

Police Jury Room
September 6, 2005
Abbeville, Louisiana

Minutes of a regular meeting of the Vermilion Parish Police Jury held on September 6, 2005, with President Hubert J. Faulk presiding.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Faulk, who asked Juror David C. Mayard 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. Mark Poche`
Mr. Ronald Darby	Mr. Ravis Menard	Mr. Wayne Touchet
Mr. Carroll Duhon		

Absent: Mr. Gaulman Gaspard

Ms. Rebecca Shirley, Director of the Greater Abbeville-Vermilion Chamber of Commerce, requested the Police Jury to proclaim September as "National Rice Month" in Vermilion Parish. Also in attendance and commenting on the matter were: Rice Ambassadors Ms. Melissa Lacour, Ms. Aimee Lacour, and Mr. Aaron Lee.

Upon motion of Mr. Carroll Duhon, duly seconded by Mr. Ronald Darby, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury approved proclaiming September 2005, as "National Rice Month" and authorized the President to sign a proclamation.

**AN OFFICIAL DECLARATION TO PROCLAIM
SEPTEMBER 2005**

NATIONAL RICE MONTH

WHEREAS, Vermilion Parish has traditionally had one of the largest rice acreage in the state each year; and

WHEREAS, the value of rice each year to Vermilion farmers has averaged \$25 million for the last five years (without government payments); and

WHEREAS, the rice industry provides hundreds of jobs and many dollars through value – added items to our local economy; and

WHEREAS, the production and consumption of rice provides a rich part of the Cajun heritage, tradition, and joie de vive; and

WHEREAS, the State of Louisiana is a key supplier of U. S. grown rice, producing more than 3 billion pounds annually; valued at \$250 million; and

WHEREAS, rice is the staple grain for two-thirds of the population of the world; and the significance of rice cannot be overemphasized; and

WHEREAS, the United States is one of the largest exporters of rice, as this nation exports rice to more than one hundred countries and supplies almost 14 percent of the rice for world trade; and

WHEREAS, rice is the fifth most valuable food crop in the Nation, as rice represents a two-billion dollars cash crop, and is vital to the economic stability of rice farmers and millers in Arkansas, California, Florida, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, Texas; and

WHEREAS, intense research and development in rice technology has resulted in rice farmers in this Nation producing some of the highest yields of rice per acre, making such rice one of the most land-efficient and cost-efficient crops grown; and

WHEREAS, millions of people in this Nation, as well as countless people in other countries, enjoy rice in a variety of forms, including the use of rice as an edible grain, in flour, bran, cooking oil, cereals, rice cakes and health food snacks; and

WHEREAS, rice is an important source of nutritional value, as rice provides an excellent source of complex carbohydrates, contains only a trace of fat, and is cholesterol-free and sodium-free; and

WHEREAS, rice is recognized world wide as an economical food and an important part of feeding the expanding population in Third World nations; and

WHEREAS, rice provides an important contribution to the diet, to the economy of this nation, and to the nourishment of other countries; and

WHEREAS, rice farmers in this Nation represent a key element in the enhancement of habitat for waterfowl such as ducks, geese, swan, cranes, and others; and

WHEREAS, the harvest of rice in this Nation is celebrated each September;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the President of the Vermilion Parish Police Jury, that September, 2005 is designated as

“RICE MONTH”

and this proclamation is issued calling upon the people to observe such month with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

HUBERT J. FAULK
PRESIDENT

Ms. Rebecca Shirley, Director of the Greater Abbeville-Vermilion Chamber of Commerce, and representative of the Kaplan and Gueydan Chambers of Commerce, requested the Police Jury to proclaim the second full week of September as “Louisiana Chambers of Commerce Appreciation Week”.

Upon motion of Mr. Purvis Abshire, duly seconded by Mr. Minos Broussard, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury approved proclaiming the second week of September 2005 as “Louisiana Chambers of Commerce Appreciation Week” and authorized the President to sign a proclamation.

