



Police Jury Room  
December 4, 2006  
Abbeville, Louisiana

Minutes of a regular meeting of the Vermilion Parish Police Jury held on December 4, 2006, with President Mark Poche` presiding.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Poche`, who asked Mr. 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. Hubert Faulk	Mr. Mark Poche`
Mr. Minos Broussard	Mr. Gaulman Gaspard	Mr. T. J. Prejean, Jr.
Mr. Maxwell Chreene	Mr. Luther "Buster" Hardee, III	Mr. Wayne Touchet
Mr. Ronald Darby	Mr. David C. Mayard	Mr. Edval J. Simon, Jr.
Mr. Carroll Duhon	Mr. Ravis Menard	

Absent: None

Upon motion of Mr. Wayne Touchet, duly seconded by Mr. Minos Broussard, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury authorized additions/changes to the agenda to allow Mr. Elray Schexnaider, Vice-President of the Louisiana Wetlands Association, Inc. to discuss the Louisiana State Appropriations Bill of 2006 which included an amount of \$50,000.00 in support of the Louisiana Wetlands Associations Oyster Reef Project, that Senator Nick Gautreaux presented and was approved.

Mr. Schexnaider discussed with the Jury that the association was told by the office of Mr. Jerry Luke LeBlanc that the appropriation would be forwarded and handled by the Vermilion Parish Police Jury and that request for those funds should be presented to the Jury.

Mr. Schexnaider also explained to the Jury that the association has paid \$44,800.00 for the Oyster Reef Projects and that the association has entered into a contract with the University of Louisiana-Lafayette, Department of Biology, to monitor the reef for a period of 9 months, at a cost of \$4,618.00.

Mr. Schexnaider explained that in order to begin the monitoring, the association must pay ULL in advance, due to the expenditures for the building of the reef; the association does not have the funds available. The association is asking the Vermilion Parish Police Jury to advance the amount of \$49,418.00 of the \$50,000.00 appropriated by the State.

Upon motion of Mr. Maxwell Chreene, duly seconded by Mr. T. J. Prejean, Jr., and unanimously carried, with Juror Wayne Touchet abstaining, the Police Jury approved to pay in advance the Louisiana Wetlands Association, Inc., \$49,418.00 of the \$50,000.00, which the Jury will receive from the Louisiana State Appropriations Bill of 2006 for the Oyster Reef Project.

Upon motion of Mr. Purvis Abshire, duly seconded by Mr. Edval Simon, Jr., and unanimously carried, the Police Jury approved to return to regular session.

Upon motion of Mr. Luther "Buster" Hardee, III, duly seconded by Mr. Hubert J. Faulk, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury approved to open the following bids received for the 2006 Model Trailer Sewer Cleaner as follows:

2006 or Latest Model Trailer Sewer Cleaner	
SWECO	\$47,850.00
COVINGTON SALES & SERVICE	\$39,478.00
SHAMROCK PIPE TOOLS	\$48,800.00

Upon motion of Mr. T. J. Prejean, Jr., duly seconded by Mr. Wayne Touchet, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury authorized taking the above bids for the "2006 or Latest Model Trailer Sewer Cleaner" under advisement and authorized Sellers & Associates, Inc. to review and award to the lowest bidder, meeting required specifications.

Upon motion of Mr. Minos Broussard, duly seconded by Mr. Gaulman Gaspard, and unanimously carried, the reading of the Police Jury minutes of the November 20, 2006 meeting, were dispensed with and were accepted.

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

Mr. Sellers gave a brief summary of the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day and will give a complete report at a later date.

Mr. Sellers also reported and presented pictures to the Jury on the "Sub-Title "D" Improvements – Area I-B – Slope Tie In Liner System" work activities at the Solid Waste Facility.

Upon motion of Mr. Luther "Buster" Hardee, III, duly seconded by Mr. David C. Mayard, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury authorized Public Works Chairman, Mr. Carroll Duhon and the President to meet with Glenn Lege to negotiate the offer received and any other possible sites, relative to a new location for a burn site for the Vermilion Parish Solid Waste Facility.

