

Police Jury Room
May 7, 2001
Abbeville, Louisiana

Minutes of a regular meeting of the Vermilion Parish Police Jury held on May 7, 2001 with Mr. Ritter Trahan presiding.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Trahan, who asked that the meeting begin with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The following members were present:

Mr. Purvis Abshire,
Mr. Terry Bessard,
Mr. Ernal "E. J." Broussard,
Mr. Minos Broussard,
Mr. Kenneth DeHart,
Mr. Carroll Duhon,
Mr. Hubert Faulk,
Mr. Luther "Buster" Hardee, III,
Mr. Louis Joe Hardy,
Mr. Pervis "Pee Wee" Meaux,
Mr. Mark Poche',
Mr. T. J. Prejean, Jr.,
Mr. Edval J. Simon, Jr.
Mr. Ritter P. Trahan.

Absent: None

Upon motion of Mr. Luther "Buster" Hardee, duly seconded by Mr. Ernal "E. J." Broussard, and unanimously carried, the reading of the minutes of the April 16, 2001 regular meeting were dispensed with and were accepted.

President Ritter Trahan called for any other bids in the audience to be submitted relative to the bid call shown on the agenda.

Upon motion of Mr. Terry Bessard, duly seconded by Mr. Carroll Duhon, and unanimously carried, the Jury closed the receipt of all bids for tonight's meeting.

Upon motion of Mr. T. J. Prejean, Jr., duly seconded by Mr. Pervis "Pee Wee" Meaux, and unanimously carried, the Jury authorized the opening of the following bids for tonight's meeting.

**VERMILION PARISH SOLID WASTE PLANT
SUBTITLE "D" IMPROVEMENTS
PHASE III**

Plastic Fusion	\$115,450.00
Environmental Specialties International	\$105,451.00
National Seal Company	\$103,816.09

Upon motion of Mr. T. J. Prejean, Jr., duly seconded by Mr. Purvis Abshire, and unanimously carried, the above bids received were taken under advisement for review.

President Ritter Trahan invited those who requested time on the agenda to present their business at this time.

Mr. Gene Sellers, Jr. gave opening statements on behalf of the Vermilion Parish Library Board of Control and acknowledged those members who were in the audience: Ms. Jackie Choate, Mr. Rene Breaux, Mrs. Lelia Minvielle, Ms. Linda Hardee, and Mr. Lee Caffery. Mr. Sellers presented a status and financial report on the present and upcoming library construction projects.

Ms. Linda Hardee, on behalf of the Library Board of Control, made a request for consideration, that if, or when, the old Abbeville Library Building is sold that the funds would be channeled back into the Library system.

Ms. Hardee then advised that the Library Board had adopted a resolution at their last meeting to establish procedures to have Ms. Jackie Choate and the Board President sign any invoices paid from the library construction fund.

Relative to the Erath Branch Library property purchase, Mr. Paul Moresi, III advised the Jurors that some encroachments were found to exist when the property was surveyed. He advised that the attorney for the Board will have these items addressed and cleared. Then the sale would be able to be completed.

President Ritter Trahan read the following announcements:

- (1) The Louisiana Local Technical Assistance Program will present a series of courses to be held at the Lafayette Utilities System's Building as follows:
 - A) "Communicating Your Public Works Image" on May 14, 2001
 - B) "Safety: A Common Sense Approach For The Public Worker" on June 7, 2001
 - C) "Equipment Operation And Worker Safety" on June 7, 2001

- (2) Received an invitation from the Town of Erath to attend “The Unveiling of the Patriotic Wall Murals” on Sunday, May 20, 2001 at 4:00 p.m. in front of the Erath City Hall.
- (3) Lorman Education Services will sponsor a one day seminar on “Employment And Business Records In Louisiana” on June 28, 2001 in Lafayette.
- (4) The Human Resources Council will present the “Lafayette Conference On State And Federal Personnel Laws” on July 9 – 10, 2001 in Lafayette.
- (5) Lorman Education Services will sponsor a one day seminar on “Time Off In Louisiana: State And Federal Laws On Employee Leave, Vacations, And Holidays” on July 10, 2001 in Lafayette.
- (6) The Louisiana Chapter of the National Institute of Governmental Purchasing will sponsor their 6th Annual Educational Conference & Expo on July 25 – 27, 2001 in New Orleans.
- (G) The Gulf Intracoastal Canal Association’s 96th Annual Convention will be held on August 22 – 24, 2001 in New Orleans.

