

Police Jury Room
October 3, 2005
Abbeville, Louisiana

Minutes of a regular meeting of the Vermilion Parish Police Jury held on October 3, 2005, with President Hubert J. Faulk presiding.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Faulk, who asked Juror Gaulman Gaspard to 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. Hubert Faulk	Mr. T. J. Prejean, Jr.
Mr. Minos Broussard	Mr. Luther "Buster" Hardee, III	Mr. Edval Simon, Jr.
Mr. Maxwell Chreene	Mr. David C. Mayard	Mr. Wayne Touchet
Mr. Carroll Duhon	Mr. Gaulman Gaspard	
Mr. Mark Poche'	Mr. Ravis Menard	

Absent: Mr. Ronald Darby

The President announced that the next item on the agenda was for the Vermilion Parish Police Jury, acting as the Parish Board of Review to hear any protests dealing with the 2005 assessment values established by the Assessor's Office.

The President then called on Vermilion Parish Assessor Mike Langlinais. Mr. Langlinais then gave a report of assessment values established for 2005 and informed the Jury that there was no protest received.

Upon motion Mr. Wayne Touchet, duly seconded by Mr. Carroll Duhon, and unanimously carried, the Jury accepted the following assessment valuation for the 2005 Tax year as submitted by Assessor Michael Langlinais:

	<u>2005 Values</u>	<u>2004 Values</u>
1. Real Property	\$140,556,990	\$136,068,270
2. Personal Property	\$114,341,480	\$110,095,440
TOTAL	\$254,898,470	\$246,163,710

The President recognized those persons who had requested time on the agenda to present their business at this time.

Mr. Tim Creswell with Homeland Security Office of Emergency Preparedness addressed the Jury requesting a letter be sent to our Congressional and Louisiana

Delegation stopping the AGMAC Channel Project until a 12 foot protected levee is built and maintained.

Upon motion Mr. Edval Simon, Jr., duly seconded by Mr. Wayne Touchet, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury authorize the Secretary/Treasurer to send a letter to our Congressional and Louisiana Delegation requesting the hauling of the AGMAC Channel Project until a 12 foot protected levee is built and maintained.

The President called for any other bids in the audience to be submitted relative to the Front End Wheel Loaders for the Solid Waste Department on the agenda.

Upon motion of Mr. Luther "Buster" Hardee, III, duly seconded by Mr. Gaulman Gaspard, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury closed the receipt of all bids.

Upon motion of Mr. Purvis Abshire, duly seconded by Mr. Ravis Menard, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury authorized opening the bids received.

Upon motion of Mr. Carroll Duhon, duly seconded by Mr. Luther "Buster" Hardee, III, and unanimously carried, that the Police Jury authorized that the bids for the Front End Wheel Loaders for the Solid Waste Department be reviewed and award bid to the lowest bidder, if within the budget.

President Faulk read the following announcements:

1. The Coastal Wetlands Planning, Protection and Restoration Act Rescheduled Technical Committee Meeting will discuss and recommend the FY-06 Planning Budget and the impacts of Hurricane Katrina on Wednesday, October 19, 2005, at 9:30 a.m. at the Estuarine Habitats and Coastal Fisheries Center in Lafayette, Louisiana.
2. The Coastal Restoration & Conservation Advisory Commission meeting scheduled for Monday, October 3, 2005 has been postponed until further notice.
3. The Second President's Forum on "Meeting Coastal Challenges" has postponed the October 17, 2005 conference.
4. The Vermilion Volunteers for Family and Community, Inc., 65th Annual Achievement Day is scheduled for Wednesday, October 12, 2005 from 10:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. at the Vermilion Parish Library in Abbeville.
5. Lorman Education Services will host a seminar entitled "Workers' Compensation in Louisiana" to be held on October 21, 2005 at the Holiday Inn Central in Lafayette, Louisiana.

Upon motion of Mr. Minos Broussard, duly seconded by Mr. David C. Mayard, and unanimously carried, the readings of the minutes of the regular meeting of September 19, 2005 were dispensed with and were accepted.

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

Upon motion of Mr. Purvis Abshire, duly seconded by Mr. T. J. Prejean, Jr., and unanimously carried, the Police Jury approved the issuance of the following Project Permits:

- (A) Project Permit No. 1367 to Walter Oil & Gas Corporation, to install a drill site, 1,118 feet of one (1) inch flowline to serve in the Annie Mae Simon No. 1 Well, located off of La. Hwy. 699 near the Andrew Community, in Election District 02.
- (B) Project Permit No. 1368-D to Davis Petroleum Corporation, to install a drill site for the HET RB SUA, R, Adams et al No. 1 Well, located off of Amerada Road, in Election District No. 12.
- (C) Project Permit No. 1369-D to Petrohawk Energy Corporation, to install a drill site for the Noble Well No. 1, located off of Tom Road, in Election District No. 14.
- (D) Project Permit No. 1370-D/Offshore to McMoran Oil & Gas, to install a drill site for the S.L. 17159#3, VR16 Well, located offshore at Block 16.
- (E) Project Permit No. 1371-D/Offshore to McMoran Oil & Gas to install a drill site for the S.L. 17159#4, VR16 Well, located offshore at Block 16.

Mr. Eugene Sellers, Sr. with Sellers & Associates, Inc., addressed the Jury about debris disposal areas. DEQ approved two (2) sites, the Solid Waste Facility and the old Abbeville dump site. Mr. Sellers informed the Jury that disposal fees have not been established. Mr. Sellers will schedule a meeting with the Corp. to establish fees.

Upon motion by Mr. Carroll Duhon, secondly by Mr. Maxwell Chreene, unanimously carried, the Police Jury authorized the President to negotiate with the U. S. Army Corp of Engineers to do debris cleanup for the Parish and be allowed to use the Solid Waste Facility for C and D waste and wood waste if an acceptable tipping fee established by the president is paid.