Upon motion of Mr. Purvis Abshire, duly seconded by Mr. Edval Simon, Jr., and unanimously carried, the Police Jury authorized the President to execute a permit request from the Department of Agriculture & Forestry, for a new burn site in Vermilion Parish.

Upon motion of Mr. Minos Broussard, duly seconded by Mr. Maxwell Chreene, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury awarded the lowest quote to Jason S. Hebert, in the amount of \$38,113.86, to repair the Erath Health Unit, relative to damages made by Hurricane Rita.

Upon motion of Mr. T. J. Prejean, Jr., duly seconded by Mr. Wayne Touchet, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury awarded the lowest quote to Jim Tatman's Mobile Home, in the amount of \$33,350.00, to purchase two (2) mobile homes, to be delivered to the 7th Ward Fire Station and Pecan Island Fire Station, relative to Hurricane Rita.

Upon motion of Mr. Carroll Duhon, 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. 1456-D to El Paso Company. LP, to construct the Apache Louisiana Minerals, Inc. Well No. 001, location in Section 18 of T-14-S, R-4-E in marsh area, in Election District No. 9, contingent upon receiving insurance certificate and the emergency plan being approved from the Vermilion Parish Homeland Security/Office of Emergency Preparedness.
- (B) Project Permit No. 1457-D to Helis Oil & Gas Company, to construct the Francis B. Landry, et al No. 1 Well, access to site will be from Roosevelt Road, in Election District No. 01, contingent upon the emergency plan being approved from the Vermilion Parish Homeland Security/ Office of Emergency Preparedness.

Upon motion of Mr. Carroll Duhon, duly seconded by Mr. T. J. Prejean, Jr., and unanimously carried, the Police Jury approved the issuance of a telecommunication permit to Bell South to furnish and install, by directional bore, underground cable off of Old Kaplan Highway and West Port Street, located in Election District No. 11.

Mr. Eugene Sellers, Sr. informed the Jury that he spoke with Major Ron Sonnier with the Vermilion Parish Sheriff Office, relative to the Sheriff's Office requesting to store boxes on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of the Vermilion Parish Government Office Complex (Old Hibernia). Mr. Sellers told the Jury that he informed Major Sonnier that the office could be used to store these boxes.

The Jury discussed the possibility of funding of a new jail, through U.S.D.A. or Hazard Mitigation Funding.

Upon motion of Mr. Hubert J. Faulk, duly seconded by Mr. Luther "Buster" Hardee, III, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury amended Item No 7 of the General Needs Committee Recommendations to include that the Coastal Protection Recovery Authority be notified of the Jury's position.

Upon motion of Mr. Hubert J. Faulk, duly seconded by Mr. Wayne Touchet, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury amended Item No 8 of the General Needs Committee Recommendations to include that anytime from now on when a Drainage Board District has more than one Juror representing the district that these Jurors get together and make the appointment.

Mr. Tim Creswell requested a copy of the letter that will be sent out in reference to Item No. 7 of the General Needs committee recommendation. Mr. Creswell informed the Jury that he would like a copy to present it to the Louisiana Authority Recovery for the Coastal Restoration Plan, for a meeting on December 15, 2006.

Upon motion of Mr. Maxwell Chreene, 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  
NOVEMBER 29, 2006  
ABBEVILLE, LOUISIANA

AS A RESULT OF A GENERAL NEEDS COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON NOVEMBER 29, 2006, THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED FOR THE JURY'S CONSIDERATION:

1. It is recommended that the Police Jury accept the proposal from PGRMA Group Health Plan, Option No 1, for the renewal of the 2007 Health Insurance with a 25% increase.
2. It is recommended that the Police Jury abandon the easements on Mr. David Laborde's property between Live Oak Road, and the Vermilion River, in Election District No. 9.
3. It is recommended that the Police Jury approve Change Order No. 3, relative to the Vermilion Parish Solid Waste Plant Subtitle "D" Improvements Area-1B Slope Tie-In Liner System. Change Order reflects installation of additional liners with an increase of \$33,275.00.

4. It is recommended that the Police Jury approve Final Payment, to Glenn Lege Construction, in the amount of \$49,666.68, relative to the 2005 Hurricane Rita-Birch Road Improvements.