PROCLAMATION

Louisiana Chambers of Commerce Appreciation Week

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to set aside a week of statewide acknowledgement of the eighty-four chambers of commerce that represent the interests of Louisiana businesses, individuals, and community organizations; and

WHEREAS, Louisiana’s chambers of commerce are dedicated to excellence and to the able and unwavering representation and service of their memberships; and

WHEREAS, the rice industry provides hundreds of jobs and many dollars through value – added items to our local economy; and

WHEREAS, the Abbeville-Vermilion Chamber of Commerce, Gueydan Chamber of Commerce and Kaplan Chamber of Commerce have contributed to Vermilion Parish by creating a positive business and community environment to enhance a better quality of life for all citizens of Vermilion Parish; and

WHEREAS, the chamber of commerce of Vermilion Parish merit special commendation and recognition for their outstanding achievements and contributions to the parish.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the President of the Vermilion Parish Police Jury, designate the second full week of September, 2005 is designated as

“Louisiana Chambers of Commerce Appreciation Week”

and this proclamation is issued calling upon the people to observe such month with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

HUBERT J. FAULK
PRESIDENT

Upon motion of Mr. Wayne Touchet, duly seconded by Mr. David C. Mayard, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury considers additions/changes to the agenda, and that a roll call votes on this motion. The results of the roll call vote on the motion were 13 for and 1 against. Therefore, the motion was approved to resubmit all 2004 LCDBG grants by prioritizing and adopted the following resolution.

RESOLUTION

2005-R-21

**A RESOLUTION REQUESTING FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE
FROM THE STATE OF LOUISIANA
UNDER THE
FY '05 -'06 RURAL DEVELOPMENT GRANT PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, the Office of the Governor has announced that applications are being accepted for the Fiscal Year 2005-2006 Rural Development Grant program; and

WHEREAS, the State offers grants for a wide range of projects to approve public health, public safety and for economic development purposes; and

WHEREAS, the Parish is eligible for a grant up to \$100,000.00; and

WHEREAS, it is deemed necessary and proper for the Parish to submit an application to the Office of the Governor for Rural Development Grant funds.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Vermilion Parish Police Jury, that the Honorable Hubert J. Faulk, President, is hereby authorized to sign and submit applications for funding to the State of Louisiana, Office of the Governor under the Fiscal Year 2005-2006 Rural Development Grant program.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the following projects are to be submitted for funding with the order of priority being as follows:

- Priority 1- Courthouse Annex Improvements
- Priority 2- Broussard Ditch Drainage Improvements
- Priority 3- Attakapas Ridge Subdivision Drainage Improvements
- Priority 4- Eaton Park Drainage Improvements

THEREUPON, the above resolution was declared adopted.

President Faulk read the following announcements:

- (1) The Coastal Wetlands Planning, Protection and Restoration Act Technical Committee will hold a meeting to hear public comments regarding the 15th Priority Project List candidates and demonstration projects and will make a recommendation to the Task Force for Phase I funding on Wednesday, September 14, 2005 at 9:30 a.m. at the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Office in New Orleans, Louisiana.
- (2) The Zoning and Land Use in Louisiana will host a Seminar on Thursday, September 15, 2005 from 9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. at the Best Western Hotel Acadiana in Lafayette, Louisiana.

Ms. 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 approved the issuance of Project Permit No. 1362 to Cimarex Energy Company, to install approximately 4,019.36 feet of one (1) 4-inch pipeline to serve as the Florence Mauboules, et ux Well, located off an existing canal and Bourque Road, in Election District No.14.

Upon motion of Mr. T. J. Prejean, Jr., duly seconded by Mr. Purvis Abshire, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury approved the issuance of a "Letter of No Objection" to Union Oil Company of California, request to obtain efficient recovery of oil and gas and exercise of UNOCAL's mineral lease, located in Section 9, T-16-S, R-2-E, southeasterly of Intracoastal City, in Election District No. 13.

