

April 8, 2004
State of Louisiana
Parish of Lafourche
Parish Council Members
Lafourche Parish Home Rule Charter Revision Commission Members
Department Heads
Parish President, Ms. Charlotte Randolph
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Ladies and Gentlemen:

The regularly scheduled meeting of April 7, 2004 of the Home Rule Charter Revision Commission was called to order by Parish President, Mrs. Charlotte Randolph at 6:07 P.M. with the following

Present:

Ms. Mary Kitchen
Ms. Sharleen Hotard
Ms. Elizabeth Breaux
Mr. Charles Beasley
Mr. Butch Monnier
Mr. Danny Mayet
Mr. Henry Lafont, Jr.
Mr. John Plaisance
Mr. Joe Mickles
Judge Walter Lanier, Jr.
Mr. Joe Fertitta

Absent:

None

Also present in the audience were: Council Chair, Lindel Toups, Councilman Tyrone Williams, and Councilman Danny Lorraine. Also in attendance was Lisa Orgeron, legal advisor to the Parish Council, and Sheila Boudreaux, Council Clerk.

The first order of business was to be sworn in as a commission before Judge Randy Parro.

Mrs. Charlotte Randolph in her official duties as Parish President presided over the meeting and opened the meeting with roll call.

Next on the agenda was nominations and appointments of a chairperson. Nominated for this position were : John W, Plaisance and retired Judge Walter Lanier, Jr. John Plaisance was appointed by a vote of 6-5. Next order of business was to elect a Co-chair. Mr. Danny Mayet was nominated and won by acclamation. Next appointment on the list was for the position of Secretary. Sharleen Hotard also was nominated and won by acclamation, (even though she declined!) Judge Walt Lanier Jr. pointed out the need to have an assistant to this very important job as secretary and Mrs. Mary Kitchen was nominated and accepted this position. At this point Judge Walter Lanier suggested we look into another appointment of Publicity and Public Relations, short discussion followed with no one person in mind. After much discussion as we do not have money to operate and no need for a treasurer, it was pointed out by Council Chair, Lindel Toups that at Tuesday, April 13, to try to get some money from the budget to handle any type of monetary need we may have, such as stamps for mailing, publicity, etc.

It was discussed after a time to get together every Wednesday at 6:30 P.M. at the Sandra Barrios building in Raceland until we can all get some kind of grasp on just what we need to accomplish, and all new members come on board with a complete understanding on just we need to do to get this enormous job done, and done well. Also at this point, Judge Walter Lanier interjected and said we have a goal to reach to have this complete to have on the November 2 Presidential election ballot as this is when the majority of our qualified voters will go to vote and be cost effective. In order for this to happen, we need to be complete and ready to send to Sec. Of State by September 7, before that to the State Bond Comm. By August 19th and on their agenda by July 22nd, so in essence we have roughly 22 weeks to get this goal done.

After 4 weeks of getting together we should be able to get together every 2 weeks and go on from there, leaving our meeting times at 6:30 P.M. on Wednesday, then 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month. We will begin with Article I, then move to Article II, and Article III., and go on from there.

Next discussion we need to follow the Roberts Rule of Order (and John?s rules and keep it informal) and begin our order of business, and all our meetings will begin with the Pledge of Allegiance and Prayer . ALL meetings need to be posted 24 hours in advance.

Judge Walter Lanier Jr. also brought up the idea to have someone with the formal recording, transcribing and preserving of the proceedings (archives) of this commission. We will need money from the Parish Council to accomplish this.

The agenda is to look over Articles I, II and III for the scheduled meeting of Wednesday , April 14, 2004.

Motion to adjourn by Henry Lafont, seconded by Liz Breaux . Motion carried.
Adjourned at 6:54 P.M.

John J. Plaisance, Chairman
Home Rule Charter Revision Commission

Sharleen F. Hotard, Secretary
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