Mr. Gene Sellers, Parish Engineer, presented the Jury a revised Project Permit Application Form that requires applicants involved in onshore or offshore drilling for the exploration of oil, gas, or other minerals, within the boundaries of the Parish of Vermilion, shall provide an “Emergency Contingency Plan” for the site, which such plan shall be approved by the Vermilion Parish – Office of Emergency Preparedness Director/LEPC Chairperson, and shall include resources and procedures in place for the response and prevention of oil or hazardous waste constituents to the air, soil and surface or ground water as required by Federal and State Government procedures.

Upon motion of Mr. T. J. Prejean, Jr., duly seconded by Mr. Kenneth DeHart, and unanimously carried, the Jury accepted the revised project permit application as described above.

Upon motion of Mr. Hubert Faulk, duly seconded by Mr. Carroll Duhon, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury granted final approval to Red Maples Estates – Phase I Subdivision.

Upon motion of Mr. Carroll Duhon, duly seconded by Mr. Hubert Faulk, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury approved the issuance of the following permits and Letters of No Objections:

- A) Project Permit No. 1177-D
Applicant: UNOCAL
Election District No. 13
Purpose: Maintenance dredging of an existing canal and slips and for setting-up two (2) proposed drill sites, namely Louisiana Furs, Inc., Well No. F-22 and F-23.

- B) Project Permit No. 1178
Applicant: Amerada Hess Corp.
Election District No. 06
Purpose: To install and maintain approximately 2,012 feet of one (1) 4-inch flowline beginning at LeBlanc No. 1 Well and tie-in to an existing facility.

- C) Letter of No Objection
Northstar Design Solution, Inc.
Purpose: Bell South Telecommunications telephone cable installation along Allen Road at Highway 92.

- D) Letter of No Objection
Northstar Design Solutions, Inc.
Purpose: Bell South Telecommunications telephone cable installation along Beau Road and Highway 699.

Mr. C. J. Bertrand, Road Superintendent, advised the Jury that Ms. Patty Heneley has a road between Wesley Drive and La. Hwy 696 that she wants to donate as a public right-of-way. She will do the improvements but wants a guarantee that the Police Jury will accept it into the parish road system if the work is done according to the specifications.

Mr. Hubert Faulk recommended that this matter be referred to the next Public Road Committee meeting.

Upon motion of Mr. Carroll Duhon, duly seconded by Mr. Ernal "E. J." Broussard, with Mr. Hubert Faulk opposing, Item No. 15 of the Public Road Committee Recommendations was amended to state that the Office of Emergency Preparedness, 911 Communications District, and the Police Jury Administrative office be included in preparing building permits in the courthouse.

Upon motion of Mr. Luther "Buster" Hardee, duly seconded by Mr. Minos Broussard, with Mr. Hubert Faulk opposing to Item Nos. 4 and 15, the Public Road Committee Recommendations were approved as amended, and the appropriate officials of the Jury were authorized to carry out the recommendations.

PUBLIC ROAD COMMITTEE
MAY 2, 2001
ABBEVILLE, LOUISIANA

AS A RESULT OF A PUBLIC ROAD COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON MAY 2, 2001, THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED FOR THE JURY'S CONSIDERATION:

1. It is recommended that in view of Quality Equipment's decision to withdraw their bid, that the contract to furnish and install a brush cutter for the Parishwide Road Maintenance Program be awarded to Langlinois Tractor at a cost of \$22,408.00 in accordance with their bid received on March 28, 2001.
2. It is recommended that the following payments be approved relative to the LCDBG projects for the North Vermilion Water System:
 - A) FY'98 LCDBG Project Water System Improvements
North Vermilion Area II
Contract A – Water Distribution System
Teche Construction Co., Inc.
Partial Payment Estimate No. 11 (Final)
Amount Due = \$25,362.93
 - B) FY'99 LCDBG Project Water System Improvements
North Vermilion Area I
Contract A – Water Distribution System
Stelly Construction Co., Inc.
Partial Payment Estimate No. 10 (Final)
Amount Due = \$29,004.91

Payments represent release of 10% retainage held on project. Clear lien certificates have been received. Because the projects funds from LCDBG have been expended, the costs will be paid with USDA-RUS funds.

