

Police Jury Room  
July 6, 2004  
Abbeville, Louisiana

Minutes of a regular meeting of the Vermilion Parish Police Jury held on July 6, 2004, with Vice-President Mark Poche' presiding.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Poche', who asked that Juror Luther "Buster" Hardee III, lead the group in the Pledge of Allegiance. Following the pledge, the President asked for a moment of silent prayer or reflection.

The following members were present:

Mr. Purvis Abshire	Mr. Luther "Buster" Hardee, III
Mr. Ernal "E. J." Broussard	Mr. Ravis Menard
Mr. Minos Broussard	Mr. Mark Poche'
Mr. Maxwell Chreene	Mr. T. J. Prejean, Jr.
Mr. Ronald Darby	Mr. Wayne Touchet
Mr. Carroll Duhon	

Absent: Mr. Hubert Faulk  
Mr. Gaulman Gaspard  
Mr. Edval Simon, Jr.

Upon motion of Mr. T. J. Prejean, Jr., duly seconded by Mr. Luther "Buster" Hardee III, and unanimously carried, the reading of the minutes of the June 21, 2004 meeting, were dispensed with and were accepted.

The Vice-President of the Police Jury then announced that it was seven o'clock (7:00) p.m., and time to hear any and all objections to the alteration of the boundaries of Waterworks District No.1 of the Parish of Vermilion, State of Louisiana, and Southeast Waterworks District No. 2 of the Parish of Vermilion, State of Louisiana, as proposed in resolutions of intention adopted by the Police Jury on May 17, 2004.

The Vice-President then stated that the Notices of Intention which the Police Jury had issued on May 17, 2004, giving notice of intention of said Police Jury to alter the boundaries of said Waterworks Districts had been published in the "Abbeville Meridional", Abbeville, Louisiana, on May 27, June 3, June 10 and June 17, 2004.

The Vice-President then called for objections to the proposed alteration of the boundaries of said Waterworks District No. 1 from the Police Jurors, citizens, property owners and other interested parties present at the meeting.

No one present at the meeting offered any objections, and the Secretary stated that no objections had been filed with him. The Vice-President then announced that there were no objections to the alteration of the boundaries of the Waterworks District No. 1 as proposed in the aforesaid resolution of May 17, 2004.

The Vice-President then called for objections to the alteration of the boundaries of said Southeast Waterworks District No. 2 from the Police Jurors, citizens, property owners and other interested parties present at the meeting.

No one present at the meeting offered any objections and the Secretary stated that no objections had been filed with him. The Vice-President then announced that there were no objections to the alteration of the boundaries of the Southeast Waterworks District No. 2 as proposed in the aforesaid resolution of May 17, 2004.

Mr. Eugene Sellers, Sr., with Sellers and Associates, Inc., presented various items for the Police Jury's consideration.

Mr. Sellers provided the Jurors with a copy of the 2003-2004 Annual Solid Waste Disposal Report which will be submitted to D.E.Q.

Upon motion of Mr. Carroll Duhon, duly seconded by Mr. Wayne Touchet, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury approved the preliminary plat and the road and drainage construction plans and specifications, as noted, for the Vermilion Oaks Subdivision development, which is located in Election District No. 2.

Upon motion of Mr. T. J. Prejean, Jr., duly seconded by Mr. Minos Broussard, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury approved the issuance of a "letter of no objection" to Exxon Mobil Production Company to access dredge a canal to plug and abandon the Exxon Fee Well No. 33, located in Election District No.13.

Upon motion of Mr. T. J. Prejean, Jr., duly seconded by Mr. Ravis Menard, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury approved the issuance of a "letter of no objection" to Mr. Charles Broussard, to clear chinese tallow trees from an existing levee, and replant with hydric vegetation, project is located in Election District No.13.

Upon motion of Mr. Ravis Menard, duly seconded by Mr. Carroll Duhon, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury approved the issuance of Project Permit No. 1287 to Hilcorp Energy Company to install 15,608 feet of 6-inch pipeline to serve the Durke Well No. 1, in Election District No.2 and 11.

Upon motion of Mr. T. J. Prejean, Jr., duly seconded by Mr. Maxwell Chreene, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury amended Item No. 12,b,(6) of the Road Committee Recommendations to reflect Sue Butaud instead of Sue Bertrand being reappointed.

