

Police Jury Room
January 12, 2004
Abbeville, Louisiana

Minutes of a regular meeting of the Vermilion Parish Police Jury held on January 12, 2004 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, followed by a moment of silent prayer

The following members were present:

Mr. Purvis Abshire	Mr. Gaulman Gaspard
Mr. Ernal "E. J." Broussard	Mr. Luther "Buster" Hardee
Mr. Minos Broussard	Mr. Ravis Menard
Mr. Maxwell Chreene	Mr. Mark Poche
Mr. Ronald Darby	Mr. T. J. Prejean, Jr.
Mr. Carroll Duhon	Mr. Edval Simon, Jr.
Mr. Hubert Faulk	Mr. Wayne Touchet

Absent: None

Mr. Simon welcomed the jurors, especially the five new members, families, and friends to the first meeting of the 2004-2008 terms.

Mr. Simon announced that the first order of business was the election of a President and Vice-President and appointment of the Secretary-Treasurer.

Upon motion of Mr. T. J. Prejean, Jr., duly seconded by Mr. Purvis Abshire, and unanimously carried, Mr. Hubert Faulk, was nominated for the position of President of the Police Jury.

Upon motion of Mr. Minos Broussard, duly seconded by Mr. Luther "Buster" Hardee, and unanimously carried, nominations for President were closed.

Mr. Hubert Faulk was elected President by acclamation.

Mr. Hubert Faulk then took the gavel to conduct the balance of the meeting.

Mr. Hubert Faulk thanked the Jurors for their support

Upon motion of Mr. Ronald Darby, duly seconded by Mr. Carroll Duhon, and unanimously carried, Mr. Mark Poche, was nominated for the position of Vice-President of the Police Jury.

Upon motion of Mr. Luther "Buster" Hardee, duly seconded by Mr. Minos Broussard, and unanimously carried, nominations were closed for Vice-President.

Mr. Mark Poche was elected Vice-President by acclamation.

Upon motion of Mr. Luther "Buster" Hardee, duly seconded by Mr. Carroll Duhon, and unanimously carried, Mr. Michael J. Bertrand, was nominated for the position of Secretary-Treasurer of the Police Jury.

Upon motion of Mr. T. J. Prejean, Jr., duly seconded by Mr. Maxwell Chreene, and unanimously carried, nominations were closed for Secretary-Treasurer.

Mr. Michael J. Bertrand was appointed Secretary-Treasurer by acclamation.

President Faulk then presented his appointments to the various Police Jury Standing Committees for the 2004 calendar year, which are as follows:

PUBLIC ROAD COMMITTEE:

Mr. Purvis Abshire
Mr. Minos Broussard
Mr. Maxwell Chreene
Mr. Gaulman Gaspard
Mr. Luther "Buster" Hardee
Mr. T. J. Prejean, Jr.
Mr. Edval Simon, Jr.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE:

Mr. Ernal "E. J." Broussard
Mr. Carroll Duhon
Mr. Luther "Buster" Hardee
Mr. Ravis Menard
Mr. Mark Poche
Mr. T. J. Prejean, Jr.
Mr. Edval Simon, Jr.

COURTHOUSE (BUILDING) COMMITTEE:

Mr. Purvis Abshire
Mr. Ernal "E. J." Broussard
Mr. Minos Broussard
Mr. Ronald Darby
Mr. Ravis Menard
Mr. Edval Simon, Jr.
Mr. Wayne Touchet

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

Mr. Maxwell Chreene
Mr. Ronald Darby
Mr. Carroll Duhon
Mr. Gaulman Gaspard
Mr. Luther "Buster" Hardee
Mr. Mark Poche
Mr. Wayne Touchet

RABIES AND ANIMAL CONTROL COMMITTEE:

Mr. Purvis Abshire
Mr. Ernal "E. J." Broussard
Mr. Minos Broussard
Mr. Ronald Darby
Mr. Ravis Menard
Mr. T. J. Prejean, Jr.
Mr. Wayne Touchet

President Faulk also made the following appointments to the Boards shown:

WATERWORKS DIST. NO. 1

Mr. Maxwell Chreene
Mr. Gaulman Gaspard

VERMILION COUNCIL ON AGING

Mr. Ronald Darby

President Faulk then advised that the next item of business was the opening of bids for a Non-Exclusive Cable Television Franchise in the unincorporated areas. He called for any other bids to be presented from the audience.