3. It is recommended that the administration and legal counsel prepare a draft policy dealing with compensatory time for the next Road Committee meeting.
4. It is recommended that the previous sick leave documented for Steven Faulk during April remain as charged and that all future similar time be charged against available comp time or vacation time.
5. It is recommended that quotes be obtained for portable strobe lights and spotlights to be purchased and placed in all foreman/assistant foreman trucks.

6. It is recommended that Ordinances be adopted establishing speed limits on the following public roads:

- A) Durphy Road - 35 mph
- B) Lomier Road - 40 mph
- C) Allen Road - 40 mph
- D) Thibodeaux Circle - 15 mph

It is further recommended that "Watch For Children" signs also be placed on these roads.

7. It is recommended that for the next Road Maintenance Material bids, that the specifications include for all aggregate contracts to require the vendors to provide a computer printout ticket showing the weights provided for each load of material picked up by the Police Jury or delivered by the vendor.

It is further recommended that all aggregate suppliers be notified immediately that this requirement will be mandatory for the next supply contract.

8. It is recommended that Overhead Door Company of Lafayette, Inc. be authorized to furnish and install one new rolling service door at the mechanic shop at a cost of \$2,340.00

9. It is recommended that NAPA Auto Parts of Abbeville be authorized to furnish and install a new Eagle air conditioner system in Unit 3-630 (Champion Motor Grader) at a cost of \$4,800.00, per their low quote submitted.

10. It is recommended that the Police Jury advertise to fill the open CDL dump truck driver positions for the Resealing/Patching crew.

11. It is recommended that a pauper funeral allocation be approved for the following:

- A) Jarod Laviolette – Payable to David & Hebert Funeral Home
- B) Demetrius Mouton – Payable to Raphael Funeral Home
- C) Telessa M. Strang – Payable to Vincent Funeral Home

12. It is recommended that the Police Jury advertise for bids to replace the Area 3 dump truck which was damaged beyond repair in the accident which occurred May 1, 2001.

13. It is recommended that Sellers and Associates, Inc. be authorized to prepare plans and specifications and advertise to do a road improvement project in Road District No. 7.

14. It is recommended that Nehemiah Lapointe be hired as a part-time mosquito control spray driver.

15. It is recommended that the building permit program be reassigned to the courthouse for handling.
16. It is recommended that the Police Jury enter into an intergovernmental agreement with the Coulee Kinney Drainage District to clear the tree line and clean out the drainage ditch along the Cooperative Extension Office west property line.
17. It is recommended that the DOTD be requested to clean out the drainage ditch along La. Hwy. 699 in the area of the North Vermilion water treatment plant.
18. It is recommended that Sellers and Associates be authorized to do a drainage study in the area of Columbus Road.
19. It is recommended that the Police Jury enter into an intergovernmental agreement with the Abbeville Harbor and Terminal District and Seventh Ward Drainage District to demolish and remove the old Pierce restaurant building in the area of the Intracoastal City Boat ramp. Drainage Board to provide excavator and operator. Police Jury to provide labor and equipment to haul off material.
20. It is recommended that the Police Jury go on record in opposition to House Bill #1481 by Representative Ronnie John which would change the salt water demarcation line from La. Hwy 82 to the Intracoastal Canal.
21. It is recommended that the following state highway driveway permit installations be approved:
 - A) Alfred Baudoin – La. Hwy 685
 - B) Mark Landry – La. Hwy 685
 - C) Paul Olivier – La. Hwy 89
 - D) Paul Olivier – La. Hwy 695
 - E) Paul Olivier – La. Hwy 694
 - F) Paul Olivier – La. Hwy 696
 - G) Paul Olivier – La. Hwy 14
22. It is recommended that the self-insured retention payment of \$648.50 be approved to be paid to Vergie Decuir as recommended by the general liability insurance carrier. Cost to be paid from the '94 Sales Tax Fund.
23. It is recommended that Broussard Realty Appraisal be authorized to perform an appraisal of the Hibernia Bank Building at a cost of \$2,500.00, per their low quote proposal submitted 4/27/01.

