

Police Jury Room
August 2, 2004
Abbeville, Louisiana

Minutes of a regular meeting of the Vermilion Parish Police Jury held on August 2, 2004, with President Hubert J. Faulk presiding.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Faulk, who asked that Juror Wayne Touchet, 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. 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: Mr. Minos Broussard
Mr. Gaulman Gaspard

President Hubert J. Faulk called for any other bids in the audience to be submitted relative to the bid call shown on the agenda.

Upon motion of Mr. Purvis Abshire, duly seconded by Mr. T. J. Prejean, Jr., and unanimously carried, the Jury closed the receipt of all bids and authorized the opening of the following bids:

<u>BIDDER</u>	REPAIRS TO PARISHWIDE FIRE TRUCK
Sunbelt Fire	No Bid
Bonaventure Co. Inc.	\$39,550.00
Ferrara Fire Apparatus, Inc.	\$59,892.00
5 Alarm Fire Apparatus, Inc.	\$53,074.22

Upon motion of Mr. Wayne Touchet, duly seconded by Mr. Carroll Duhon, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury authorized taking the bids for the Repairs To Parishwide Fire Truck under advisement until next Public Works Committee.

The President recognized those persons who had requested time, or were asked to be on the agenda, to present their business at this time.

Mr. Phillip Broussard who is spear heading the “Tiger Brigade Cookout” to be held on August 12, 2004 at Fort Hood for the 256 Infantry Brigade, he along with Mr. Clarence Thibodeaux and Mr. Tully Broussard discussed the objective was to feed the soldiers a Cajun meal before their departure to California.

Juror Wayne Touchet, on behalf of the Police Jury presented them with a check for \$1100.00 to help with the expenses for the “Tiger Brigade Cookout”.

Mr. Charles Boustany, Jr. announced that he is running for the 7th District Congressman seat. Mr. Boustany discussed his idea, and plans he would like to pursue if elected. Mr. Boustany requested the Jury’s support of his candidacy.

President Faulk acknowledged Judge Francie Bouillion candidate for the 3rd Circuit Court of appeals seat in the audience.

Upon motion of Mr. Ronald Darby, duly seconded by Mr. Maxwell Chreene, and unanimously carried, the reading of the minutes of the July 23, 2004 special meeting, and the regular meeting of July 19, 2004, were dispensed with and were accepted.

President Faulk read the following announcements:

- (1) Officials of the US Army Corps of Engineers and the State Of Louisiana announce a series of public meetings to receive comments on a draft \$2.0 billion, near-term plan to restore coastal Louisiana, and the related draft environmental impact statement, for the LCA (Louisiana Coastal Area) project. The nearest meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 28, 2004 at 6:00 p.m. at the Cameron Parish Police Jury Office, 110 Smith Circle, Cameron, La.
- (2) The New Orleans District, Corps of Engineer’s office has advised the Police Jury that Coastal America, a consortium of 13 federal agencies and numerous state and non-government organization partners, has announced that the Vermilion Parish Police Jury, along with the CWPPRA Task Force, has been recognized for its efforts to address coastal wetlands losses over the years, and will be presented an award.
- (3) Coastal America’s formal award ceremony will be held on August 18, 2004, following the CWPPRA Task Force meeting being held at the Corp Headquarters building in New Orleans.

Mrs. Liz Girouard, with Sellers and Associates, Inc., presented various items for the Police Jury’s consideration:

Upon motion of Mr. Luther "Buster" Hardee III, duly seconded by Mr. Maxwell Chreene, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury accepted as complete Project Permit No. 1272 issued to Davis Petroleum, Inc. to install a 4" pipeline in the area of Dewberry Road, located in Election District No.10.

Upon motion of Mr. Luther "Buster" Hardee III, duly seconded by Mr. Maxwell Chreene, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury approved the issuance of Project Permit No. 1289 to Dominion E & P, Inc. to install a 6" inch flowline, beginning at the Dominion E&P, Inc., Hannah Hardee No. 1 well site and ending at the existing Columbia Gulf Transmission pipeline, located in Election District No.14.

Upon motion of Mr. Luther "Buster" Hardee III, duly seconded by Mr. Maxwell Chreene, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury approved the issuance of Project Permit No. 1290-D to Cimarex Energy Company to install a board road and necessary site structures to locate the Florence Mauboules #2 Well, west of Gueydan, located in Election District No. 14.

Upon motion of Mr. Luther "Buster" Hardee III, duly seconded by Mr. Maxwell Chreene, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury approved the issuance of Project Permit No. 1291-D to Dunhill Exploration & Production to install the necessary site structures to drill and maintain the Live Oak Plantation Trust No. 12 and 13 Wells, located in Election District No. 09.

Upon motion of Mr. Luther "Buster" Hardee III, duly seconded by Mr. Maxwell Chreene, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury approved the issuance of Project Permit No. 1292-D to Dunhill Exploration & Production to install the necessary site structures to drill and maintain the Live Oak Plantation Trust No. 11 Well, located in Election District No. 09.