Upon motion of Mr. Luther "Buster" Hardee, III, secondly by T. J. Prejean, Jr., and unanimously carried, Item No. 21 of the General Needs Recommendations to add that the generators be put at least 5' feet above base flood elevation and/or 2' feet above South State Street.

Upon motion of Mr. David C. Mayard, secondly by Ravis Menard, and unanimously carried, Item No. 33 of the General Needs Committee Recommendations be deleted and refer back to Courthouse/Building Committee, when 3 quotes are received.

Upon motion of Mr. Luther "Buster" Hardee, III, secondly by David C. Mayard, and unanimously carried, Item No. 17 of the General Needs Committee Recommendations be amended that ½ of the cost of the new lawnmower purchased by Mr. Emery Broussard will be paid by the Police Jury.

Upon motion of Mr. Minos Broussard, secondly by Luther "Buster" Hardee, III, and unanimously carried, Item No. 23 to the General Needs Committee Recommendations be deferred until later.

Upon motion of Mr. Wayne Touchet, duly seconded by Mr. T. J. Prejean, Jr., 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
AUGUST 31, 2005
ABBEVILLE, LOUISIANA

AS A RESULT OF A GENERAL NEEDS COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON AUGUST 31, 2005, THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED FOR THE JURY'S CONSIDERATION:

1. It is recommended that the Police Jury award the quote of Ray Chevrolet-Olds, Inc. at a cost of \$14,990.55, for the purchase of a 2005 ½ Ton Pickup Truck, being the lowest of (3) three quotes received for the Mosquito Control Program.
2. It is recommended that the Police Jury authorize the Public Works Director to purchase fuel as needed to maintain a reasonable supply for the Solid Waste Program.
3. It is recommended that the Police Jury amend the current contract with United Fuels and Lubricants, LLC to authorize the Public Works Director to continue to purchase motor oil and hydraulic oil at the new set prices and not at the contract prices, due to the current energy cost and also authorize the Public Works Director to try to obtain new set prices for the items.
4. It is recommended that the Police Jury authorize the animal adoption program within the Rabies and Animal Control program be abolished.

5. It is recommended that the Police Jury award the quote to T & C Fencing, LLC, Quote No. 166, at a cost of \$1,500.00, to repair the fence at Public Works Facility. The higher quote was awarded due to the fact that the Police Jury will receive more work to repair the fence than the lower quote offered.
6. It is recommended that the Police Jury's contract with Nextel be terminated in September 2005, and that PACE be authorized to provide the Police Jury with cellular phone service.
7. It is recommended that the Secretary-Treasurer be authorized to create a policy to address the issue of employees driving reckless in Parish vehicles. The policy should state that the 1st Offense be a written reprimand; 2nd offense be a two day suspension, and the 3rd offense be termination.
8. It is recommended that the Police Jury issue a "Letter of No Objection" to BellSouth to furnish and install underground fiber optic cable, running along Highway 339 and crossing 2-canals, Hidago Street and Pickett/Deussard Road, located in Election District No. 03.
9. It is recommended that the Police Jury issue a "Letter of No Objection" to Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Corporation to install deep anode into ground-bed for protection of existing gas pipeline, in Section 9, T-14-S, R-2-E, on Field Road from Tee Earl Road, located in Election District No. 13.
10. It is recommended that the Police Jury issue a Pipeline Permit No. 1361 to McMoran Oil and Gas, LLC to furnish and install 1608' of 6" pipeline to S.L. 17159 No. 1 and 2 Well, in Block 16, offshore, located in Election District No. 13.
11. It is recommended that the Police Jury issue a Pipeline Permit No. 1358 to Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company to remove and replace sections of 24" of existing gas pipeline to open cut La Premiere Road, Clay Road, and Belle Place Road, in Election District No. 01.
12. It is recommended that the Police Jury grant final approval to Providence Subdivision, Phase I, in Election District No. 06.
13. It is recommended that the Police Jury authorize Sellers and Associates to proceed with advertising and bidding for the Gasoline and Diesel Fuel Contract for Materials for Parish Road Maintenance, contract shall be from the date of the "Notice of Award" through December 31, 2005.
14. It is recommended that the Solid Waste Plant Facility receive waste from the Water Districts and charge the Water Districts, \$100.00 per load that is received at the plant.