24. It is recommended that the Police Jury support the request of the Seventh Ward Gravity Drainage District No. 2 to the USDA – Natural Resource Conservation Service to study the possibility of funding an extension to the original RL-566 Seventh Ward Canal Project to construct a water control structure on the Hebert Canal and 3.5 miles of channel improvements to the Seventh Ward Canal south from La. Highway 82.
25. It is recommended that the Police Jury enter into an intergovernmental agreement with Gravity Drainage District No. 2 to install culverts in a public drain in Election District 5 – Abbeville area. Police Jury to provide labor and Drainage District will provide the backhoe and operator.
26. It is recommended that Seismic Permit #670, issued to Seitel Data/Eagle Geophysical, relative to the Leleux East, 3D Project, be accepted as complete.
27. It is recommended that the Police Jury advertise to fill the open janitor position at the Abbeville Health Unit.

Respectfully submitted,
Luther “Buster” Hardee, III,
Chairman

In accordance with the Public Road Committee Recommendations, the following ordinances were adopted:

ORDINANCE

2001-O-5

WHEREAS, it has been brought to the Police Jury’s attention that a considerable amount of speeding is existing and causing very hazardous conditions on Durphy Road; and

SECTION I: NOW THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY ORDAINED, that the Vermilion Parish Police Jury does hereby impose a 35 mph speed limit on said road for its entire length; and

SECTION II: BE IT HEREBY FURTHER ORDAINED, that the appropriate speed limit signs and “Watch For Children” signs be installed in said area.

SECTION III: BE IT HEREBY FURTHER ORDAINED, that a maximum penalty of \$100.00 and/or a 10 day jail sentence may be imposed at the discretion of the court.

SECTION IV: BE IT HEREBY FURTHER ORDAINED, that Honorable Sheriff Raywood Lemaire be and is hereby requested and/or directed to enforce the speed limit by the use of radar and/or regular patrolling.

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ORDINANCE

2001-O-6

WHEREAS, it has been brought to the Police Jury's attention that a considerable amount of speeding is existing and causing very hazardous conditions on Lomier Road; and

SECTION I: NOW THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY ORDAINED, that the Vermilion Parish Police Jury does hereby impose a 40 mph speed limit on said road for its entire length; and

SECTION II: BE IT HEREBY FURTHER ORDAINED, that the appropriate speed limit signs and "Watch For Children" signs be installed in said area.

SECTION III: BE IT HEREBY FURTHER ORDAINED, that a maximum penalty of \$100.00 and/or a 10 day jail sentence may be imposed at the discretion of the court.

SECTION IV: BE IT HEREBY FURTHER ORDAINED, that Honorable Sheriff Raywood Lemaire be and is hereby requested and/or directed to enforce the speed limit by the use of radar and/or regular patrolling.

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ORDINANCE

2001-O-7

WHEREAS, it has been brought to the Police Jury's attention that a considerable amount of speeding is existing and causing very hazardous conditions on Allen Road; and

SECTION I: NOW THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY ORDAINED, that the Vermilion Parish Police Jury does hereby impose a 40 mph speed limit on said road for its entire length; and

SECTION II: BE IT HEREBY FURTHER ORDAINED, that the appropriate speed limit signs and "Watch For Children" signs be installed in said area.

SECTION III: BE IT HEREBY FURTHER ORDAINED, that a maximum penalty of \$100.00 and/or a 10 day jail sentence may be imposed at the discretion of the court.

SECTION IV: BE IT HEREBY FURTHER ORDAINED, that Honorable Sheriff Raywood Lemaire be and is hereby requested and/or directed to enforce the speed limit by the use of radar and/or regular patrolling.