It is further recommended that the Police Jury approve Change Order No. 1, relative to the 2005 Hurricane Rita-Birch Road Improvements. Change Order reflects a decrease to adjust contract quantities to reflect as-built quantities, in the amount of \$1,444.80.

It is further recommended that the Police Jury adopt the following resolution accepting the project as complete, and authorized the President to execute an Act of Acceptance from Glenn Lege Construction, pertaining to the completion of the contract for the 2005 Hurricane Rita-Birch Road Improvements.

5. It is recommended that the Police Jury ratify a submission made by Sellers & Associates, Inc. to the State Office of Homeland Security, on a Pilot Planning Grant that is being funded by FEMA and the LRA for upgrading the Hazard Mitigation Plan and doing preliminary assessments and scoping for projects to be turned in under the Hazard Mitigation Projects.
6. It is recommended that the Police Jury authorize the Solid Waste Supervisor to get quotes to repair a damaged driveway caused by a Solid Waste Garbage Truck, located at 703 Julie Street in Delcambre, Louisiana.
7. It is recommended that the Police Jury authorize the Secretary/Treasurer to send a letter to Louisiana Governor Kathleen Blanco requesting funds to build a settled levee 6 feet above sea level, with a rock protection and a twenty foot crown from the Leland Bowman Locks to the Seventh Ward Canal and from the GIWW to Schooner Bayou Control Structure.
8. It is recommended that the Police Jury appoint Mr. Scott Griffin to the Seventh Ward Gravity Drainage District No. 2 to replace Mr. Norman Choate.
9. It is recommended that the Police Jury authorize the Solid Waste Supervisor to have flashing lights installed on the old Grab Trucks at the Solid Waste Facility.
10. It is recommended that the Police Jury authorize the Shop Foreman to purchase a Bush Hog Front End Loader to fit Unit No. 3-1003, from Langlinais Tractor, Inc. under state contract, in the amount of \$6,096.92, for the Area III Barn.
11. It is recommended that the Police Jury authorize the Secretary/Treasurer to set up a meeting with Mr. Lonnie Bewley, with Foley & Judell, L.L.P. and the Parish Engineer to discuss the sale of bonds for road improvements on parish roads.

Respectfully submitted,  
Maxwell Chreene,  
Chairman

Mr. Ronald Darby questioned recommendation No. 8 of the Finance/General Needs Committee Recommendations.

Mr. Robert J. Leblanc, Director of Vermilion Parish Office of Homeland Security/Emergency Preparedness gave an overview of the Vermilion Parishes 911 health insurance.

The Jury discussed the Vermilion Parish Office of Homeland Security/Emergency Preparedness health insurance.

Ms. Carolyn Bessard, Office Manager gave a recap of when the Vermilion Parish 911 went on there own health insurance.

Upon motion of Mr. Ronald Darby, duly seconded by Mr. Minos Broussard, the Police Jury amended Item No 8 of the Finance/General Needs Committee Recommendations to delete the revised health insurance premium. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

<u>For</u>	<u>Against</u>
Mr. Purvis Abshire	Mr. David C. Mayard
Mr. T. J. Prejean, Jr.	Mr. Carroll Duhon
Mr. Ronald Darby	Mr. Luther "Buster" Hardee, III
Mr. Ravis Menard	Mr. Gaulman Gaspard
Mr. Wayne Touchet	Mr. Maxwell Chreene
Mr. Minos Broussard	
Mr. Edval Simon, Jr.	
Mr. Hubert J. Faulk	

President Poche` stated that he wanted to go on record that he votes against the above motion.

The vote was (8) eight for and (5) five against, the motion passed.

Upon motion of Mr. Ronald Darby, duly seconded by Mr. Wayne Touchet, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury accepted the original 2007 Budget proposal request from the Vermilion Parish Office of Homeland Security/Emergency Preparedness.

Upon motion of Mr. Minos Broussard, duly seconded by Mr. Purvis Abshire, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury amended Item No 1 of the Finance/General Needs Committee Recommendations to include effective January 1, 2007.