Upon motion of Mr. Luther "Buster" Hardee III, duly seconded by Mr. Maxwell Chreene, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury approved the issuance of a "letter of no objection" to Apache Corporation to remove 13,214 feet of 4" pipeline along with associated appurtenant structures. Original installation was issued as Project Permit #992 (accepted 11/17/98), located in Buck Point Field (Vermilion Bat area), located in Election District No.09.

Upon motion of Mr. Luther "Buster" Hardee III, duly seconded by Mr. Maxwell Chreene, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury approved the issuance of a "letter of no objection" to South Oak Production Company to construct and plant terraces in Belle Isle Lake on property owned by the National Audubon Society. This project was required by the "Special Conditions" part of permits issued by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the Louisiana Coastal Management Division to offset impacts from dredge and fill activities associated with the McIlhenny, et al, No. 1 Well (Permit No. 1286-D), located in Election District No. 09.

Upon motion of Mr. Luther "Buster" Hardee III, duly seconded by Mr. Maxwell Chreene, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury approved the issuance of a "letter of no objection" to Texaco Pipelines, LLC to repair, replace, and maintain that portion of approximately 33,000 feet of existing 6" pipeline in Vermilion Parish, beginning at the Henry Plant and ending at the Pierre Part mainline block valve in Assumption Parish, located in Election District No. 08.

Upon motion of Mr. Luther "Buster" Hardee III, duly seconded by Mr. Maxwell Chreene, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury approved the issuance of a "letter of no objection" to ExxonMobil Production Company to propwash approximately 1.50 acres of water-bottom to access an existing slip and canal to their existing Exxon Fee Well No. 68 located approximately 5.1 miles southeasterly from Pecan Island, located in Election District No. 13.

Upon motion of Mr. Ernal "E.J." Broussard, duly seconded by Mr. Purvis Abshire, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury approved the deletion of Item No. 13 of the Public Road Committee Recommendations that the Library maintenance tax renewal resolution be deleted, in view of a letter received from Library Board.

President Faulk, read a letter of resignation from Road Supervisor, Mr. C. J. Bertrand. Mr. Bertrands last day will be September 3, 2004.

Upon motion of Mr. T. J. Prejean, Jr., duly seconded by Mr. Edval Simon, Jr., and unanimously carried, the Police Jury approved amending the Road Committee Recommendations to authorize advertising for 2 weeks to fill the Road Supervisor position.

Upon motion of Mr. Luther "Buster" Hardee, III, duly seconded by Mr. Ravis Menard, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury approved the Public Road Committee Recommendations as amended, and the appropriate officials of the Jury were authorized to carry out the recommendations:

PUBLIC ROAD COMMITTEE
JULY 28, 2004
ABBEVILLE, LOUISIANA

AS A RESULT OF A PUBLIC ROAD COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON JULY 28, 2004, THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED FOR THE JURY'S CONSIDERATION:

1. It is recommended that Invoice No. 007814 from Sellers & Associates, Inc. in the amount of \$224.00 be approved to be paid. Invoice represents engineering services provided to prepare and review seismic permit issued to Boone Exploration.
2. It is recommended that the Police Jury authorize the Criminal Division of the Sheriff's Office to be housed in the Parish Government Office Complex.

It is further recommended that no time frame for moving the Civil Division to the Parish Government Office Complex be required at this time.

3. It is recommended that in view of Senator Gautreaux relocating his office outside of the courthouse, that Representative Frith be relocated to that office previously utilized by Senator Gautreaux. Any costs associated with the move will be the responsibility of Rep. Frith.

It is further recommended that the Police Jury apply for a Rural Development Grant to renovate Rep. Frith's old office area into a prisoner holding cell, which has been requested by the District Court.

4. It is recommended that funds be allocated to purchase asphalt and limestone to repair the ramps and parking area at the four (4) fishing pier sites located along La. Hwy. 82.
5. It is recommended that the Police Jury advertise the sale of surplus dirt located at various stockpiles throughout the parish.
6. It is recommended that the Police Jury accept into the parish road maintenance system the extension of Sosthene Road (approximately 135') and a 30' x 30' turnaround located on the south side of the road near the end of the new road section.
7. It is recommended that Lopez Road be authorized to be closed to allow the Dept. of Transportation and Development to utilize the area to bore a line adjacent to their bridge on La. Hwy. 89.
8. It is recommended that authorization be given to spray weed control chemical at the Meaux-Nunez Fire Station site.

It is further recommended that the spraying of the weed control chemical at the 7th Ward School be discontinued.

9. It is recommended that Goldie Road be renamed Roland Road, and that all appropriate agencies be notified, and that Sellers & Associates, Inc. make the necessary change to the parish road system map.
10. It is recommended that the Police Jury authorize President Hubert J. Faulk to execute DNR Cooperative Agreement No. 2503-05-11, "Parish Coastal Wetlands Restoration Program" between the Vermilion Parish Police Jury and the La. Department of Natural Resources.
11. It is recommended that a letter of condolence be sent to the family of Mr. Bill Doran, who was the attorney for the La. Police Jury Association for many years.