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ORDINANCE

2001-O-8

WHEREAS, it has been brought to the Police Jury's attention that a considerable amount of speeding is existing and causing very hazardous conditions on Thibodeaux Circle; and

SECTION I: NOW THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY ORDAINED, that the Vermilion Parish Police Jury does hereby impose a 15 mph speed limit on said road for its entire length; and

SECTION II: BE IT HEREBY FURTHER ORDAINED, that the appropriate speed limit signs and "Watch For Children" signs be installed in said area.

SECTION III: BE IT HEREBY FURTHER ORDAINED, that a maximum penalty of \$100.00 and/or a 10 day jail sentence may be imposed at the discretion of the court.

SECTION IV: BE IT HEREBY FURTHER ORDAINED, that Honorable Sheriff Raywood Lemaire be and is hereby requested and/or directed to enforce the speed limit by the use of radar and/or regular patrolling.

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In accordance with the Public Road Committee Recommendations, the following intergovernmental agreements were entered into:

TITLE: A resolution authorizing the Vermilion Parish Police Jury and the Coulee Kinney Drainage District to enter into an intergovernmental agreement all in accordance with the provisions of La. R.S. 33:1321 et seq.

GENERAL STATEMENT OF CONTRACTUAL AUTHORITY

WHEREAS, the provisions of La. R.S. 33:1321 et seq, dealing with “intergovernmental functions”, authorize the police jury of a parish, and any city, town or village, and any special district or political subdivision of the state to agree between and among themselves to engage jointly in the exercise of any power, and in the construction, acquisition or improvement of any public project or improvement, or the promotion and maintenance of any undertaking when either one of the participants in the agreement is authorized under provision of general or specific law to perform such activity or exercise such power as may be necessary for completion of the undertaking (La. R.S. 33:1324); and

PROJECT

WHEREAS, there is a need to clear the tree line and clean out the drainage ditch along the Cooperative Extension Office’s west property line.

AGREEMENT

NOW, THEREFORE, the Coulee Kinney Drainage District does;

RESOLVE THAT, they will furnish labor and equipment to do the work.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Vermilion Parish Police Jury does;

RESOLVE THAT, it will assist in the removal of debris with their trucks.

RESOLVED FURTHER, by both parties that a certified copy of this resolution shall immediately be filed and recorded in the records of the Clerk of Court for the Parish of Vermilion, Louisiana; and upon adoption of this

resolution by both parties and recordation of same, it shall constitute the agreement between the Police Jury and the Coulee Kinney Drainage District and a copy of this resolution shall be published in the official journal of the above said parties concerned.

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TITLE: A resolution authorizing the Vermilion Parish Police Jury, the Seventh Ward Gravity Drainage District No. 2 and the Abbeville Harbor and Terminal District to enter into an intergovernmental agreement all in accordance with the provisions of La. R.S. 33:1321 et seq.

GENERAL STATEMENT OF CONTRACTUAL AUTHORITY

WHEREAS, the provisions of La. R.S. 33:1321 et seq, dealing with “intergovernmental functions”, authorize the police jury of a parish, and any city, town or village, and any special district or political subdivision of the state to agree between and among themselves to engage jointly in the exercise of any power, and in the construction, acquisition or improvement of any public project or improvement, or the promotion and maintenance of any undertaking when either one of the participants in the agreement is authorized under provision of general or specific law to perform such activity or exercise such power as may be necessary for completion of the undertaking (La. R.S. 33:1324); and

PROJECT

WHEREAS, there is a need to demolish the building formerly known as the Maxie Pierce Restaurant which is located on property now owned by the Abbeville Harbor and Terminal District; and

WHEREAS, the District does not have any equipment or labor to accomplish the demolition project;

AGREEMENT

The Seventh Ward Gravity Drainage District No. 2, the Vermilion Parish Police Jury and the Abbeville Harbor and Terminal District wish to jointly assist in the demolition and removal of the building.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Seventh Ward Gravity Drainage District No. 2 does hereby agree to provide their excavator to assist in the demolition and removal of the debris;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Vermilion Parish Police Jury does hereby agree to provide labor and equipment to remove the debris.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Abbeville Harbor and Terminal District does hereby agree to coordinate the project including obtaining any and all necessary clearances and or permits; disconnection of any utilities to the building and site; and will assume liability for the project.

