

To Terrebonne Council on Aging, Inc.
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Thursday, October 19, 2023 – 12:00 Noon
995 West Tunnel Blvd., Houma, LA 70360

- I. Call to Order** – Chairman, Michael Boquet called the meeting to order @ 12:01.
- II. Invocation** – Kirby Verret
- III. Pledge of Allegiance** – Cyrus Pitre
- IV. Roll Call**

Present	Absent	Guests	Staff
Michael Boquet		Linda Rhodes	Michel Claudet
Jerome Boykin		Sidney Rhodes	Jada Ledet
Carla Chaisson		Paula Kane	Cherise Tabor
Kirby Verret		Angelia Bean	Randy Manning
Larry Daigle		Ronnie Filce	Kayla Dardar
Cyrus Pitre		Dorothy Bergeron	Brandie Breaux
Kurt Charpentier		Marsha Naquin	Natalie Breaux
Roland Aucoin			Jane Walker
Melvin Malbrough			Nancy Nobles
Dave Kane			Shantell Johnson
Jean LeBoeuf			Amanda Hebert

MINUTES

- 1. Public Comments (Limit 5 minutes per speaker)**

There were no public comments.

Roland Aucoin made the motion “To close Public Comments”. Seconded by Carla Chaisson.

Yeas: Michael Boquet, Jerome Boykin, Carla Chaisson, Kirby Verret, Larry Daigle, Cyrus Pitre, Kurt Charpentier, Roland Aucoin, Melvin Malbrough, Dave Kane, Jean LeBoeuf.

Nays: None

Absent: None

The Chairman declared the motion adopted.

- 2. Minutes, Committee Reports, Resolutions, and other items needing to be adopted.**
 - a. Adopt the Minutes of Board of Directors Meeting on September 21, 2023.**

Carla Chaisson made the motion “To Adopt the Minutes of Board of Directors Meeting on September 21, 2023”. Seconded by Jean LeBoeuf.

Yeas: Michael Boquet, Jerome Boykin, Carla Chaisson, Kirby Verret, Larry Daigle, Cyrus Pitre, Kurt Charpentier, Roland Aucoin, Melvin Malbrough, Dave Kane, Jean LeBoeuf.

Nays: None

Absent: None

The Chairman declared the motion adopted.

3. Written introduction/definition of the proposed changes, as well as explanation of why the TCOA By-Laws need to be amended.

Jane Walker explained this is step three in changing the By-Laws. She explained the proposed changes is the description of the district. These changes will be voted on next Board meeting in November.

4. Cost of living raises.

a. Pay Scale Revision

Brandie Breaux stated the Federal Government announced the Social Security COLA rate increase for this year came in at 3.2%. She explains that this would approve the employee COLA raises at 3.2% effective October 14, 2023. She also, stated that the Pay Scale was revised according to the COLA raises.

Roland Aucoin made the motion “To approve COLA rate increase at 3.2% for employees effective October 14, 2023 and approve the amended pay scale”.

Seconded by Larry Daigle.

Yeas: Michael Boquet, Jerome Boykin, Carla Chaisson, Kirby Verret, Larry Daigle, Cyrus Pitre, Kurt Charpentier, Roland Aucoin, Melvin Malbrough, Dave Kane, Jean LeBoeuf.

Nays: None

Absent: None

The Chairman declared the motion adopted.

5. Discussion of Elderly Housing.

Michel Claudet explained he and Melvin Malbrough have been researching properties for Elderly Housing in Terrebonne Parish. Even though there is some funding coming out it doesn't have the subsidies needed for the elderly. Talked with Kelly Cunningham, Head of Housing and Human Services for the Elderly for the parish, she suggested funding certain items through her office such as section eight vouchers. Waiting to hear from Kelly on what it would take if TCOA would want to do that.