15. It is recommended that the damage claim submitted by Mr. Carlon Campbell be approved for payment in the amount of \$623.84 to Acadiana Ford.
16. It is recommended that the damage claim submitted by Mr. Donald O'brien be approved for payment in the amount of \$271.43.
17. It is recommended that Mr. Emery Broussard's lawnmower be repaired and that Mr. Douglas Richard be suspended for 2 days.
18. It is recommended that the Mr. T-Boy Connor's damage claim be denied and that the Secretary-Treasurer send a letter explaining why the claim was denied.
19. It is recommended that the Mr. Teddy Magnon and Mr. Pat Tabor's damage claims be denied and that the Secretary-Treasurer send them a letter explaining why their claims were denied.
20. It is recommended that the Police Jury approve prohibiting the disposal of trees at Solid Waste Plant from Contractor's beginning October 1, 2005, and also the issuance of permits to remove trees in the parish cease beginning September 6, 2005, and that the Secretary-Treasurer be authorized to send Contractors notification of this action.
21. It is recommended that the Police Jury authorize Sellers and Associates, Inc. to perform a foundation investigation at the site where the new generators and fuel tank for the new courthouse generators will be placed, in accordance with state codes and guidelines in regards to fuel tank and fuel line placement next to the Courthouse and bid out any work that is necessary to have the site prepared to take delivery of the generators.
22. It is recommended that the Police Jury contact Preferred Electric Inc. to obtain a quote to install the new generators for the courthouse.
23. It is recommended that the Police Jury authorize that the existing courthouse generators be sold at the next auction; once the new generators are installed.
24. It is recommended that the Police Jury authorize the elevator in the courthouse to be brought up to code; by installing a hands free phone and having a dedicated phone line to call 911.
25. It is recommended that the Police Jury approve an intergovernmental agreement with Coulee Kinney Drainage District to haul off spoil removed from the North Coulee Kinney Acres Subdivision south ditch, the District will provide the necessary

equipment and assume the responsibility of the project and the Police Jury will agree to have the responsibility of furnishing their dump trucks and haul off the spoil removed from the south ditch.

26. It is recommended that the Police Jury approve payment of invoice from Robert Delahoussaye Inc., in the amount of \$1200.00, to repair the wall in the Registrar's of Voters Office. Cost to be paid from General Fund.
27. It is recommended that the Police Jury authorize Sellers and Associates, Inc. to proceed with rating the Dalton Road Bridge as per LA-DOTD guidelines.
28. It is recommended that the Police Jury approve the parking lot on the east side of the courthouse be remarked to achieve better parking, and also approve the windows in the courthouse be recaulked to prevent leakage of water into the courthouse.
29. It is recommended that the Police Jury authorize the Secretary-Treasurer to send a letter to URS, Corporation about the possibility of leasing the property next to the Area II Barn which is owned by Dowell Schlumberger.
30. It is recommended that the Police Jury authorize legal counsel to contact VERTRANS Elevator Company about the outstanding maintenance invoices billed to the Police Jury and the existing maintenance contract with the Police Jury.
31. It is recommended that the Police Jury authorize the legal counsel to address the complaint against Mr. Shelton Dubois for violating ordinance 2005-O-09.
32. It is recommended that the Police Jury approve the reappointment of Mr. Jerry Melanson to serve on the Pecan Island Waterworks District No. 3.
33. It is recommended that the Police Jury approve the quote from Bon Ami Floor Gallery in the amount of \$1299.88 to install new floor tile in the District's Attorney office.
34. It is recommended that the Police Jury ratify payment of Invoice No. 28199 in the amount of \$12,976.00, to Leblanc Trailer Sales, Inc. for (4) four, trailers purchased for the Solid Waste Program.
35. It is recommended that the Police Jury approve payment of Invoice No. 6287001 in the amount of \$29,900.00, to M & L Industries, LLC for (2) two - Model 32DLE New Interstate Trailers. Cost to be paid from Parishwide (\$1,000,000) equipment funds.

