

Police Jury Room
January 3, 2006
Abbeville, Louisiana

Minutes of a regular meeting of the Vermilion Parish Police Jury held on January 3, 2006 with Mr. Hubert J. Faulk presiding.

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

Absent: Mr. Minos Broussard

Mr. Faulk thanked the following people for the hard work that was done and is still going on for Hurricane Rita, Mr. T. J. Prejean, Jr., Ret. General Robert LeBlanc, Mr. Luther "Buster" Hardee, III for his trucks, Mr. Gaulman Gaspard for being at 911, Mr. Carroll Duhon for his help with the Solid Waste Plant, Mr. Ronald Darby taking care of his people in his district, Mr. Ricky LeBlanc and Mr. Dudley Broussard for their services, Sheriff Couvillion and his staff for securing the people of our parish, and having zero casualties and to Mr. Wayne Touchet and his wife Liz.

Ret. General Robert LeBlanc thanked Sheriff Couvillion, the 911 staff, all the Police Jurors, Mr. Hubert J. Faulk, the Scientology Group, and Mr. Tim Creswell for all the hard work they are doing from Hurricane Katrina & Rita.

Mr. Faulk announced that the first order of business was the election of a President and Vice-President and appointment of the Secretary-Treasurer for the Police Jury.

The first office was that of President and the floor was opened for nominations.

Upon motion of Mr. Luther "Buster" Hardee, III, and duly seconded by Mr. Gaulman Gaspard, that Mr. Mark Poche`, was nominated for the position of President of the Police Jury.

Upon motion of Mr. Wayne Touchet, and duly seconded by Mr. Purvis Abshire, that Mr. Hubert J. Faulk, was nominated for the position of President of the Police Jury.

Mr. Faulk asked that he and Mr. Poche` be omitted from voting.

Upon motion of Mr. Wayne Touchet, and duly seconded by Mr. Ravis Menard the nominations were closed.

A roll call was taken and after a vote of (6) six for Mr. Mark Poche` and (5) five for Mr. Hubert J. Faulk, Mr. Poche` was elected President of the Police Jury.

Vermilion Parish Sheriff Michael Couvillion asked to speak before Mr. Mark Poche` takes his newly elected President's seat.

Sheriff Couvillion thanked Mr. Clay P. Menard for all his assistance during Hurricane Rita.

Mr. Hubert J. Faulk expressed that he errorless omitted to thank all of the VPPJ staff employees, Mr. Jay Guidry and everyone else who assisted for Hurricane Katrina & Rita.

President Mark Poche` expressed his appreciation and thanked the Jury for their support. At this time he assumed the President's position from Mr. Faulk.

President Poche` then advised that the floor was open for nominations for the Office of Vice-President.

Upon motion of Mr. Carroll Duhon, duly seconded by Mr. Maxwell Chreene, Mr. Luther "Buster" Hardee, III, was nominated for the position of Vice-President of the Police Jury.

Upon motion of Mr. Wayne Touchet, duly seconded by Mr. Ronald Darby, and unanimously carried, the nominations for Vice-President were closed and Mr. Hardee was elected Vice-President by acclamation. Vice-President Luther "Buster" Hardee, III, thanked the Police Jury.

President Poche` advised that the next item of business was the appointment of a Secretary-Treasurer for the Police Jury.

Upon motion of Mr. Gaulman Gaspard, duly seconded by Mr. Carroll Duhon, and unanimously carried, Mr. Menard was reappointed as Secretary/Treasurer of the Police Jury. Mr. Clay P. Menard thanked the Police Jury.

Juror Carroll Duhon made a motion that Mr. Clay P. Menard receives the salary of the past Secretary/Treasurer.

Discussion was opened and it was brought up to Mr. Carroll Duhon's attention that Mr. Clay P. Menard was still on a (6) six month probation period. Mr. Carroll Duhon then requested that after the (6) six month probation period, that Mr. Clay P. Menard receives the salary of the past Secretary/Treasurer. Mr. Clay P. Menard was asked if his (6) six months probation was up. Mr. Clay P. Menard advised that in one month it will be the end of his probation period. The Jury decided that Mr. Menard's salary will be discussed at a later date.

President Poche` informed the Jury that he will appoint the various Police Jury Standing Committees and appoint the Chairman for those committees for the 2006 calendar year at the next Committee meetings.

Upon motion of Mr. T. J. Prejean, Jr., duly seconded by Mr. Maxwell Chreene, and unanimously carried, the reading of the minutes of the December 29, 2005, special meeting were dispensed with and were accepted.