12. It is recommended that the following appointments to the various drainage districts be approved:

- A) Ward One, Consolidated Gravity Drainage District No. 1
Wiley J. Romero be reappointed effective as of 8/3/04.
- B) Consolidated Gravity Drainage District No. 2-A
Randy Stoutes, Ted Girouard, Donald Gaspard,
Thomas Lalande, Mark Hebert
be reappointed effective as of 8/3/04.
- C) Seventh Ward Gravity Drainage District No. 2
Eddie Lege be appointed to replace J. C. Griffin

It is further recommended that a letter of commendation and appreciation be sent to Mr. Griffin for his years of service.

13. It is recommended that the Police Jury adopt a resolution authorizing the call of an election on November 2, 2004, to consider renewal of millages for the following:

Parishwide Road-Maintenance	3.26 mills
Road District No. 1-Maintenance	5.72 mills
Road District Sub 1 of 2-Maintenance	5.06 mills
Road District 4-A-Maintenance	6.93 mills
Road District No. 6-Maintenance	6.27 mills

14. It is recommended that Invoice No. 200440721 from Wilson Apparatus & Equipment in the amount of \$16,345.00 be approved to be paid. Invoice represents extrication equipment delivered to the District 13 Volunteer Fire Dept. Cost to be paid from General Fund and reimbursed through a Rural Development Grant (\$15,000.00) and the District 13 Volunteer Fire Dept. (\$1,345.00).

Respectfully submitted,
Luther "Buster" Hardee III,
Chairman

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

Upon motion of Mr. Carroll Duhon, duly seconded by Mr. Wayne Touchet, and unanimously carried, the Grant Review Committee Recommendations were approved as presented, and the appropriate officials of the Jury were authorized to carry out the recommendations:

GRANT REVIEW COMMITTEE
JULY 28, 2004
ABBEVILLE, LA.

AS A RESULT OF A GRANT REVIEW COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON JULY 28, 2004, THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED FOR THE JURY'S CONSIDERATION:

1. It is recommended that Minvielle & Associates, Inc. be authorized to resubmit capital outlay applications for 2004 for the following projects:
 - A) Multi-Purpose Arena - \$2,160,000.00
 - B) Flood Protection in the Erath and Bayou Tigre Area- \$475,000.00
 - C) Truck Bypass Route Improvements in the Gueydan Area - \$225,000.00

It is further recommended that Minvielle & Associates prepare a capital outlay application to fund construction of a parking garage on the existing Police Jury parking lot. (Estimate of \$1,600,000.00).

2. It is recommended that the following project application, heldover from last year, be submitted for Rural Development Funding consideration:
 - A) Eaton Park Drainage Improvements - \$41,500.00
3. It is recommended that Minvielle & Associates, Inc. prepare a Rural Development Fund application to replace the roofing on the Courthouse Annex at an estimated cost of \$50,000.00 for construction, architectural services, and miscellaneous costs.

It is further recommended that cost estimates be obtained for the following projects and submitted to the Committee for further consideration:

- A) Replace equipment for the asphalt crew (i.e. distributor spray bar, spreader boxes, tandem dump truck.

- B) Renovation of a portion of the courthouse to build a holding area for prisoners.
- C) Broussard ditch drainage project.

Hubert J. Faulk,
Acting Chairman

Upon motion of Mr. Ronald Darby, duly seconded by Mr. Ernal "E.J." Broussard, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury approved the 2nd revision of the Section 5311 Monthly Activity Report for the month of April, 2004 as submitted by the Vermilion Council On Aging, and directed 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. Ronald Darby, duly seconded by Mr. Ernal "E.J." Broussard, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury approved the Section 5311 Monthly Activity Report for the months of May & June, 2004 as submitted by the Vermilion Council On Aging, and directed 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. Carroll Duhon, duly seconded by Mr. Maxwell Chreene, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury ratified the issuance of a letter of support to the Department of Health & Hospitals, Bureau of Primary Care and Rural Health relative to Abbeville General Hospital's application for a Community-Based and Rural Health Program grant.

Upon motion of Mr. Maxwell Chreene, duly seconded by Mr. T. J. Prejean, Jr., and unanimously carried, the Police Jury resolved to advise the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration that they would be willing to be the local sponsor for the Bird Island project which would reconstruct an island which has eroded away, in the western cove of Southwest Pass.

Upon motion of Mr. Maxwell Chreene, duly seconded by Mr. T. J. Prejean, Jr., and unanimously carried, the Police Jury did resolve to go on record in support of the White Lake Shoreline Protection Project (CWPPRA Project #ME-22).

Upon motion of Mr. T. J. Prejean, Jr., duly seconded by Mr. Ravis Menard, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury approved payment of Invoice No. L138435 from SPL Lafayette Laboratory in the amount of \$1,597.00. Invoice represents testing performed on the oxidation pond at the solid waste plant. Cost to be paid from '94 Sales Tax Fund.

Legal Counsel, Paul Moresi, III , advised that he had no business to present.

Juror Carroll Duhon, recognized Maurice Aldermen Mr. Darin Desormeaux and Mr. Gary Villien as being in the audience.

Upon motion of Mr. Mark Poche, duly seconded by Mr. Purvis Abshire, and unanimously carried, that there being no further business to be presented, the meeting was duly adjourned.

Secretary-Treasurer

President