

Minutes

**The Mississippi River Parkway Commission of Arkansas
Radisson Hotel
200 Harborview Plaza
LaCrosse, Wisconsin
September 11, 2010**

Commissioners Present

Garland Hayes
Bobby Kennedy
Phyllis Stinson
Carole Bulloch
Terri Austin McCullough
Lois Boyd

Commissioners Absent

Eva Hollowell
Taralou Dunklin
Molly Houseworth Jackson
Joe St. Columbia

Technical Advisors/ Department Staff

Nancy Clark, Great River Road Division Director
Dr. Ruth Hawkins, Executive Director, Delta Byways Regional Tourism Association
Gip Robertson, Technical Advisor

Call to Order

Chairman Garland Hayes called the meeting to order, and thanked everyone for taking time from their busy schedules to participate in the meeting of the Mississippi River Parkway Commission. Chairman Hayes introduced our newest commissioner, Lois Boyd, from Marianna, Arkansas, and welcomed her.

Approval of the Minutes from the Previous Meeting

Carole Bulloch moved to approve the minutes from the previous meeting. Terri McCullough seconded and the motion carried.

National Mississippi River Parkway Commission Meeting

Terri McCullough moved for payment of registration fees and travel expenses for Commissioners, and registration fees only for Technical Advisors to attend the annual meeting of the National Mississippi River Parkway Commission to be held September 9-12, 2010, in LaCrosse, Wisconsin. Carole Bullock seconded and the motion carried.

Resolution for Former Commissioner, James Banks

Chairman Hayes told the commission that Lois Boyd was recently appointed by Governor Mike Beebe to represent Lee County in the position formerly held by James Banks. The commission proposed a resolution for James Banks for his years of dedicated service to the Mississippi River Parkway Commission.

Carole Bulloch moved to approve the resolution for James Banks. Terri McCullough seconded and the motion carried.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, James Banks has provided dedicated and invaluable service and leadership to the Mississippi River Parkway Commission of Arkansas; and

WHEREAS, James Banks gave unfailingly and unselfishly of his time to the Commission in the furtherance of its goals; and

WHEREAS, James Banks has made a lasting contribution to the activities of the Mississippi River Parkway Commission of Arkansas;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the members of the Mississippi River Parkway Commission of Arkansas express their deep and continued appreciation for the numerous contributions of James Banks to the success of its programs.

This **RESOLUTION** adopted by the Mississippi River Parkway Commission on this 11th day of September, 2010, in the City of LaCrosse, Wisconsin.

MISSISSIPPI RIVER PARKWAY COMMISSION

Garland A. Hayes, Chairman

GREAT RIVER ROAD DIVISION

Nancy Clark, Director

Arkansas Great River Road Geocaching Project

The Arkansas portion of the Great River Road geocaching project now includes 29 caches which have been found over 1,000 times. Cachers log each of their finds daily, and many make comments about the cache spot being a nice place to visit and they plan to return in the future.

Delta Byways Update

Dr. Ruth Hawkins said Delta Byways continues to work on the projects previously reported at the board of directors meeting. She said that the National Commission's Cultural Committee conducted a survey, and found that none of the six interpretive centers in Arkansas were linked from their websites to experiencemississippiriver.com, the national Mississippi River Parkway Commission website. Dr. Hawkins requested assistance in getting them linked.

Planning for 2011 National Mississippi River Parkway Commission Meeting in Arkansas

Nancy Clark reported that September 29—October 2, 2011, are the dates for the annual Mississippi River Parkway Commission meeting to be held in Little Rock, Arkansas at the DoubleTree Hotel. A discussion was held regarding program ideas.

Miscellaneous

Chairman Garland Hayes reminded Commissioners to return their TR1s to Nancy Clark for processing.

A discussion ensued as to the next meeting date, and Nancy Clark reminded the commissioners of Taralou Dunklin's offer to host the next meeting in Dumas. October 18 was chosen, and Ms. Clark said she would contact Commissioner Dunklin about the meeting.

Respectfully submitted:

Garland Hayes, Chairman
Mississippi River Parkway Commission

Nancy Clark, Director
Great River Road Division