President Mark Poche` read the following announcements:

- 1) The 32nd Annual Vermilion Parish 4-H Livestock Show and Sale, will be held on Saturday, January 21, 2006 at the Cecil McCrory Exhibit Building.
- 2) Received the Annual Finance Report for the fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2005, from Abbeville General Hospital, which will be kept on file.
- 3) The next Coastal Wetlands Planning, Protection, and Restoration Act Regional Planning Team (RPT) Basin Subcommittee meeting for the 16th Priority Project list will be held on Tuesday, January 10, 2006 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the LSU Coop Extension Service in Abbeville, LA.
- 4) The State Fire Marshall will hold a meeting for the Act 12 State Uniform Construction Code on Thursday, January 5, 2005 @ 10:00 a.m. at the Police Jury Meeting Room for all Police Jurors, and Municipalities.
- 5) The U.S. Army Corp of Engineers will hold a meeting immediately after the State Fire Marshall meeting to discuss debris removal on private property and demolition of homes on private property.

Mr. Eugene Sellers, Sr., with Sellers and Associates, Inc. presented the following business for the Police Jury's consideration:

Upon motion of Edval Simon, Jr., duly seconded by Mr. Luther "Buster" Hardee, III, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury authorized Sellers & Associates, Inc. to proceed with the Oil Field Canal Dredging Project.

Upon motion of Hubert J. Faulk, duly seconded by Mr. Maxwell Chreene, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury approve the final plat for Heritage Point Subdivision – Phase I, located in Election District No. 2, contingent upon the inspection of the improvements by parish engineer, parish road supervisor and payment of inspection fees.

Upon motion of Luther "Buster" Hardee, III, duly seconded by Mr. Gaulman Gaspard, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury approved the issuance of Project Permit No. 1385 to Murphy Exploration to install approximately 10,498 feet of one 2 inch pipeline and one 4 inch pipeline within the same trench, off of Highway 14 crossing Royal and Hemlock Road, located in Election Districts No.10 & 14.

Upon motion of Mr. Hubert J. Faulk, duly seconded by Mr. Purvis Abshire, and duly carried with Juror Gaulman Gaspard abstaining, the Police Jury approved the issuance of a telecommunication permit to Kaplan Telephone Co. to replace old cable on Gladu Road, located in Election District No.02.

Upon motion of Maxwell Chreene, duly seconded by Mr. Ravis Menard, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury approved the following "Letters Of No Objection":

- (A) To Aurore Ranch to construct a water control structures (flap gates) on applicant's property, in Sec. 5, 6, 7, and 8 of T-14-S, R-4-E, off of Magee Canal approximately 4 miles northeast of Intracoastal City, located in Election District No. 9.
- (B) To El Paso Production Company to install appurtenant structures to serve the S. L. 18090 Well No. 001, in White Lake, located in Election District No. 13.
- (C) To El Paso Production Company to install approximately 11,809 feet of one 8 inch pipeline along with a 30' x 30' platform to serve the S. L. 18090 Well No. 001, located in Election District No. 13
- (D) To Acey Choate to excavate approximately 2,400 cubic yards from an existing pond as fill to elevate house pad, off of West La. Highway 82 in Pecan Island, Located in election District No. 13.

Mr. Sellers informed the Jury that at the December 19, 2005, Police Jury meeting the preliminary plat for a subdivision development identified as Vermilion Lakes Subdivision, Phase I, in Election District 11 was approved. Mr. Sellers advised that (5) five lots were released and would create a separation of the subdivision. Mr. Sellers requested that the jury approve to open lots 5 thru 9.

Upon motion of Mr. Hubert J. Faulk, duly seconded by Mr. Ravis Menard, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury approved to open lots 5 thru 9 in Vermilion Lakes Subdivision, Phase I, in Election District 11.

Upon motion of Mr. Wayne Touchet, duly seconded by Mr. David C. Mayard, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury accepted the lowest bid of Yard Leveling Services for the construction of an 18' x 25' concrete slab with a (2) two foot footing for the generator to be place at the courthouse in the amount of \$12,740.00.

Upon motion of Mr. Wayne Touchet, duly seconded by Mr. Ronald Darby, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury approved the General Needs Committee Recommendations, as presented, and the appropriate officials of the Jury were authorized to carry out the recommendations.

GENERAL NEEDS COMMITTEE
DECEMBER 28, 2005
ABBEVILLE, LOUISIANA

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

1. It is recommended that the Police Jury approve the plans and specifications for Seraphine Estates Subdivision, Phase II, located in Election District No. 11.
2. It is recommended that the Police Jury approve the lowest bid for the High Sprocket Bulldozer, provided that it meets specifications and within the Solid Waste budget.
3. It is recommended that the Police Jury approve to pay the 20% local share of funds to purchase (3) three 12 Passenger vans through a state grant submitted by the Vermilion Council on Aging. The 20% share totals \$27,000.
4. It is recommended that the Police Jury authorize Sellers & Associates, Inc. to negotiate with Yard Leveling Services to construct the concrete slab for the new generators at the Vermilion Parish Courthouse.
5. It is recommended that the Police Jury approve the issuance of a "Letter Of No Objection" to Apache Louisiana Minerals, Inc. to construct nine (9) earthen closure dams in the Boston Canal Field, in Section 22 & 23 of T-14-S, R-4-E, located in Election District No. 9.
6. It is recommended that the Police Jury authorize legal counsel to look into the matter of the trash problem at Mr. Paul Ed Broussard's private trailer park located on Acorn Road, and take appropriate action to address the matter.
7. It is recommended that the Police Jury approve the issuance of a "Letter Of No Objection" to Bell South for "after the fact" permit for emergency repairs done due to Hurricane Rita to bore under Aristide Road, located in Election District No. 8 and 9.

