

Louisiana State Uniform Construction Code Council (LSUCCC)

October 9, 2006

1:00pm

**Greater Shreveport Chamber of Commerce
Shreveport, Louisiana 71101**

Meeting Minutes

Mr. Randy Noel opened the meeting by welcoming all present and called the meeting to order @ 1:05 pm.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Mr. Noel requested a roll call of the members present which reflected the following:

Members Present: Mr. Lavern Bourgeois; Mr. Chad Deshotel; Mr. Tony Guthans; Mr. Steven Hackworth; Ms. Denise Jobe; Mr. Ray Kothe; Mr. Michael Landry; Ms. Karen McKinney; Ms. Joan Mire; Mr. Randy Noel; Mr. Wayne Touchet; Ms. Prisca Weems; Mr. Randy Lucky

Members Absent: Mr. Kevin Derbigny; Mr. James Mayo; Mr. Scott Murphy; Mr. James Simmons; Mr. Leroy Sullivan; Mr. Todd Trusclair

13 members present and 6 members absent constitute a quorum.

Mr. James Mayo arrived at 1:10 pm

The Chair made comments relative to proper conduct of the meeting comments from the audience and all other issues.

The Chair announced the appointment of Mr. Scott Murphy to the LSUCCC to replace Mr. Donald Denise who has resigned (see letter from Gov. Blanco)

The Chair announced that the next meeting of the LSUCCC would be on November 14, 2006 at 10:00 am in Baton Rouge, La. at the Office of State Fire Marshal.

A **motion** was made by Mr. Lucky with revisions to page 2, 3rd paragraph to clarify the second for that item was made by Ms. Jobe. The motion received a second from Mr. Kothe. The Chair called for a vote from the members present, which reflected 13 yes and 0 no voted and the **motion was adopted**.

The Chair requested committee reports and with no committees reporting at this meeting the floor was closed. No action required.

The chair requested of the LSUCCC members to review the clarifications of building official duties and responsibilities and is prepared to provide comments and offer adoption proposals at the next meeting.

Mr. Noel opened the floor for discussion of the status of the grant funding available through HUD and FEMA. The HUD Grant is for 11.379 million for the most severely affected parishes and local governments and the FEMA Grant being 14 million for the entire state including the 11 under the HUD Grant. Mr. Noel talked about the structure of the two (2) grants and how the funds will be disbursed.

The Chair opened the floor for discussion of approval of the LSUCCC Legal Counsel to respond to a request letter from the legal counsel from Calcasieu Parish relative to requirements of the emergency provisions of ACT 12 of the 1st extra session of 2005 for enforcement of the 2003 International Building and Residential Codes for the entire parish regardless of the wind speed. A **motion** was made by Mr. Deshotel to grant authorization to the LSUCCC legal counsel to respond to the request and received a second from Mr. Ray Kothe. Mr. Mayo questioned the need for a binding legal opinion from the La. State Attorney Generals Office and the LSUCCC legal counsel stated that it's a binding legal opinion from the Attorney General's Office would need to come from Calcasieu Parish legal counsel. The Chair called for a vote of the members present which reflected a vote of 14 yes and 0 no and the **motion was adopted**.

The Chair opened the floor for discussion of public comments from the state Department of Health and Hospitals (DHH) relative the published rules as promulgated by the LSUCCC in the September Louisiana Register. The LSUCCC Administrator outlined the comments in the letter from DHH to the LSUCCC and audience. The LSUCCC Administrator requested of the LSUCCC to review the document and authorize action for response. Mr. Noel opened the floor for discussion of date, time and location of a special meeting for a public hearing to hear public comments relative the rules. A **motion** was made by Ms. McKinney to hold the public hearing on October 26, 2006 in Baton Rouge at 10:00 am in the Office of State Fire Marshal and received a second from Mr. Bourgeois. The Chair called for a vote which reflected 14 yes and 0 no and the **motion was adopted**.

The Chair opened the floor for discussion of timelines for any proposed changes to ACT 12 to the Louisiana Legislature. The LSUCCC provided those times to the LSUCCC.

The Chair introduced the letters received from Village of Longstreet (to the Gov.) Home Builders Association of Southwest La., Acadian Home Builders Association and the Louisiana Municipal Association relative to comments about the rules.

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The letter from the La. Municipal Association (with more than 25 members) requires a public hearing for comment.

A **motion** was made by Mr. Touchet to adjourn and received a second from Mr. Lucky and with no action required the **meeting was adjourned at 2:23 pm.**