Upon motion of Mr. Minos Broussard, duly seconded by Mr. Mark Poche', and unanimously carried, the Road Committee Recommendations were further amended to add an item to have the Legal Counsel, Mr. Paul Moresi III, look into whether the Police Jury has to advertise for bids for the fire truck repairs or can quotes be obtained, and that the Administrative Office be authorized to take action to obtain quotes or bids, depending on his findings.

Upon motion of Mr. Minos Broussard, duly seconded by Mr. Purvis Abshire, and unanimously carried, Item No. 3 of the Road Committee Recommendations was amended to add "for three or more days".

Upon motion of Mr. Luther "Buster" Hardee III, duly seconded by Mr. T. J. Prejean, Jr., and unanimously carried, the Public Road Committee Recommendations were approved as amended.

PUBLIC ROAD COMMITTEE  
JUNE 30, 2004  
ABBEVILLE, LOUISIANA

AS A RESULT OF A PUBLIC ROAD COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON JUNE 30, 2004, THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED FOR THE JURY'S CONSIDERATION:

1. It is recommended that Détente Road continue to be recognized as a public road in the parish road maintenance system, unless other action to the contrary is presented.
2. It is recommended that the mechanic shop foreman be considered as any other foreman and authorized to use the mechanic shop truck.
3. It is recommended that when a foreman goes on vacation, that his truck and cell phone be made available to the Area barn.
4. It is recommended that all foremen be reminded that they are subject to callout for an emergency.
5. It is recommended that the area foreman assume the job of issuing driveway and beautification permits.
6. It is recommended that the following invoices from Sellers and Associates, Inc. be approved;
  - a. Invoice No. 007773 - \$297.50  
Update Parish Road System Map (Nov., 2003 – June, 2004)
  - b. Invoice No. 007774 - \$393.75  
Corps of Engineers/Coastal Use Permit  
Review for Letters of No Objection (Oct. 2003 – June, 2004)
7. It is recommended that Mr. Timmy Bourque be hired as the motor grader operator for Area 1.
8. It is recommended that the Police Jury ratify the hiring of Mr. Clay Mailhes, as an Inspector I, on a 90 day trial basis, in the mosquito control program, replacing Mr. Glynn Miller, who did not accept the position.
9. It is recommended that Invoice No. 446020565 from the La. Dept. of Environmental Quality in the amount of \$448.26, be approved to be paid. Invoice represents annual maintenance fee due relative to the La. Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit for the Solid Waste Plant.

10. It is recommended that the President be authorized to sign the agreement with Philip Reclamation Services, Houston, Inc., to provide household hazardous waste collection services on Saturday, September 25, 2004.
11. It is recommended that the Police Jury ratify the action of Solid Waste Supervisor Rickey Leblanc to suspend, without pay, Mr. Tyron Lee for three (3) days (6/29, 7/1, & 7/2).
12. It is recommended that the following appointments to the respective districts shown below be approved;
  - a. Hospital Service District No. 1;
    - (1) Ronald Menard – Effective July 6, 2004
  - b. Vermilion Parish Tourist Commission – Effective July 7, 2004;
 

(1) Rebecca Shirley	(2) Patricia Heard
(3) Bonnie Broussard	(4) June Debaillion
(5) Burt Hoffpauir	(6) Sue Butaud

Respectfully submitted,  
Luther "Buster" Hardee III,  
Chairman

Upon motion of Mr. Ernal "E.J." Broussard, duly seconded by Mr. Carroll Duhon, with Mr. Ronald Darby abstaining from voting, Item No. 1 of the Finance Committee Recommendations was amended to allow Cox Communication to also give a proposal for telephone service.

Upon motion of Mr. Wayne Touchet, duly seconded by Mr. Ernal "E.J." Broussard, and unanimously carried, the Finance Committee Recommendations were approved as amended.

FINANCE COMMITTEE  
JUNE 30, 2004  
ABBEVILLE, LOUISIANA

AS A RESULT OF A FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON JUNE 30, 2004, THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED FOR THE JURY'S CONSIDERATION:

1. It is recommended that Kaplan Telephone Co. be authorized to prepare a proposal to provide local telephone service for those offices located in the courthouse that are paid by the Police Jury.
2. It is recommended that the Police Jury amend Ordinance No. 2001-O-15, which regulates ambulance providers, as follows;

- a. ARTICLE XV – Ambulance Performance Standards – Paragraph “b”  
Omit wording regarding the number and placement of ambulances and replace with response time criteria provisions.
  - b. ARTICLE XV – Ambulance Performance Standards – Paragraph “c”  
Omit paragraph wording and replace with response time penalty schedule.
3. It is recommended that the Police Jury ratify the establishment of a \$5,000 threshold value level to be used with the establishment of a depreciation schedule for all parish inventory (buildings, equipment, vehicles, furniture and etc.).
4. It is recommended that the administrative office obtain from other parishes, their charges for electrical hookups and moving permits.