RESOLVED FURTHER, by both parties that a certified copy of this resolution shall immediately be filed and recorded in the records of the Clerk of Court for the Parish of Vermilion, Louisiana; and upon adoption of this resolution by both parties and recordation of same, it shall constitute the agreement between the Police Jury, the Seventh Ward Gravity Drainage District No. 2, and the Abbeville Harbor and Terminal District, and a copy of this resolution shall be published in the official journal of the above said parties concerned.

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Upon motion of Mr. Hubert Faulk, duly seconded by Mr. Louis Joe Hardy, and unanimously carried, the Community Services Committee Recommendations were approved as presented, and the appropriate officials of the Jury were authorized to carry out the recommendations:

COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE
MAY 2, 2001
ABBEVILLE, LOUISIANA

AS A RESULT OF A COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON MAY 2, 2001, THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED FOR THE JURY'S CONSIDERATION:

1. It is recommended that the Police Jury acknowledge receipt of the agenda and minutes of the April 16, 2001 Policy Council meeting.
2. It is recommended that the Police Jury approve the submittal of the Head Start FY 2001 application for a budget revision to reflect estimated closeout costs to the effective date of transfer (7/1/01) of the program. The application reflects \$372,885 of federal and \$137,000 of non federal funds required for closeout and transfer costs.

It is further recommended that the President be authorized to sign the application.

3. It is recommended that the Department of Housing and Urban Development be notified that the Police Jury will relinquish sponsorship of the Section 8 Housing Program effective December 31, 2001.
4. It is recommended that the Louisiana Department of Social Services be notified that the Police Jury will relinquish sponsorship of the Emergency Shelter Grant Transitional Housing program effective December 31, 2001.

Respectfully Submitted,
Hubert Faulk, Chairman

Upon motion of Mr. Purvis Abshire, duly seconded by Mr. Mark Poche, and unanimously carried, the Rabies and Animal Control Committee Recommendations were approved as presented, and the appropriate officials of the Jury were authorized to carry out the recommendations;

RABIES AND ANIMAL CONTROL COMMITTEE
MAY 2, 2001
ABBEVILLE, LOUISIANA

AS A RESULT OF A RABIES AND ANIMAL CONTROL COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON MAY 2, 2001, THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED FOR THE JURY'S CONSIDERATION:

1. It is recommended that Invoice No. 71110 from ABC Investigators, Inc. in the amount of \$2,842.50 be approved to be paid.
2. It is recommended that the purchasing agent obtain quotes for an 18" – 21" lawnmower for the maintenance of the Rabies Control Facility grounds.

Respectfully submitted,
Purvis Abshire, Chairman

Upon motion of Mr. Ernal "E. J." Broussard, duly seconded by Mr. Purvis Abshire, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury approved payment of Partial Payment Estimate No. 7 to Minvielle Lumber Co., Inc. in the amount of \$79,666.00 for work completed to date on the Renovations of the Kaplan Branch Library Project. Cost to be paid from the Library Construction Fund.

Upon motion of Mr. Purvis Abshire, duly seconded by Mr. Pervis "Pee Wee" Meaux, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury accepted as substantially complete the Renovations of an Existing Building to House the Kaplan Branch of the Vermilion Parish Library Project and authorized the President to sign and have recorded an Act of Acceptance.

Upon motion of Mr. Purvis Abshire, duly seconded by Mr. Terry Bessard, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury approved payment of Statement No. 2050 from The Sellers Group in the amount of \$1,770.34 for professional services relative to the Renovations of the Kaplan Branch Library Project. Cost to be paid from the Library Construction Fund.

Upon motion of Mr. Luther "Buster" Hardee, duly seconded by Mr. Purvis Abshire, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury approved payment of Invoice No. 01040031 from Broussard Appraisal Service relative to the preparation of an appraisal of a proposed site for the Gueydan Branch of the Vermilion Parish Library.