Upon motion of Mr. Mark Poche, duly seconded by Mr. T. J. Prejean, Jr., and unanimously carried, the Jury authorized the closing of the receipt of bids.

Upon motion of Mr. Carroll Duhon, duly seconded by Mr. Minos Broussard, and unanimously carried, the Jury authorized the opening of bids. Only one bid was received from Kaplan Telephone Company, Inc. to provide cable service in the area around Kaplan, which is the same area they serve with telephone service.

Upon motion of Mr. Ravis Menard, duly seconded by Mr. Ernal "E. J." Broussard, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury authorized the award of the franchise agreement to Kaplan Telephone Company, Inc. for an initial period of 15 years, with an option for an additional 15 years.

Upon motion of Mr. Luther "Buster" Hardee, duly seconded by Mr. Mark Poche, and unanimously carried, the reading of the minutes of the December 15, 2003 meeting were dispensed with and were accepted.

President Hubert Faulk read the following announcements:

- (1) Received the Annual Finance Report for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2003, from the Vermilion Parish Sheriff's Office, which will be kept on file.
- (2) The Pipeline Group will host their Annual Public Education – Contractor Awareness Program on Thursday, January 29, 2004 at 6:30 p.m. in the Cajundome, in Lafayette.
- (3) Received the Annual Finance Report for the Fiscal Year Ending December 30, 2003, from Abbeville General Hospital, which will be kept on file.
- (4) Received correspondence from Cox Communications advising of new channels being added and repositioning of existing channels, which is to become effective February 10, 2004.

In addition, effective with the February billings, there will be price increase due to the above changes.

- (5) The next Coastal Wetlands Planning, Protection, and Restoration Act Task Force Meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 28, 2004 at 9:30 a.m. at the Corps Of Engineers Office in New Orleans.
- (6) The Louisiana Government Finance Officers Association's annual Winter Workshop will be held on February 10 & 11, 2004 in Baton Rouge.

- (7) The 42nd Annual Parish Government Day Program sponsored by the American Legion, School Board and Police Jury will be held January 29 and 30, 2004 in the Vermilion Parish Courthouse.

Police Juror Representatives from the Parish Schools will be in attendance at the January 26, 2004 Police Jury Meeting.

- (8) The Joint Legislative Committee On Transportation, Highway And Public Works will host a public hearing to review State Highway Construction Priorities for the fiscal year 2004-2005 for DOTD Highway District 03, on Tuesday, February 3, 2004 at 3:00 p.m. at the Clifton Chenier Center in Lafayette.
- (9) The 30th Annual Vermilion Parish 4-H Livestock Show and Sale, cosponsored by the Vermilion Parish Police Jury, will be held on January 16 & 17, 2004 at the Cecil McCrory Exhibit Building. A special Awards Program and Sale will be held on Saturday, January 17, 2004 beginning at 12:00 p.m.
- (10) Lorman Education Services has scheduled a seminar dealing with HIPAA, ADA and FMLA issues for January 29, 2004 in Lafayette.
- (11) The Department Of Natural Resources Coastal Management Division will sponsor an information seminar on Preparing A Coastal Use Permit on Monday, January 26, 2004 at 8:30a.m. at their office in Baton Rouge.

Mrs. Liz Girouard, with Sellers and Associates, Inc. presented the following business for the Police Jury's consideration.

Upon motion of Mr. Carroll Duhon, duly seconded by Mr. Luther "Buster" Hardee, and unanimously carried, that the action on the Aerial Spray Service Contract Bids previously received, was referred to the next Public Works Committee meeting. It was also recommended that the Police Jury invite representatives from T & M Aviation to attend the meeting.