36. It is recommended that the Police Jury nominate Mr. Gregory Day to the Lafayette Housing Authority Board to represent the Vermilion Parish Section 8 Program.
37. It is recommended that the Police Jury adopt the following ordinance establishing speed limits and handicap signs as follows.
 - a) Horseshoe Road, adopt a 25 mph speed limit from Ray Couvillion's house, located at 20016 Horseshoe Road heading southwest to the intersection of Old Sugar Mill Road and 200 yards heading northeast to the intersection of Old Sugar Mill Road, and install handicap signs, along the same portion.
 - b) Old Sugar Mill Road, adopt a 25 mph speed limit 100 yards from the intersection of Oak Shadow heading southeast to the intersection of Horseshoe Road, and install a handicap sign along the same portion.
38. It is recommended that the Police Jury adopt an ordinance establishing a 25 mph speed limit on Alphonse Road.
39. It is recommended that the Police Jury accept the Registrar of Voter's offer to allow his employees to assist in the Vermilion Parish Office of Emergency Preparedness during this declared State of Emergency.

Respectfully submitted,
Wayne Touchet
Chairman

In accordance with the General Needs Committee Recommendations, the following ordinances were adopted:

ORDINANCE

2005-O-25

WHEREAS, It has been brought to the Police Jury's attention that a considerable amount of speeding exists, which is causing very hazardous conditions, on Alphonse Road, in Election District No. 7.

SECTION I: NOW THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY ORDAINED, that the Vermilion Parish Police Jury does hereby impose a 25 mph speed limit on Alphonse Road, for its entire length; and

SECTION II: BE IT HEREBY FURTHER ORDAINED, that the appropriate speed limit sign be installed in said area.

SECTION III: BE IT HEREBY FURTHER ORDAINED, that for a first offense, a maximum penalty of a \$100.00 fine and/or a 10 day jail sentence be imposed at the discretion of the court for the first offense.

BE IT HEREBY FURTHER ORDAINED, that for a second offense, a maximum penalty of a \$250.00 fine and/or a 10 day jail sentence be imposed at the discretion of the court.

BE IT HEREBY FURTHER ORDAINED, that for a third offense, a maximum penalty of a \$500.00 fine and/or a 10 day jail sentence be imposed at the discretion of the court.

SECTION IV: BE IT HEREBY FURTHER ORDAINED: that the Vermilion Parish Sheriff's Department be and is hereby requested and/or directed to enforce the speed limit by the use of radar and/or regular patrolling

SECTION IV: BE IT HEREBY FURTHER ORDAINED.

ORDINANCE

2005-O-26

WHEREAS, it has been brought to the Police Jury's attention that a considerable amount of speeding exists, which is causing very hazardous conditions, on Horseshoe and Sugar Mill Road, in Election District No. 9.

SECTION I: NOW THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY ORDAINED, that the Vermilion Parish Police Jury does hereby impose the following:

- (a) Horseshoe Road, adopt a 25 mph speed limit from Ray Couvillion's house, located at 20016 Horseshoe Road heading southwest to the intersection of Old Sugar Mill Road and 200 yards heading northeast to the intersection of Old Sugar Mill Road, and install handicap signs, along the same portion.
- (b) Old Sugar Mill Road, adopt a 25 mph speed limit 100 yards from the intersection of Oak Shadow heading southeast to the

intersection of Horseshoe Road, and install a handicap sign along the same portion.

SECTION II: BE IT HEREBY FURTHER ORDAINED, that the appropriate speed limit and handicap signs be installed in said area.

SECTION III: BE IT HEREBY FURTHER ORDAINED, that for a first offense, a maximum penalty of a \$100.00 fine and/or a 10 day jail sentence be imposed at the discretion of the court for the first offense.