Respectfully submitted,  
Wayne Touchet, Chairman

Upon motion of Mr. Maxwell Chreene, duly seconded by Mr. Minos Broussard, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury approved the issuance of a “letter of no objection” to Cox Communications, Inc. to bury coaxial cable within the right-of-way of S. Hospital Drive, located in Election District No.9

Upon motion of Mr. Wayne Touchet, duly seconded by Mr. Ravis Menard, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury approved payment of Invoice No. 200445918 from Pace/Analytical in the amount of \$2980.00. Invoice represents technical services provided for the semi-annual monitoring tests taken in June at the Solid Waste Facility. Cost to be paid from ‘94 Sales Tax Fund.

Upon motion of Mr. Maxwell Chreene, duly seconded by Mr. Ronald Darby, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury approved payment of Invoice No. 220627 from Coastal Environments, Inc. in the amount of \$5,932.08. Invoice represents technical services provided relative to the environmental assessment of the effects of the proposed deepening of Freshwater Bayou by the Port of Iberia. Cost to be paid from funds to be received from Coastal Impact Assistance Program Grant.

Upon motion of Mr. Maxwell Chreene, duly seconded by Mr. Wayne Touchet, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury approved the Dept. of Natural Resources’ request to be the permit applicant for the Cheniere Au Tigre Breakwater Extension Project, and authorized the President and/or Secretary to sign the necessary documents.

Upon motion of Mr. Wayne Touchet., duly seconded by Mr. Ernal "E.J." Broussard, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury did resolve to request the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development to include in their ongoing study of the realignment of U. S. Hwy. 167 and La. Hwy. 335 (S. Henry St.) leading to La. Hwy. 82, to also study the realignment of La. Hwy. 3267 (Jacquelyn St.) and La. Hwy. 82. It is also resolved that the Parish Legislative Delegation be requested to assist in getting the study performed.

Upon motion of Mr. Minos Broussard, duly seconded by Mr. Purvis Abshire, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury approved payment of Invoice No. 2604 from The Sellers Group in the amount of \$240.00. Invoice represents professional services for the Abbeville Library. Cost to be paid from the Library Construction Fund.

The Secretary/Treasurer advised the Jurors that Attorney General, Charles Foti, will be in Abbeville on Tuesday, July 6, 2004, to present a grant in the amount of \$10,000.00 to the Vermilion Community Clinic. The presentation will be held at 3:00 p.m. in the Auditorium of Abbeville General Hospital.

The Secretary/Treasurer advised the Jurors that the annual 2% Fire Insurance rebate check from the State Treasurer's Office has been received and the funds will be distributed to all Fire Departments in accordance with the distribution schedule provided.

Legal Counsel Paul Moresi III, gave a short status report on the White Lake case.

Mr. Moresi also, discussed the options available to the Police Jury regarding blighted property.

Mr. Moresi , also requested the Police Jury to amend the agenda to authorize the Police Jury to go into executive session to discuss pending litigation relative to the Millie Wilborn, Med Express, and Tony Benoit suits.

Upon motion of Mr. Luther "Buster" Hardee III, duly seconded by Mr. Ronald Darby, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury approved amending the agenda to call for an executive session to discuss existing or proposed litigation, and thereby proceeded into executive session at 7:30 p.m.

Upon motion of Mr. Minos Broussard, duly seconded by Mr. Ronald Darby, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury returned to regular session at 7:50 p.m.

Upon motion of Mr. Luther "Buster" Hardee III, duly seconded by Mr. Gaulman Gaspard, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury authorized Sellers & Associates, Inc. to perform a drainage study and evaluation of the blocked drainage through the Tony Benoit property.

Upon motion of Mr. Ronald Darby, duly seconded by Mr. Maxwell Chreene, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury approved the relocation of Precinct 38 from the Southeast Waterworks District No. 1 office to the Live Oak Masonic Lodge No. 193 building, with the understanding that no rental fee will be charged.

Upon motion of Mr. Ernal "E. J." Broussard, duly seconded by Mr. Purvis Abshire, 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