Upon motion of Mr. T. J. Prejean, Jr., duly seconded by Mr. Gaulman Gaspard, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury approved the issuance of Project Permit No. 1267 to People Energy Production to install and maintain approximately 22,223.66 feet of two (2) 6" pipelines in the area of White Lake in Election District No.13.

Upon motion of Mr. T. J. Prejean, Jr., duly seconded by Mr. Gaulman Gaspard, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury approved the issuance of Project Permit No. 1268-D to Samson Resources to drill and maintain S.L. 17057, No. 1 Well in the area of White Lake in Election District No.13.

Upon motion of Mr. Gaulman Gaspard, duly seconded by Mr. T. J. Prejean, Jr., and unanimously carried, the Police Jury approved the issuance of a "letter of no objection" to Sabine Pipe Line, LLC to install 8" valve top and to remove a section of 4" pipe line in the area of Rosewood Road and LA Hwy. 14 in Election District 10.

Upon motion of Mr. T. J. Prejean, Jr., duly seconded by Mr. Gaulman Gaspard, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury approved the issuance of a “letter of no objection” to Mr. Abby Broussard to build-up existing levees, to construct a loading ramp, to partially construct a bulkhead, to dredge an existing canal and depositing that material on his property in the Pecan Island area in Election District 13.

Upon motion of Mr. Maxwell Chreene, duly seconded by Mr. Gaulman Gaspard, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury approved the issuance of a “letter of no objection” to Mr. Paul Leblanc to build a levee to prevent flooding and for erosion control on his property located on the south side of Deer Bayou in Election District 9.

Upon motion of Mr. Maxwell Chreene, duly seconded by Mr. Gaulman Gaspard, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury approved the issuance of a “letter of no objection” to Mr. Charles H. Rood, Jr. to deposit rocks for erosion control and the removal and re-construction of an existing wharf on his property, located in the area of the Oaks Canal and Intracoastal Waterway in Election District 9.

Upon motion of Mr. T. J. Prejean, Jr., duly seconded by Mr. Gaulman Gaspard, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury approved the issuance of a “letter of no objection” to White Lake Preservation, Inc. to do maintenance work on a portion of their levee system located southwest of Gueydan in Election District 13.

Upon motion of Mr. Carroll Duhon, duly seconded by Mr. Ernal “E. J.” Broussard, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury designated the following persons as those representatives eligible to act on behalf of the Police Jury, to sign the necessary documents to acquire Jury authorized donable property from the Louisiana Federal Property Assistance Agency.

- 1) President- Hubert Faulk
- 2) Vice-President-Mark Poche
- 3) Secretary-Treasurer-Michael J. Bertrand
- 4) Parish Road Supervisor-C. J. Bertrand
- 5) Solid Waste Supervisor-Joseph “Ricky” Leblanc
- 6) OEP Director-Robert J. Leblanc
- 7) Public Works Director/Purchasing Agent-Herschel David

Upon motion of Mr. Purvis Abshire, duly seconded by Mr. Edval Simon, Jr., and unanimously carried, the Police Jury approved payment of \$300.00 to the Vermilion Parish 4-H Livestock Fund as the Jury’s sponsorship of the Annual 4-H Livestock Show and Sale.

Upon motion of Mr. Ravis Menard, duly seconded by Mr. Maxwell Chreene, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury approved ratifying the Section 5311 Activity Report for November 2003 as submitted by the Vermilion Council On Aging, Inc. and authorizing the Secretary to submit same to the Dept. of Transportation and Development for reimbursement in accordance with the cooperative agreement.

Upon motion of Mr. Ravis Menard, duly seconded by Mr. Maxwell Chreene, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury approved the following state highway driveway permit installations:

1. Linda Benoit - La. Hwy 13
2. Jennifer Hebert-La. Hwy. 335
3. Dave Broussard-La. Hwy. 343

Upon motion of Mr. Purvis Abshire, duly seconded by Mr. Gaulman Gaspard, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury approved the appointment of Dr. Suresh Patel as the Chief of Medical Staff of Abrom Kaplan Memorial Hospital and his appointment to the Hospital Service District No. 1 Board of Commissioners for the 2004-2005 calendar year.