Upon motion of Mr. David C. Mayard, duly seconded by Mr. Ronald Darby, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury approved the Finance/General Needs Committee Recommendations, as amended, and the appropriate officials of the Jury were authorized to carry out the recommendations:

FINANCE/GENERAL NEEDS COMMITTEE  
NOVEMBER 29, 2006  
ABBEVILLE, LOUISIANA

AS A RESULT OF A FINANCE/GENERAL NEEDS COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON NOVEMBER 29, 2006, THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED FOR THE JURY'S CONSIDERATION:

1. It is recommended that the Police Jury approve grade reclassifications for the Road Crew and the FRS Crew.
2. It is recommended that the Police Jury approve a Grade adjustment for the following employees at the Solid Waste Facility:
  1. Reginald Landry– Grade 5 to Grade 7
  2. Rocky Naquin– Grade 5 to Grade 7
  3. Ellice Rice– Grade 5 to Grade 7
  4. Eric Mouton– Grade 6 to Grade 7
  5. Earl Dartez– Grade 6 to Grade 7
  6. Roland Wilson– Grade 6 to Grade 7
  7. Ashley Broussard – Grade 6 to Grade 7
  8. Vincent Darby– Grade 6 to Grade 7
  9. Danny Gaspard– Grade 6 to Grade 7
  10. Herman Montgomery– Grade 6 to Grade 7
  11. Brent Theriot– Grade 6 to Grade 7
3. It is recommended that the Police Jury approve the Solid Waste Supervisor's Capital Outlay request for the 2007 to replace equipment as needed to continue operating the Solid Waste Facility.
4. It is recommended that the Police Jury approve the Registrar of Voters Offices, 2007 budget request, except with the pay increase request being denied.
5. It is recommended that the Police Jury approve the Vermilion Parish Clerk of Court's, 2007 budget request.
6. It is recommended that the Police Jury approve the Vermilion Council on Aging's, 2007 budget request.

7. It is recommended that the Police Jury approve the Department of the Army Headquarters and HHC 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion 156<sup>th</sup> Infantry, Louisiana National Guard's, 2007 budget request.
8. It is recommended that the Police Jury approve the Vermilion Parish Office of Homeland Security/Emergency Preparedness's, 2007 budget request, with the revised health insurance premium.
9. It is recommended that the Police Jury approve the Vermilion Parish Tax Assessor's, 2007 budget request.
10. It is recommended that the Police Jury approve the Vermilion Parish Soil and Water Conservation District's, 2007 budget request.
11. It is recommended that the Police Jury approve the State of Louisiana, Department of Veterans Affairs', 2007 budget request.
12. It is recommended that the Police Jury approve the Vermilion Arc's, 2007 budget request.
13. It is recommended that the Police Jury approve the 1976 Sales Tax Fund Fire Protection Program privately funding for the 2007 Budget.
14. It is recommended that the Police Jury approve the Public Works, 2007 budget request.
15. It is recommended that the Police Jury approve the Fire Department Allocations for the 2007 Budget.
16. It is recommended that the Police Jury approve the Mosquito Control's, 2007 budget request.
17. It is recommended that the Police Jury approve the Fifteenth Judicial District Court Law Clerk Funds 2007 budget request.
18. It is recommended that the Police Jury approve the Fifteenth Judicial District Court's request, with a 3% cost of living adjustment for the judge's secretaries for 2007.
19. It is recommended that the Police Jury approve the Fifteenth Judicial District Court request to have internet access for the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor secretaries and the visiting judges, in the 2007 Budget.

20. It is recommended that the Police Jury approve a request for the purchase of a 1/2 ton pickup truck be included in the 2007 Budget for the maintenance supervisor at the Vermilion Parish Law Enforcement Center.
21. It is recommended that the Police Jury approve the Cooperative Extension Service's, 2007 budget request.
22. It is recommended that the Police Jury work with Sellers & Associates, Inc. and the Vermilion Parish Sheriff on a cost proposed and a possible funding source to construct a new jail out of the flood zone.  
  
