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**Subject:** Minutes of Friends of Manchac Greenway

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A meeting of the Friends of Manchac Greenway was convened at the Tangipahoa Parish Planning Building on January 25, 2017 at 2:15 p.m.

In attendance were: Frank Neelis, Dwight Williams, D.L. Lamp, Ben Taylor, Galen Schum, Lauren Brinkman, Alyson Lapuma, Joe Thomas, Harry Lavine and Alma Chasez

Each of those present introduced themselves to the others in attendance.

It was announced that a memo of understanding had been signed by both of the Parish Presidents of St. John the Baptist and Tangipahoa Parishes regarding the Manchac Greenway Commission. It is the purpose of the Commission, on the public side, to provide outreach to Parish Government as to the Greenway and its use. It is the purpose of the Friends of Manchac Greenway to encourage community activity of the Greenway, to generate funds and to serve as an advisory group to the Commission.

The initial members of the Greenway Commission are Parish Council members Michael Wright and Jacqueline Hotard from St. John the Baptist Parish and Parish Council members Harry Lavine and Bobby Cortez from Tangipahoa Parish as well as Dr. Rob Moreau, Frank Neelis and Greg Za Maurin. Alyson Lapuma and Lauren Brinkman will serve as Commission staff members.

The need for grant writing was discussed without a decision being reached as to who should be responsible for same.

It was further determined that an initial meeting of the Manchac Greenway Commission must be scheduled.

There will be a meeting of the Friends of Manchac Greenway on March 14, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. at Turtle Cove Research Facility. This is to be a "brain-storming" session as to activities and direction for the Friends. Specific ideas are to be discussed at that time.

Between now and the next meeting of the Friends, Frank Neelis is to meet with a representative of the Highway Department about vegetation along the Greenway. Alyson Lapuma is to meet with the Regional Planning Commission about a Master Plan for developing the area.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:15 p.m.