

North Webster Parish Industrial District (NWPID)
Board of Directors (BOD)
Minutes – Special Meeting
Friday, March 29, 2019 @ 2:00 PM
117 Loading Dock Drive, Cullen, LA 71021

Present: Craig Tripp, Denny McMullan, Jeff Harper, Lamar Smith, Jeffery Barnard; John Slattery, NWPID Attorney; Cindy Scheer (staff).

A quorum was present.

Absent: David Smith & Randy Sexton

Guest: Bruce Blanton - Webster Parish Police Jury; Austin Vaughan and Bump Skaggs – CDC; Ray Huddleston – Mayor of Springhill; John Madden – Madden Construction; Kent Rogers – NLCOG; and Bill Altimus – Bossier Parish Police Jury.

Mr. Craig Tripp, Chairman called the meeting to order; Mr. Denny McMullan led in the Pledge of Allegiance and Mr. Jeff Harper offered the invocation.

Mr. Craig Tripp welcomed the guest to this special meeting and opened the floor for Mr. Kent Rogers and Mr. Bill Altimus to explain what Northwest Louisiana Council of Governments (NLCOG) is all about and the benefits to being a member. This agency helps to obtain federal and state funding to complete infrastructure and other capital/long term projects. The membership fees are \$1.00/per person based on the population of the Parish requesting membership. Mr. Rogers stated that most project funding is based on an 80% - 20% split and can be split between the other municipalities within the District. Also based on the current population Webster Parish would have to pay approximately \$37,000.00 to become members and have a representative setting on the Board of NLCOG. The District if they choose to become a member now would be a good time as they will be looking at long term projects and planning starting in June 2019.

A discussion followed as to the types of funds that are available and the various projects that have been completed by NLCOG. Mr. Lamar Smith made a motion that NWPID pay the estimated dues of \$37,000.00 solely for the first year. Also due to NWPID paying all the fees they would be entitled to assign the individual who will represent Webster Parish within NLCOG's board. The District at this time appoints Mr. Bruce Blanton to represent the District and Webster Parish's interest on the NLCOG board. Mr. Denny McMullan provided the second and the motion passed unanimously by show of hands.

This concluded the special meeting and Mr. Jeff Harper moved to adjourn the meeting, second by Mr. Denny McMullan – meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted

Cindy Scheer
Executive Assistant

Approve by

Craig Tripp
Chairman