

Police Jury Room  
November 4, 2002  
Abbeville, Louisiana

Minutes of a regular meeting of the Vermilion Parish Police Jury held on November 4, 2002 with Mr. Edval Simon, Jr. presiding.

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

The following members were present:

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

Absent: None

Upon motion of Mr. T. J. Prejean, Jr., duly seconded by Mr. Luther "Buster" Hardee, and unanimously carried, the agenda was amended to allow Mr. Lonnie Bewley, with the firm of Foley & Judell, Bonding Counsel to give a report relative to the quotes received for the refunding of the '94 Bonds (Road Improvements). The following 3 bids were received:

Hibernia National Bank – 3.65%  
Hancock Bank – 3.20%  
Bank One – 3.05%

Mr. Bewley reported that originally he thought the net savings for the refunding would be approximately \$93,000. Actually the savings will be approximately \$105,700. He recommended acceptance of the low quote and to authorize the project to proceed.

Upon motion of Mr. Mark Poche, duly seconded by Mr. Ritter Trahan, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury adopted the following resolution to authorize refinancing of the debt and to authorize the President and Secretary-Treasurer to sign the necessary documents.



Upon motion of Mr. Purvis Abshire, duly seconded by Mr. Hubert Faulk, and unanimously carried, the reading of the minutes of the October 21, 2002 meeting were dispensed with and were accepted.

President Edval Simon, Jr. read the following announcements:

(1) The Breaux Act Task Force, Louisiana Department of Natural Resources and Iberia and Vermilion Parishes invite the police jurors to celebrate the progress of the following Breaux Act Projects:

- Marsh Island Hydrologic Restoration (TV-14, USACE)
- Lake Portage Land Bridge (TV-17, NRCS-EPA)
- Pecan Island Terracing (ME-14, NMFS)
- Coastwide Nutria Control Program (LA-03b, NRCS)
- Chenier Au Tigre Sediment Trapping Demonstration (TV-16, NRCS)
- Oaks/Avery Canal Hydrologic Restoration Increment 1 (TV-13a, NRCS)

This activity will be held at the Marsh House in Avery Island on Thursday, November 14, 2002 at 10:00 a.m.

(2) Received a letter of thanks from Ms. Mona R. Fruge' R.N., Nursing Supervisor of the Vermilion Parish Health Unit for the time and effort provided by the Jury in helping them become operational quickly after hurricane Lili. With the Police Jury's assistance they were able to meet a mutual goal of providing service to the members of our community.

(3) Mayors from Iberia, Lafayette, Acadia and Vermilion parishes will host a panel discussion on issues of readiness and management during Tropical Storm Isidore and Lili. The Governor's Office, State Police and the State Office of Emergency Preparedness have also been invited. The meeting is set for 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, November 7, 2002 in Crowley. The place has not been set as of this date.

(4) The Louisiana Economic Development Office will host an incentive workshop on November 7 & 8, 2002 in Baton Rouge.

(5) Received a letter of appreciation from Mayor Levi Schexnider on behalf of the City of Kaplan, complimenting each and every member of the Police Jury and their staff for a job well done during their difficult time with Hurricane Lili. He states "your employees came in immediately after the hurricane without anyone asking them to do so and started cleaning the debris left from the storm. For this action the City of Kaplan Administration, employees and citizens will always be grateful."

(6) The Louisiana Travel & Tourism Summit 2003 will be held on January 20 through 23, 2003 in Lafayette.

Mrs. Liz Girouard, with Sellers and Associates, Inc. advised that she has provided each of the jurors with copies of all e-mails sent to the debris contractor dealing with contract concerns.

Upon motion of Mr. Carroll Duhon, duly seconded by Mr. Mark Poche, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury approved payment of Partial Payment Estimate No. 1 in the amount of \$240,069.74 to Pete & Ron's Tree Service relative to the Hurricane Lili Debris Removal and Debris Reduction Project.

Upon motion of Mr. Kenneth DeHart, duly seconded by Mr. Purvis Abshire, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury adopted the following resolution requesting participation in the parish road repair program through the Office of Rural Development and requesting the Vermilion Parish allocation of \$69,785.69:

Upon motion of Mr. Kenneth DeHart, duly seconded by Mr. T. J. Prejean, Jr., and unanimously carried, the Police Jury approved the issuance of a letter of no objection to McAlester Fuel Company relative to their request to produce the SL 16141 No. 2 Well located in Vermilion Bay.