6. Discussion concerning Montegut Senior Center.

a. Appraisal

b. Upgrades

Michel Claudet stated the appraisal came in from Charles Butts for the Montegut Lions Club. He explained about the different comparables that were used, and how he didn't necessarily agree with them. The total appraisal cost came in at \$217,200.00. The Lions Club asking price is \$200,000.00 along with the right of first refusal to buy and keeping the name "The Neal Ransonet Center" and a number of other things. Mr. Michel explained that he thought that they would deduct the \$41,000 that was given to the Lions Club from TCOA to repair the building after the storm, but that was not what they wanted and he didn't do any real negotiating at the time because he didn't have any authorization. He stated TCOA had three options, 1) TCOA could accept the proposal, 2) counter the proposal, or 3) look for another location. He also explained the upgrades that would have to be done on the building before moving in at an estimated cost of \$82,500.00.

Melvin Malbrough made the motion "To counter offer \$175,000.00 and give Michel Claudet the authorization to move forward to purchase if the offer is approved".

Seconded by Dave Kane.

Yeas: Michael Boquet, Jerome Boykin, Carla Chaisson, Kirby Verret, Larry Daigle, Cyrus Pitre, Kurt Charpentier, Roland Aucoin, Melvin Malbrough, Dave Kane, Jean LeBoeuf.

Nays: None

Absent: None

The Chairman declared the motion adopted.

7. Discussion concerning Driver Training.

Kayla Dardar explained that they had Mr. Michael Lotts, (used to be with CCAA) is now an independent trainer, come in and taught a wheel chair securement class to all the drivers, everyone who has a potential to be behind the wheel or dealing with any wheel chair passengers. The class was very successful, with lots of feedback from the drivers and lots of questions.

8. Discussion concerning buses.

Kayla Dardar stated that we have finally received three new buses from DOTD last week. The buses should be ready for the road next week.

9. Discussion concerning Belfor claim.

a. Demand for Payment

b. Overcharges

c. Contract

Michel Claudet explained TCOA received a Demand for Payment letter from Baker Donelson Law firm for \$2,928,219.07. He explained that he has been in contact with Stan Duval with the Duval Law Firm who is working with April Trahan who has experience working with these issues. Michel explained all the overcharges that April Trahan and Stan Duval thinks are excessive. Michel stated that Stan Duval and April

Trahan recommends filing an "Unfair Trade Practice" with the Attorney General. They also recommend not suing the insurance company like Belfor suggested, so it's not removed to New York City. They suggest to let Belfor sue TCOA, then in the same suit, TCOA sues the insurance company so hopefully it would be handled local. Michel also said he would stay at TCOA until the issue with Belfor is resolved.

Kurt Charpentier made the motion "to approve giving Mr. Michel authorization settle the claim up to \$1,000,000.00". Seconded by Carla Chaisson.

Yeas: Michael Boquet, Jerome Boykin, Carla Chaisson, Kirby Verret, Larry Daigle, Cyrus Pitre, Kurt Charpentier, Roland Aucoin, Melvin Malbrough, Dave Kane, Jean LeBoeuf.

Nays: None

Absent: None

The Chairman declared the motion adopted.

10. Discussion concerning replacement of Executive Director.

a. amended Executive Director's job description.

Kurt Charpentier made the motion "to approve the amended Executive Director's job description". Seconded by Melvin Malbrough.

Yeas: Michael Boquet, Jerome Boykin, Carla Chaisson, Kirby Verret, Larry Daigle, Cyrus Pitre, Kurt Charpentier, Roland Aucoin, Melvin Malbrough, Dave Kane, Jean LeBoeuf.

Nays: None

Absent: None

The Chairman declared the motion adopted.

11. Adjournment

Carla Chaisson made the motion "to Adjourn". Seconded by Jerome Boykin.

Yeas: Michael Boquet, Jerome Boykin, Carla Chaisson, Kirby Verret, Larry Daigle, Cyrus Pitre, Kurt Charpentier, Roland Aucoin, Melvin Malbrough, Dave Kane, Jean LeBoeuf.

Nays: None

Absent: None

The Chairman declared the motion adopted.



CARLA CHAISSON - SECRETARY

11-16-23

DATE