

Police Jury Room
October 9, 2002
Abbeville, Louisiana

Minutes of a special meeting of the Vermilion Parish Police Jury held on October 9, 2002 with Mr. Edval Simon, Jr. presiding. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the debris cleanup caused by Hurricane Lili.

The meeting was called to order by President Edval Simon, Jr., who asked that the meeting begin with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The following members were present:

Mr. Purvis Abshire,
Mr. Minos Broussard
Mr. Kenneth DeHart,
Mr. Carroll Duhon,
Mr. Hubert Faulk,
Mr. Luther "Buster" Hardee,
Mr. Louis Joe Hardy,
Mr. Pervis "Pee Wee" Meaux,
Mr. Mark Poche,
Mr. T. J. Prejean, Jr.,
Mr. Edval J. Simon, Jr.,
Mr. Ritter Trahan.

Absent: Mr. Terry Bessard,
Mr. Ernal "E. J." Broussard

Mr. Ricky LeBlanc, Supervisor of Solid Waste, advised that the Village of Maurice was just about cleaned up. The Solid Waste Facility has received about 300 loads per day since the cleanup began. They are currently working on a ramp to access the debris stockpile site. Cleanup may take approximately 5 – 6 months. Cleanup in the Town of Gueydan is going well. The material is being hauled to the Town's Landfill site. He advised that the rent for a dozer is normally \$3,000, now is \$7,000. He held off renting any equipment because of the increased rental costs.

COMMENTS FROM CONTRACTORS

Mr. Jimmie Meaux, Jr. suggested volume reduction through chipping / tub grinding.

Mr. Randy Perkins with Ashbritt is working in Iberia Parish. Recommended use of Air Curtain or combination of that and chipping.

Mrs. Liz Girouard and Mrs. Dana Simon discussed alternative storage sites... Looking at regulations. Estimated woodwaste of 1,000,000 to 2,000,000 cubic yards.

Upon motion of Mr. Hubert Faulk, duly seconded by Mr. Ritter Trahan, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury directed Mr. Paul Moresi, III, Legal Counsel to look into the Police Jury's responsibility regarding the Jury's responsibility for the cleanup of the municipalities.

COST OF HANDLING

Upon motion of Mr. Ritter Trahan, duly seconded by Mr. Minos Broussard, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury authorized that quotes be obtained for various options of debris disposal. Contracts to be based on cubic yard basis - minimum of 20 or more; Loading equipment. Penalty for time stipulation. Require quantity of debris to be processed per day should be 20,000 to 30,000 cubic yards.

The Jurors inquired as to how Acadia Parish and others were handling there clean up.

The Jurors suggested that contractors provide suitable insurance coverage and use local contractors, equipment as much as possible.

Upon motion of Mr. Luther "Buster" Hardee, duly seconded by Mr. Ritter Trahan, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury directed that part of the award process would be that the contractors go through an interview process.

Upon motion of Mr. Hubert Faulk, duly seconded by Mr. Kenneth DeHart, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury authorized entering into an intergovernmental agreement with all drainage districts of Vermilion Parish to assist in the cleanup of Hurricane Lili debris.

Upon motion of Mr. Carroll Duhon, duly seconded by Mr. Pervis "Pee Wee" Meaux, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury approved the implementation of an emergency work schedule policy for maintenance personnel of Monday through Saturday 7:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. due to the state of emergency situation caused by Hurricane Lili. Failure of employees to comply will result in their termination.

Mr. Dale Broussard, with the U. S. Government Farm Service Agency advised the Jurors that the Agriculture Disaster Team has submitted a flash report to the Alexandria office. Agriculture in the parish has been hit hard.

- Loss of hay
- Cattle concern
- Loss on rice – 2nd Crop shattered
- Loss on sugarcane – 30% - 40% Loss
- Loss on soybeans – down and shattered

This information has been forwarded to Louisiana State Farm Bureau, President Mr. Ronnie Anderson for use is getting a federal agriculture disaster declaration.

Upon motion of Mr. Carroll Duhon, duly seconded by Mr. Ritter Trahan, and unanimously carried, there being no further business to be presented, the meeting was duly adjourned.

Secretary-Treasurer

President