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SECTION IV: BE IT HEREBY FURTHER IRDAINED, that the Vermilion Parish Sheriff's Department be and is hereby requested and/or directed to enforce the speed limit by the use of radar and/or regular patrolling.

SECTION IV: BE IT HEREBY FURTHER ORDAINED.

Upon motion of Mr. Carroll Duhon, duly seconded by Mr. Luther "Buster" Hardee, III, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury approved to ratify a temporary liquor permit for the North Vermilion High School Athletic Booster Club for their 2nd Annual Vermilion Parish Cajun Cook-Off, to be held on October 21, 22, & 23, 2005, at the Vermilion Driving Range, 7611 U.S. Hwy. 167, Abbeville, LA., at which time alcoholic beverages will be sold.

Upon motion of Mr. Wayne Touchet, duly seconded by Mr. Ravis Menard, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury approved to ratify a temporary liquor permit for the Louisiana Wetlands Association for their 1st Annual Vermilion Bay/Southwest Pass Fishing Rodeo, to be held on September 3, 2005, behind Maxie Pierce's Grocery, Intracoastal City LA., at which time alcoholic beverages will be sold.

Upon motion of Mr. Minos Broussard, duly seconded by Mr. Ronald Darby, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury approved proclaiming the fourth Monday in September 2005, as "Family Day – A Day to Eat Dinner with Your Children". This year the President is asking that the Vermilion Parish Police Jury join the growing list of colleagues who commemorates this special day by issuing a proclamation designating September 26, 2005 as "Family Day".

PROCLAMATION

"FAMILY DAY-A DAY TO EAT DINNER WITH YOUR CHILDREN"

WHEREAS, the use of illegal drugs and the abuse of alcohol and nicotine constitute the greatest threats to the well-being of America's children; and

WHEREAS, surveys conducted by The National Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse (CASA) at Columbia University have consistently found that the more often children and teenagers eat dinner with their families the less likely they are to smoke, drink, and use illegal drugs; and

WHEREAS, teenagers who virtually never eat dinner with their families are 72 percent more likely than the average teenager to use illegal drugs, alcohol and cigarettes; and

WHEREAS, teenagers who almost always eat dinner with their families are 31 percent less likely than the average teenager to use illegal drugs, alcohol and cigarettes; and

WHEREAS, the correlation between family dinners and reduced risk for teen substance abuse are well documented; and

WHEREAS, parental influence is known to be one of the most crucial factors in determining the likelihood of substance abuse teenagers; and

WHEREAS, family dinners have long constituted a substantial pillar of family life in America.

NOW, THEREFOR BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, I, Hubert J. Faulk, President of the Vermilion Parish Police Jury, hereby proclaim September 26, 2005 as

"Family Day – A Day to Eat Dinner With Your Children"

and urge all citizens to recognize and participate in its observance.

Hubert J. Faulk
President
Vermilion Parish Police Jury

Upon motion of Mr. T. J. Prejean, Jr., duly seconded by Mr. Ravis Menard, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury approved the issuance of an alcoholic liquor permit to Mr. Brian K. Hollier to operate "Five Oaks Grocery", located at 17920 Linda Road, in Election District No. 13.

The Police Jury's Secretary/Treasurer, Mr. Clay P. Menard, presented the Jury with the Model Airplane Ordinance for approval.

Upon motion of Mr. Carroll Duhon, duly seconded by Luther "Buster" Hardee, III, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury approved to table the ordinance and give a copy to all jurors for further review.

Upon motion of Mr. Ronald Darby, and unanimously seconded by all remaining members of the jury and duly adopted a resolution for Hurricane Katrina Disaster Support.