Upon motion of Mr. Mark Poche, duly seconded by Mr. Wayne Touchet, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury approved payment of the following invoices from the Sellers Group relative to architecture services provided for the Library Construction Program:

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| I) Invoice No. 2508 (Final)
Amount Due = \$3,566.02
Abbeville Library Building | II) Invoice No. 2512
Amount Due = \$4,800.00
Gueydan Library Building Design |
| III) Invoice No. 2513 (Final)
Amount Due = \$32.51
Maurice Library Building | IV) Invoice No. 2514
Amount Due = \$1,597.50
Furniture & Fixtures For The
Abbeville Library Building |

All cost to be paid from the Library Construction Fund.

Upon motion of Mr. Minos Broussard, duly seconded by Mr. Ronald Darby, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury authorized payment of Invoice No. 2522 from The Sellers Group in the amount of \$575.00 for architectural services provided relative to the interior restoration of storm damage at the Vermilion Parish Courthouse.

Upon motion of Mr. Edval Simon, Jr., duly seconded by Mr. Wayne Touchet, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury authorized the renewal of the Inland Marine Coverage (Great American Insurance) for Fire Department Equipment, and Boiler and Boiler and Machinery Coverage (Travelers Property & Casualty) for the Courthouse through Broussard, Bush, & Hurst.

Annual premium for the Boiler/Machinery Coverage is \$2,863.00 and for Inland Marine Coverage is \$4,372.00.

Upon motion of Mr. Carroll Duhon, duly seconded by Mr. Luther "Buster" Hardee, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury authorized the renewal of its Public Officials Liability Coverage (Columbia Casualty Co.) through Huval Insurance Co. at an annual premium of \$19,817.80.

Upon motion of Mr. T. J. Prejean, Jr., duly seconded by Mr. Ravis Menard, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury authorized payment of Invoice #12-003 from KV Business Resources Inc. in the amount of \$3,285.20. Invoice represents payment for benefit consulting services provided for November 2003.

Upon motion of Mr. Purvis Abshire, duly seconded by Mr. Minos Broussard, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury approved President Faulk's request to appoint the following seven (7) Jurors to the Board of Commissioners of Recreation District No. 1, and authorized calling a special meeting of the District for the purpose of addressing the transfer of, and relinquishing of, any interest to the A. A. Comeaux Park Recreation Center Building to the City of Abbeville.

District No. 1 - Mr. Carroll Duhon	District No. 4 - Mr. Ronald Darby
District No. 5 - Mr. Wayne Touchet	District No. 6 - Mr. Mark Poche
District No.7- Mr. Ernal"E.J."Broussard	District No. 9 - Mr. Maxwell Chreene
District No.11- Mr. Ravis Menard	

Upon motion of Mr. Minos Broussard, duly seconded by Mr. Edval Simon, Jr., and unanimously carried, the Police Jury approved entering into an intergovernmental agreement with Ward One Consolidated Gravity Drainage District No. 1 to haul off spoil from a drainage in the area of Eagle Pass Road. Police Jury to provide trucks to haul the material.

Upon motion of Mr. Minos Broussard, duly seconded by Mr. Edval Simon, Jr., and unanimously carried, the Police Jury approved the following Finance Committee Recommendations from the December 4, 2003, meeting.

FINANCE COMMITTEE
DECEMBER 4, 2003
ABBEVILLE, LOUISIANA

AS A RESULT OF A FINANCE COMMITTEE SPECIAL MEETING HELD ON DECEMBER 4, 2003, THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED FOR THE JURY'S CONSIDERATION:

It is recommended the General 2004 Fund Budget be amended as discussed and presented for final consideration on 12/15/03.

It is recommended the 2003 Parishwide Road Maintenance Fund Budget be amended, if required, to transfer up to \$162,000 from the Royalty Road Fund, only if projected expenditures exceed the available revenues.