Upon motion of Mr. Kenneth DeHart, duly seconded by Mr. T. J. Prejean, Jr., and unanimously carried, the Police Jury approved the issuance of Permit No. 1223 to McAlester Fuel Company to install and maintain approximately 24,496 feet of one (1) 12-inch pipeline for producing SL 16141 No. 2 Well in Vermilion Bay.

Upon motion of Mr. Hubert Faulk, duly seconded by Mr. Carroll Duhon, and unanimously carried, Item No. 1 of the Public Road Committee Recommendations was amended to further recommend that permanent repairs will also need to be made after the debris hauling is completed.

Upon motion of Mr. Carroll Duhon, duly seconded by Mr. Hubert Faulk, and unanimously carried, the Public Road Committee Recommendations were further amended to adopt an ordinance establishing a 35 mph speed limit on Andrus Road from Fuselier Road to the first bridge crossing.

## **ORDINANCE**

### **2002-O-19**

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 Andrus Road; and

SECTION I: NOW THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY ORDAINED, that the Vermilion Parish Police Jury does hereby impose a 35 mph speed limit from Fuselier Road to the first bridge crossing; and

SECTION II: BE IT HEREBY FURTHER ORDAINED, that the appropriate speed limit 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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Upon motion of Mr. Hubert Faulk, duly seconded by Mr. Kenneth DeHart, and unanimously carried, the Public Road Committee Recommendations were further amended to give Jurors and/or Road Superintendent the authority to close parish roads, except to local traffic, when mud or mud slurry is on the road caused by inclement weather during the sugarcane harvesting season.

Upon motion of Mr. Luther "Buster" Hardee, duly seconded by Mr. Hubert Faulk, and unanimously carried, the Public Road Committee Recommendation were approved as amended, and the appropriate officials of the Jury were authorized to carry out the recommendations.

PUBLIC ROAD COMMITTEE  
OCTOBER 30, 2002  
ABBEVILLE, LOUISIANA

AS A RESULT OF A PUBLIC ROAD COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON OCTOBER 30, 2002, THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED FOR THE JURY'S CONSIDERATION:

1. It is recommended that Lafayette Parish Government be requested to have temporary repairs made on Allen Road which has been damaged due to trucks hauling storm debris from Lafayette Parish to a private landfill located on that road.
2. It is recommended that the quote of Robert Broussard to furnish airboats for the temporary tree debris burning site at the solid waste plant be accepted subject to approval by the FEMA representative. Quote being the lowest of three (3) received.
3. It is recommended that the municipalities be requested to participate in the 15 % local cost share for the debris removal hauled based on the cu. yds. taken from each municipality,
4. It is recommended that quotes be obtained to provide 18-wheeler trailers and drivers to be used in the pickup of storm debris, other than trees and limbs, by parish crews.

It is further recommended that quotes be obtained for grab trucks, wheeled excavators with grab attachments, any other equipment which may be used by the parish in debris pickup.

5. It is recommended that Roland Gilbert, motor patrol operator, be authorized to work overtime to grade parish roads.
6. It is recommended that the legal counsel pursue payment, or file suit against Weneclaus Provost, for damages caused by his cane farming operation on Pioneer Road.

7. It is recommended that the Police Jury ratify the termination of Joseph Westbrooks from the Road Maintenance crew effective as of 10/25/02.
8. It is recommended that Sellers and Associates, Inc. be authorized to advertise for bids to be received for Materials For Parish Road Maintenance for the period January 1 thru June 30, 2003. Bids to be received on December 2, 2002.
9. It is recommended that Sellers and Associates, Inc. prepare an application through the Office of Rural Development – Parish Road Repair Program to obtain the Vermilion Parish allocation of \$69,785.69.
10. It is recommended that the Asphalt Crew be taken off of debris removal work and return to normal patching of parish roads duty.
11. It is recommended that the administrative office be authorized to proceed with obtaining quotes for temporary and permanent repairs to all building damage by Hurricane Lili subject to concurrence by the insurance carrier and/or FEMA.

It is further recommended that the following repair work be approved to be done:

Vermilion Parish Health Unit  
Removal and repair of ceiling tile, grid  
And batt insulation.  
Architectural Acoustics, L.L.C.  
Amount = \$2,699.00

12. It is recommended that the following insurance deductible payments be made to Laborde and Neuner relative to the following lawsuits:
  - A) Herman Taylor vs VPPJ  
Amount Due = \$41.78
  - B) Charles Taylor vs VPPJ  
Amount Due = \$177.31
  - C) Guy Duhon vs. VPPJ  
Amount Due = \$156.87
13. It is recommended that the surplus sale award of Unit 2-821 (1991 Ford Dump Truck) to HESCO, INC. be rescinded in view of their not having claimed the unit.

