

MINUTES OF MEETING
GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE (GAC)
Ouachita Events Building, Ponce de Leon Center, 1101 Desoto Blvd.
Friday, July 6, 2018, 8:00 AM

ATTENDANCE

Committee Members Present

Pamela Avila
Michael Dollar
Jim Harlow
Bob Hebert
Greg Jones
Keith Keck
Lu Otto
David Whitlow
Jerry Yeric

Committee Members Absent

Richard Johnson
Curt Malone

Ex-Officio Members Present

Bob Shoemaker

Ex-Officio Members Absent

POA Liaisons

Tom Weiss, Board Chair
Lesley Nalley, CEO

Other POA Board Members

Mike Medica
Bob Cunningham

Justices of the Peace

Larry Griffin, Garland County
Larry Raney, Garland County

School District Liaisons

Press

Jeff Meek, Village Voice

Others Present

Larry Venable, Member Board
Board Recruitment Committee

OPENING OF MEETING

Call to Order: Chair Michael Dollar called the meeting to order at 8:00 AM.

Introductions: Guests were introduced.

Agenda: The agenda was approved as submitted.

Minutes: The minutes of the June 1, 2018 meeting were approved.

CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

- Jeff Meek was introduced as a representative of the Village Voice.
- Larry Venable was introduced as the speaker and a member of the Future Board Orientation Committee.
- Dollar noted a change in the minutes to read “wastewater treatment system” rather than “sanitation system” in Tom Weiss’ governance report.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Larry Venable spoke on why he became a member of the Future Board Orientation Committee and other aspects of what the committee’s mission is. He stressed that the committee’s function is not to choose, endorse, or vet people for a board of director’s position. It exists to make a more effective board of directors by explaining and understanding strategic issues, identify needed skill sets, improve credibility and trust, and to involve property owners in the process. He included a power point presentation to further identify the mission of the committee.

Venable also committed on the need to implement the Comprehensive Master Plan (CMP) to insure growth, economic development, and effective governance. In closing he suggested that everyone on GAC become involved in helping to seek out property owners who have the necessary attributes to become effective board members. He ended the presentation with the question, “Who do you know?”

POA REPORTS

Governance Report – Tom Weiss

Weiss told the committee that a white paper should be coming near the end of the month concerning the declaration vote. He believes the vote on changes to the declarations will create value. He stated that he hopes that GAC will step up and get involved in positive discussions concerning the declaration vote. Ten individual items will be voted on plus an assessment increase.

Operational Report – Lesley Nalley

- Nalley encouraged committee members to watch the Phase One implementation video.
- She asked that members also attend meetings of those committees tasked with implementation of the CMP in the next couple of months.
- Nalley reported that she had had a good meeting with staff and Greg Jones on Wi-Fi in the village and expressed the need for future discussions with CCI on utility easements.

GAC SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

There were no questions on the written reports submitted by GAC members and circulated with the Committee Agenda.

Metro Plan - Keith Keck

In addition to his written report, Keith Keck commented that there was not a Metro Plan meeting last month, however a restructuring is taking place due to some smaller town mayors dropping out.

Broadband Services – Greg Jones

Jones reported that Suddenlink has agreed to serve several homes in the Pinocha area and have completed a plan for Binefar. Thirty-five Binefar residents have indicated an interest in service. The estimated cost is \$120,000.

J.P. COMMENTS

Garland County – Larry Griffin/Larry Raney

JPs Griffin and Raney reported that Garland County will begin a survey to identify locations of all county-owned trash cans. At present it is believed that 2,000 can locations are not known. This affects sanitation department revenue.

OLD BUSINESS

Candidate Forum Update – Jerry Yeric

Yeric reported that the forum is ready to go with four candidates committed as of this date.

REMINDERS AND CALENDAR

The next GAC meeting will be Friday, August 3, 2018, at Jessieville School. When the exact location on the campus is determined, Michael Dollar will notify committee members. Melissa Spears has been named interim superintendent of the school district.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 am.