motion was made by Becky Brown and seconded by Frankie Robinson.***
- 2. Resolution 25-08/ Rural Sustainability Conference Title Sponsor motion made by Kendall Thompson and seconded by Ashley Skipper. Unanimously carried by all.***

Motion made to adjourn the meeting motion made by James Lee and seconded by Ashley Skipper.