Upon motion by Mr. Carroll Duhon, secondly by Mr. Gaulman Gaspard, unanimously carried, the Police Jury gave final approval to the subdivision development identified as Vermilion Oaks Subdivision, Phase I, located in Election District No. 1.

Mr. Eugene Sellers, Sr. was requested to check the Erath Health Unit for any mold problems.

Mr. Billy Noegel, Mosquito Control Supervisor informed the Jury about mosquito control problem. He advised that he is spraying on a regular schedule, and twin engine planes are to fly over the municipalities and he is presently working with DHH to spray.

Upon motion of Mr. David C. Mayard, secondly by Mr. T. J. Prejean, Jr., and unanimously carried, the Police Jury authorized the Road Supervisor and the Mosquito Control Supervisor to work out an agreement to allow employees from the road crew to spray mosquitoes.

Ret. General Robert LeBlanc gave an update on the status of the reconstruction from Hurricane Rita.

Upon motion of Mr. David C. Mayard, secondly by Mr. Ravis Menard, unanimously carried, the Police Jury deleted Item No. 4 of the General Needs Committee Recommendations.

Upon motion of Mr. David C. Mayard, secondly by Mr. T. J. Prejean, Jr., and unanimously carried, the Police Jury amended Item No. 5 of the General Needs Committee Recommendations be changed that employees who were on standby time on September 24, & 25, 2005 for Hurricane Rita will be paid a total of 24 hours.

Upon motion of Mr. David C. Mayard, secondly by Mr. Minos Broussard, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury amended Item No. 14 of the General Needs Committee Recommendations be changed to hire Ms. Diane Bessard full time without a probation period.

Upon motion of Mr. Wayne Touchet, secondly by Mr. Purvis Abshire, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury approved the General Needs Committee Recommendations, as amended, and the appropriate officials of the Jury were authorized to carry out the recommendations:

GENERAL NEEDS COMMITTEE
SEPTEMBER 28, 2005
ABBEVILLE, LOUISIANA

AS A RESULT OF A GENERAL NEEDS COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON SEPTEMBER 28, 2005, THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED FOR THE JURY'S CONSIDERATION:

1. It is recommended that President, Hubert J. Faulk, issue a health declaration and to allow the USDA/NRCS-SWCD the authority to retrieve dead animals off of private property.

It is further recommended that USDA/NRCS-SWCD be authorized to collect the ear tags, take pictures of the animals and identify the brands.

2. It is recommended that the Police Jury approve the following invoices to be paid from Hurricane Katrina:
 - a. Chef Bobby & Dot - \$1,155.00
 - b. Chef Bobby & Dot - \$4,130.00
 - c. ERS/Triple "T" Water Service - \$420.00
3. It is recommended that the Gas & Diesel Contract (July-Dec. 2005) bids for September 21, 2005 be taken under advisement.
4. It is recommended that the Police Jury employees affected by Hurricane Rita that are not at work will get paid for the week of September 26, 2005 thru September 30, 2005.
5. It is recommended that the Police Jury approve the employees who were on standby time on September 24 & 25, 2005, for Hurricane Rita will be paid a total of 18 hours.
6. It is recommended that the Police Jury approve to hire Ms. Amanda Luquette as a part-time employee at the Public Works Facility, subject to passing drug screen test.
7. It is recommended that the Police Jury approve the installation of a shower unit for the employees at the Public Works facility due to Hurricane Rita.
8. It is recommended that Purchasing Agent, Hershel David, be authorized to purchase additional sand bags to replace what was used for Hurricane Rita.
9. It is recommended that Secretary/Treasurer, Clay P. Menard, be authorized to draft a list of Vermilion Parish essential personnel, which would require those employees to stay in the parish during a state of emergency and shelter would be provided for them and their families.
10. It is recommended that the Police Jury approve the damage claim of Ms. Teresta Ruffins in the amount of \$1,688.94.

11. It is recommended that Solid Waste Supervisor, Ricky LeBlanc, be authorized to order 1,238 trash cans from Frenzel Motors, Inc. to replace the ones that were lost in Hurricane Rita.
12. It is recommended that Solid Waste Supervisor, Ricky LeBlanc, be authorized to purchase 100, 4 –yd. trash bins at a cost of \$79,700.00.
13. It is recommended that the Police Jury enter into an agreement with Kaplan Telephone Co. to provide phone service for the Courthouse.
14. It is recommended that the Police Jury approve to hire Ms. Diane Bessard in the Administrative Office and placed on a 6 month probation period.
15. It is recommended that the Police Jury approve the contract to haul asbestos from schools to the solid waste plant be amended to \$7.50 per yard in lieu of \$5.00.
16. It is recommended that Police Jury approve payment of Invoice No. 2806 in the amount of \$14,121.34 to The Sellers Group relative to the Multi-Purpose Community Health Center.

Respectfully submitted,
Hubert J. Faulk,
Acting Chairman

Upon motion of Mr. Maxwell Chreene, duly seconded by Mr. Carroll Duhon, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury approved the reappointment of Mr. Hank Moss to the Prairie Gregg Drainage District.

Upon motion of Mr. Wayne Touchet, duly seconded by Mr. Ravis Menard, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury approved to waive charges on building permit fees for Hurricane Rita victims.

Upon motion of Mr. T. J. Prejean, Jr., duly seconded by Mr. Mark Poche', and unanimously carried, the Police Jury authorized Sellers & Associates, Inc. to inspect damaged roads in the parish and to submit to FEMA for approval for FEMA to pay for repairs of the parish roads.

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

Secretary-Treasurer

President