RESOLUTION

2005-R-20

VERMILION PARISH POLICE JURY HURRICANE KATRINA DISASTER SUPPORT RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, on August 29, 2005, Hurricane Katrina devastated Louisiana and the City of New Orleans with record flooding and Hurricane force wind in excess of 175 miles per hour causing severe infrastructure damage that knocked down power lines, disabled traffic control devices, blocked numerous city streets causing loss of access to roads, bridges and other public facilities; and

WHEREAS, loss of life are in the thousands and infrastructure damage to Southeast Louisiana and the City of New Orleans are in excess of \$100 billion and will continue to accrue; and

WHEREAS, approximately 500,000 to 800,000 of Louisiana citizens are homeless living in shelters throughout Louisiana and Texas and

WHEREAS, approximately \$10.5 billion of emergency disaster financial assistance through the Hurricane Katrina Disaster Relief Act is available from several federal agencies such as: FEMA, HUD, and SBA so that Community Base Organization, local Housing Authority Agencies and local government throughout Louisiana and Southwest Louisiana can provide immediate relief for approximately 500,000 to 800,000 of Louisiana citizen that are homeless living in shelters throughout Louisiana and Texas and,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Vermilion Parish Police Jury, hereby request that every effort be made to expedite disaster relief funds that will be used to provide both temporary and permanent housing, employment and economic relief for approximately 500,000 to 800,000 of Louisiana citizen that are homeless living in shelters throughout Louisiana and Texas and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Vermilion Parish Police Jury hereby request, that FEMA, and HUD review and expedite funding for project **“Operation Restore Housing”** a rebuilding efforts for approximately 500,000 to 800,000 of Louisiana citizen that are homeless living in shelters throughout Louisiana and Texas due to the devastating destruction by Hurricane Katrina on Southeast Louisiana and the City of New Orleans on August 29, 2005.

The Secretary/Treasurer, informed the jury that people have called inquiring about bringing homes on property for the hurricane victims and will be rent free. The call was to put 7 homes on the west side of Kirk Road, north of Soop Road and to install a gravel road, and utilities. The Secretary asked the Jury if these people still have to follow the Subdivision Ordinance. Mr. Menard informed the Jury that for Hurricane Lilly building permits were waived at no cost to hurricane victims.

Upon motion of Mr. Luther "Buster" Hardee, III, duly seconded by Wayne Touchet, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury approved that new building permits issued to the Hurricane Katrina victims, be waived, and that the subdivision ordinance must be followed.

Upon motion of Mr. Ronald Darby, duly seconded by Maxwell Chreene, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury approved the Secretary/Treasurer to purchase a computer for his office. Two quote were received Dell \$1,519.37 and Gateway \$1,537.36.

The Secretary/Treasurer informed the Jury that the Police Jury’s Worker’s Compensation carrier CCMSI is located in Metairie. We have not been able to get in contact with them since the hurricane.

Legal Counsel, Mr. Paul Moresi, III, informed the Jury to contact the Louisiana Department of Insurance for information on Worker's Compensation.

The Secretary/Treasurer informed the Jury that FEMA representatives will have a meeting with Vermilion Parish Office of Emergency Preparedness, Mr. Robert LeBlanc on property for mobile homes and for housing.

The Secretary/Treasurer asked the Jury about new constructions being built, and if mailboxes need to be set to the guidelines. Legal Counsel gave a copy of the Roadside Design Guide Book to Mr. Menard. The Jury referred back to the next Road Committee meeting.

The Police Jury's Legal Counsel, Mr. Paul Moresi, III asked to go into executive session.

Upon motion of Mr. Wayne Touchet, duly seconded by Mr. David C. Mayard, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury went in executive session at 7:35 p.m.

Upon motion of Mr. Wayne Touchet, duly seconded by Mr. Purvis Abshire, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury reconvened back into regular session at 7:48 p.m.

Upon motion of Mr. Purvis Abshire, duly seconded by Mr. Luther "Buster" Hardee, III, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury approved the hiring of Mr. Ellices Rice as a Solid Waste Laborer.

Upon motion of Mr. T. J. Prejean, Jr., duly seconded by Mr. Purvis Abshire, and unanimously carried, there being no further business to be presented, the meeting was duly adjourned.

Secretary-Treasurer

President