8. It is recommended that Mr. Jimmy Meaux, Sr., Rabies Control employee, be required to pay for a new cellular phone in the amount of \$174.00, in view of him losing the one issued to him.
9. It is recommended that the Police Jury authorized the Road Supervisor to use the Jury's back hoe to dig a site for the burial of the unclaimed body of Mr. Herbert Hardester.
10. It is recommended that the Police Jury authorize to enter into a (5) five year service maintenance agreement for the hydraulic elevators at the Courthouse and Parish Government Office Complex (old Hibernia Bank), with H & J Handicap Lifts, Inc. in the amount of \$430.00 per month.
11. It is recommended that the Police Jury authorize legal counsel to research the information received from Reagen Energy Services, LLC., pertaining to right of ways and servitudes documents discussing the formation of a located in Section 19, Township 11 South, Range 2 East.
12. It is recommended that the Police Jury approve the renewal of the Inland Marine Coverage for the portable fire department equipment, and also the Boiler and Machinery Coverage for the Courthouse through Arthur J. Gallagher Risk Management Services, Inc., in the amount of \$7,235.00, for the period of 1/1/06 – 1/1/07.
13. It is recommended that the Police Jury implement the entering of all vacation time and sick leave time on payroll checks thru the payroll system, beginning January 2006.
14. It is recommended that the Police Jury authorize the Secretary/Treasurer to get quotes for a time clock.
15. It is recommended that the Police Jury approve a grade adjustment for the Office Manager and the Executive Secretary.

It is further recommended that the Police Jury rescind the above action and that it be re-submitted back to the Finance Committee.

Respectfully submitted,
Wayne Touchet,
Chairman

Upon motion of Mr. Carroll Duhon, duly seconded by Mr. Maxwell Chreene, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury approved to ratify the bid to furnish a high track bulldozer to Louisiana Machinery in the amount of \$231,165.00. The Jury also authorized that the contract award include the purchase of the extended warranty (3 yrs/5000 Hours) at a cost of \$4,310.00.

Legal Counsel, Paul Moresi, III informed the Jury that he spoke with Mr. Don Landry, attorney with the City of Erath, Mr. Landry thanked the Jury and asked when the moveables can be removed from the adjudicated property located at 103 N. Ash Street. The Jury requested that the Road Supervisor go look at the lot and take pictures and forward the information to the Police Jury's Legal Counsel.

Legal Counsel, Mr. Paul Moresi, III informed the Jury that he would like to take a deposition on Mr. Darrell DeBlanc, and have the case mediated. Mr. Moresi informed the Jury that it would cost approximately \$1,000.00 and would be very helpful with the case. This accident is with the Solid Waste Plant.

Upon motion of Mr. Maxwell Chreene, duly seconded by Mr. Gaulman Gaspard, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury authorized Legal Counsel to hire a mediator for Mr. Darrell DeBlanc's lawsuit and cost of mediation with 1/2 paid by the Jury not to exceed \$1,000.00.

Juror Mr. Carroll Duhon asked Mr. Steve Fish with the U. S. Army Corp of Engineers to give remarks on the status of the debris removal and demolition. Mr. Fish informed the Jury that everything is moving well throughout the parish. Juror Maxwell Chreene asked will the Corp. come back and pick up anything left. Mr. Fish informed the Jury that January 17, 2006, will be the 3rd last pass.

Mosquito Control Supervisor Mr. Billy Noegel gave an update on mosquito spraying in the Parish. Mr. Noegel explained the (2) two types of species of mosquito's in Vermilion Parish. Mr. Noegel informed the Jury that no planes can spray when the lights are out on the towers. The planes flew last week and they are flying tonight in the Bog Woods area.

Police Juror Ronald Darby invited all Jurors to attend the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration activities on Monday, January 16, 2006; beginning at 11:00 a.m., with a parade, any Juror wanting to enter a car in the parade should contact Mr. Elbert Dawson.

Upon motion of Mr. Maxwell Chreene, duly seconded by Mr. Ronald Darby, and unanimously carried, that there being no further business to be presented, the meeting was duly adjourned.

Secretary-Treasurer

President