It is further recommended that the Police Jury authorize Minvielle & Associates, Inc. to apply for a Hazard Mitigation Grant for a SOW Program.
23. It is recommended that the Police Jury approve the Vermilion Parish Sheriff Department's, 2007 budget request, except with the security camera request being denied.
24. It is recommended that the Police Jury approve the Cooperative Service Agreement for the Beaver/Coyote/Nuisance Wildlife Management with USDA-APHIS-Wildlife Services, for the 2007 Budget.
25. It is recommended that the Police Jury approve Minvielle & Associates, Inc. proposed 2007 Grant Applications and programs in the 2007 Budget.
26. It is recommended that the Police Jury approve the Solid Waste Program's, 2007 budget request, with the added purchase of the above recommendation of Item No. 3.
27. It is recommended that the Police Jury authorize the Secretary/Treasurer to ask the Louisiana Police Jury Association to support legislation that will require the state to reimburse parish government \$22.39 per day, whenever an inmate is sentenced to time served in the Parish jail.

Respectfully submitted,  
David Mayard  
Chairman

Upon motion of Mr. Wayne Touchet, duly seconded by Mr. Maxwell Chreene, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury approved payment of Invoice No. 11272006 to Frenzel Motors, Inc., in the amount of \$96,905.14, for 118 - 4.0 cubic yard rear loader containers with casters, relative to the Solid Waste Program.

Upon motion of Mr. T. J. Prejean, Jr., duly seconded by Mr. Gaulman Gaspard, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury approved an intergovernmental agreement with Isle Marrone Gravity Drainage District No. 1, to clear a right of way and improve the drainage in the area of Joe Road. The Parish will do the necessary excavation improvements and hauling off the spoil if necessary and the drainage district will clear the right of way.

Upon motion of Mr. Luther "Buster" Hardee, III, duly seconded by Mr. T. J. Prejean, Jr., and unanimously carried, the Police Jury approved the following invoices from Sellers & Associates, Inc., relative to professional services:

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| a) Revision of the VPPJ<br>Subdivision Ordinance<br>Date: 11-5-06<br>Invoice No. 9630<br>Amount = \$365.00 | b) Hawk's View Estates<br>Revised Plat &<br>Specifications Review<br>Date: 11-5-06<br>Invoice No. 9631<br>Amount = \$105.00 |
| c) Rice Cove Estates – Phase I & II<br>Approved Subdivision Reviews<br>Date: 11-5-06<br>Amount = \$168.00  | d) 2005 Hurricane Rite<br>Birch Road Improvements<br>Date: 11-26-06<br>Invoice No. 9646<br>Amount = \$5,463.33              |

Upon motion of Mr. Hubert J. Faulk, duly seconded by Mr. Luther "Buster" Hardee, III, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury approved to renew its Worker's Compensation Coverage for the 2007 Calendar year with Parish Government Risk Management Agency (PGRMA), at a cost of \$342,030.00.

Upon motion of Mr. Purvis Abshire, duly seconded by Mr. Minos Broussard, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury approved to enter in an annual intergovernmental agreement with the Parish municipalities (Abbeville, Delcambre, Erath, Gueydan, Kaplan, and Maurice) for routine maintenance service, the Vermilion Parish Police Jury will provide labor and equipment which may occur some cost for materials, which can be mutually agreed upon for each individual project. The municipalities will either pay for material cost or share material cost, and labor and equipment may be provided on projects which may be mutually agreed upon for each project.

Upon motion of Mr. Minos Broussard, duly seconded by Mr. Edval Simon, Jr., and unanimously carried, the Police Jury authorized the Secretary/Treasurer to send a letter requesting the Town of Delcambre and the Town of Erath to send a letter of support to Governor Kathleen Blanco and the Louisiana Delegation, in support of overlaying Hwy. 339.

Mr. Ronald Darby asked Ms. Linda Duhon to make an announcement that the Vermilion Health Care Center will have a Cajun Christmas, on December 15, 2006, from 6 p.m. – 9 p.m. at the Vermilion Health Care Center.

Mr. Luther "Buster" Hardee, III asked Mr. Dudley Broussard, Road Supervisor if the FRS Foreman plans to retire in February 2007. Mr. Broussard informed the Jury that it looks like the FRS Foreman will retire in February 2007. The Jury discussed about who will fill the FRS Foreman position.

Mr. Tim Creswell informed the Jury that the reburial of cemeteries has begun at St. James Cemetery.

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

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Secretary-Treasurer

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President