It is recommended that \$15,000 be deleted from the Parishwide Road Maintenance Fund.

It is recommended that \$10,000 be deleted from the Capital Outlay Fund.

It is recommended to have Mr. Luther "Buster" Hardee as Public Road Committee Chairman check with mechanics.

It is recommended the 2004 Parishwide Road Maintenance Fund Budget be amended as discussed and presented for final consideration on 12/15/03.

It is recommended the Police Jury implement the new fee schedules for building permits, pipeline permits, beer and alcohol licenses, which will be in line with fees charged by the City of Abbeville.

It is further recommended that an ordinance revising the fees be prepared for consideration and adoption.

It is recommended that a special meeting be called for Monday, November 24, 2003, to consider appointment of a mosquito control director and adoption of these Finance Committee Recommendations.

Respectfully submitted,
Mark Poche, Chairman

Upon motion of Mr. Ernal "E. J." Broussard, duly seconded by Mr. Wayne Touchet, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury authorized the award of a contract to Acadian Integrated Solutions, being the lowest bid received for the purchase of twenty-seven (27) external defibrillators device. Cost to be paid from the Homeland Security Grant received.

Upon motion of Mr. Minos Broussard, duly seconded by Mr. Edval Simon, Jr., and unanimously carried, the Police Jury authorized the President to sign the contract agreement from the Governor's Office Of Rural Development for Grant# - 0304-VRM-0003 in the amount of \$25,000.00, drainage improvements in Attakapas Ridge Subdivision.

Upon motion of Mr. Minos Broussard, duly seconded by Mr. Mark Poche, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury approved issuing a letter to thank Governor Foster, Senator Fred Hoyt and Representative Micky Frith for their service to the parish.

Police Juror Ronald Darby invited all Jurors to attend the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration activities on January 19, 2004 beginning at 9:30 a.m. at the Heritage Village Building.

Police Juror Carroll Duhon informed the jurors that a meeting with Vermilion Parish Fire Protection Association's - Budget Committee will be held next week. President Faulk reappointed Mr. Carroll Duhon, Mr. T. J. Prejean, Jr., and Mr. Mark Poche as the Police Jury Representatives to this committee.

Upon motion of Mr. Gaulman Gaspard, duly seconded by Mr. Luther “Buster” Hardee, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury authorized the abandonment of Deer Road, subject to all paper work being in order.

President Hubert Faulk requested all Jurors to attend a meeting at Live Oak Gardens Earthworks at 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, January 13. They will have a demonstration on concrete crushing.

President Hubert Faulk advised the Jurors that he and the Vice-President would be attending the Kiwanis Meeting on January 13, 2004, to make a presentation on the state of the parish.

Upon motion of Mr. Mark Poche, duly seconded by Mr. Luther “Buster” Hardee, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury at the request of Vermilion Parish Office Emergency Preparedness Director, Mr. Bob LeBlanc, approved the revised Parish All Hazard Plan and authorized the President to sign the necessary documents. The revised plan includes updated annexes on terrorism and mass fatality incidences.

Mr. Bob Leblanc, Director of Vermilion Parish Office Of Emergency Preparedness invited the Police Jury to attend a meeting on Wednesday, January 14, 2004 at 1:30 p.m. at the Courthouse which is to perform a final review of the new Hazard Mitigation Plan.

President Faulk requested Ms. Carolyn Bessard, Office Manager to introduce the Administrative Office Staff to the Jurors.

Mr. Paul Ed Broussard, informed Jurors that he owns a private trailer park and wants to know how will his facility will be addressed with the new garbage cans. He would like the Jurors to put the cans in the Trailer Park to eliminate trash problems at the road. Mr. Broussard was directed to come to the Public Works Committee meeting to be held on Thursday, January 22, 2004.

Upon motion of Mr. Ernal “E. J.” Broussard, duly seconded by Mr. Ravis Menard, and unanimously carried, that there being no further business to be presented, the meeting was duly adjourned.

Secretary-Treasurer

President