It is further recommended that the sale of the unit be awarded to Buddy Young, being the next highest bidder.

14. It is recommended that the Police Jury become a Community Partner in the America's Wetland - Campaign To Save Coastal Louisiana Project.
15. It is recommended that the Police Jury create a Hurricane Levee System Development Advisory Committee to gather information and initiate the foundation of a plan relative to protection of the parish.
16. It is recommended that Partial Payment Estimate No. 3 (Final) from H & S Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$25, 745.67 be approved to be paid. Invoice represents release of the 10% retainage withheld relative to the Road Improvements project. A clear lien certificate has been received.
17. It is recommended that the following payments be approved to be paid relative to the FY 2000-2001 LCDBG Water System Improvements – North Vermilion – Area V – Water Distribution System Project:

A) Jan's Construction Co.

- I) Partial Payment Estimate No. 3  
Amount Due = \$42,624.55
- II) Partial Payment Estimate No. 4  
Amount Due = \$91,149.61

B) Minvielle & Associates, Inc.

Invoice No. 866 = \$6,000.00

18. It is recommended that Invoice No. 99022202 from the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries in the amount of \$160.00 be approved to be paid. Invoice represents review of Louisiana Natural Heritage database for environmental clearance on Off System Bridge Project Nos. 713-57-0100, 0101, 0102, 0103 and 0104.
19. It is recommended that the Police Jury approve the payment of the damage claim for Rose Harrington relative to the repair of her vehicle and the rental of a vehicle during the repair.

It is further recommended that the claim for compensation of lost wages be denied.

20. It is recommended that the following damage claims be denied:

- A) Chris Hudson
- B) Coy Breaux
- C) Wayne LeBlanc

21. It is recommended that the Police Jury adopt the Disciplinary and Grievance Procedures Policy as provided by the Secretary-Treasurer.

Respectfully submitted,  
Luther "Buster" Hardee  
Chairman

Upon motion of Mr. Carroll Duhon, duly seconded by Mr. Ritter Trahan, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury approved the assignment and bill of sale dated 9-25-02, but effective 8-1-02, from The Wiser Oil Company to Hilcorp Energy I, L.P. relative to State Mineral Lease No. 17245 – Maurice Field.

Upon motion of Mr. Ernal "E. J." Broussard, duly seconded by Mr. Pervis "Pee Wee" Meaux, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury ratified the approval of the Section 5311 Monthly Activity Report for the month of September, 2002 as submitted by the Vermilion Council On Aging and directing the Secretary to submit the report 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 approved a pauper funeral allocation for Lydia Dugas made payable to David Funeral Home in Erath.

Mr. Ted McCollum, FEMA Debris Representative, advised the Police Jury that the contract for debris removal was going well as far as they were concerned. The contractor has picked up over 100,000 cubic yards through yesterday. The first pass of the parish should be completed in the next 5 – 7 days.

Mrs. Liz Girouard advised the Jurors of the quotes for 18 wheeler truck/trailer rentals that she had received. Contractors were required to bid an hourly rate and have the ability to provide 6 or more trucks. Bids received are as follows:

<u>SUPPLIER</u>	<u>22-26 CU YDS</u>	<u>28-32 CU YDS</u>	<u>34-38 CU YDS</u>
Vermilion Shell & Limestone	No bid	\$55.00/hour	\$65.00/hour
Acadiana Shell & Limestone	\$50.00/hour	\$60.00/hour	No bid
Glen Lege Construction, Inc.	\$57.00/hour	\$62.00/hour	No bid

Upon motion of Mr. Carroll Duhon, duly seconded by Mr. Kenneth DeHart, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury approved the award of the contract for the various size trailer rental to the low quotes on an as needed basis and subject to FEMA concurrence.

The Secretary-Treasurer recognized the Calcasieu Parish representatives in the audience who came to Vermilion Parish immediately after Hurricane Lili to assist in recovery efforts. He advised that certificates of commendation had been prepared for the over 100 persons who assisted in some way.

Mayor Mark Piazza, City of Abbeville, also thanked the Police and Fire department personnel from Calcasieu Parish that assisted the City during the storm. Mayor Piazza also thanked the Vermilion Parish Police Jury for all of their efforts.

Mayor Piazza also requested support for the City of Abbeville's Sales Tax Rededication Proposition to be voted on Tuesday, November 05, 2002.

Upon motion of Mr. Ritter Trahan, duly seconded by Mr. Pervis "Pee Wee" Meaux, and unanimously carried, that there being no further business to be presented, the meeting was duly adjourned.

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Secretary-Treasurer

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President