Upon motion of Mr. Kenneth DeHart, duly seconded by Mr. Louis Joe Hardy, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury ratified the Section 5311 Monthly Activity Report for the month of March, 2001, submitted by the Vermilion Council On Aging and directing the secretary to submit the reports to the Department of Transportation and Development for reimbursement in accordance with the contract agreement.

Upon motion of Mr. Mark Poche, duly seconded by Mr. Minos Broussard, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury ratified the issuance of a special events permit issued to the Allen Riders sponsoring a trail ride on April 27, 28, & 29, 2001 at which time alcoholic beverages will be sold at 7507 W. La. Hwy 338, Abbeville, La. Proceeds will be used to support charitable organizations.

Upon motion of Mr. Purvis Abshire, duly seconded by Mr. Luther "Buster" Hardee, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury approved payment to Lasalle Wrecker Service in the amount of \$675.00 relative to emergency wrecker services provided to remove a parish vehicle from an accident which occurred on May 1, 2001 involving a parish dump truck.

The Secretary-Treasurer advised the Police Jury of an invitation received from the Workforce Investment Board (formerly JTPA) who are sponsoring an Employer Forum to learn about the New On-The-Job Training (OJT) options to local your businesses. This forum will be held on Tuesday, May 15, 2001, in Lafayette.

Upon motion of Mr. Minos Broussard, duly seconded by Mr. Pervis "Pee Wee" Meaux, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury went on record in support of Senate Bill 451 which would implement certain changes to the Parochial Employees' Retirement System.

Upon motion of Mr. Carroll Duhon, duly seconded by Mr. Luther "Buster" Hardee, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury went in record to support of Senate Bill 1046. Currently public service companies, unhappy with their property assessments, can pay their property taxes "under protest" in which case, the amount of the taxes paid on the questioned assessments are put in an escrow account, and not distributed to the taxing bodies. This process can tie up tax dollars for years, putting the tax recipients in a tremendous financial bind. Senate Bill 1046 would repeal the escrow requirements, and would substitute provisions saying that if a taxpayer is successful in his protest, he would be given a credit plus interest which he could use against future tax liabilities to the taxing bodies.

Upon motion of Mr. Kenneth DeHart, duly seconded by Mr. Minos Broussard, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury went on record in support of Senate Bill 173 to require a 2/3's vote on new exemptions to local sales taxes.

The Secretary advised the Police Jury that Mr. Thomas J. Campbell has received his Class A.1 – Level C – Solid Waste Operator Certificate from the Department of Environmental Quality, and that he is entitled to be promoted to Grade II status. The salary adjustment will be effective retroactive to May 1, 2001.

Upon motion of Mr. Luther "Buster" Hardee, duly seconded by Mr. Purvis Abshire, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury authorized the classification change for Mr. Thomas Campbell to Supervisor effective as of May 1, 2001.

Upon motion of Mr. Purvis Abshire, duly seconded by Mr. Terry Bessard, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury made the following appointments to re-establish the Vermilion Parish Industrial Development District:

- A) Mr. Kenneth Broussard
- B) Mr. Larry Duhon

Upon motion of Mr. Louis Joe Hardy, duly seconded by Mr. Edval J. Simon, Jr., and unanimously carried, the Police Jury at the request of legal counsel, Paul Moresi, III went into executive session at 7:40 p.m. to discuss pending litigation.

Upon motion of Mr. Louis Joe Hardy, duly seconded by Mr. Luther "Buster" Hardee, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury reconvened their meeting at 7:50 p.m.

Upon motion of Mr. Louis Joe Hardy, duly seconded by Mr. Hubert Faulk, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury approved the extension of Jodie Road by 500', subject to all paperwork being submitted.

Regarding the interviews to fill the open secretary position for the Parishwide Road Maintenance System, Mr. Edval J. Simon, Jr. suggested that the selection committee submit a list of five (5) prospects from the applications received to be interviewed.

Upon motion of Mr. Louis Joe Hardy, duly seconded by Mr. Kenneth DeHart, and unanimously carried, that there being no further business to be presented, the meeting was duly adjourned.

Secretary-Treasurer

President