

Police Jury Room  
June 4, 2007  
Abbeville, Louisiana

Minutes of a regular meeting of the Vermilion Parish Police Jury held on June 4, 2007, with President Luther "Buster" Hardee, III presiding.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Hardee, who asked Mr. T. J. Prejean, Jr. 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. Carroll Duhon	Mr. Ravis Menard
Mr. Hubert Faulk	Mr. Purvis Abshire
Mr. Minos Broussard	Mr. T. J. Prejean, Jr.
Mr. Wayne Touchet	Mr. Ronald Darby
Mr. Mark Poche'	Mr. Edval J. Simon, Jr.
Mr. Luther "Buster" Hardee, III	

Absent: Mr. David C. Mayard  
Mr. Maxwell Chreene  
Mr. Gaulman Gaspard

President Luther "Buster" Hardee, III, called for any other bids in the audience to be submitted relative to the bid calls shown on the agenda.

President Hardee asked for a motion to close bids for the Official Journal of the Police Jury, and to authorize the opening of the bids.

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

<b><u>BIDDER</u></b>	<b>OFFICIAL JOURNAL AND PRINTER FOR THE PERIOD OF JULY 1, 2007 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2008</b>
Abbeville Meridional	First insertion at the rate of \$6.00 per square of 100 words and for all subsequent insertions, a rate of \$6.00 per square of 100 words. The circulation per issue of this newspaper is 5600.
Kaplan Herald	First insertion at the rate of \$6.00 per square of 100 words and for all subsequent insertions, a rate of \$6.00 per square of 100 words. The circulation per issue of this newspaper is 1800.

Upon motion by Mr. Minos Broussard, duly seconded by Mr. Carroll Duhon, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury approved the award of the Official Journal and Printer to the Abbeville Meridional for the period of July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008.

President Hardee asked for a motion that because of the volume of bids for the various proposals and items, the Police Jury acknowledge the receipt of all bids for Materials for Parish Road Maintenance for the Period of July 1, 2007 through December 31, 2007, and waive the reading of the various bid proposals and that all bids be taken under advisement and to authorize Sellers & Associates, Inc. to prepare a bid tabulation for review at the next Road Committee meeting on June 16, 2007.

### **Materials For Parish Road Maintenance for Period 07/01/07 through 12/31/07**

Upon motion by Mr. Mark Poche, duly seconded by Mr. T. J. Prejean, Jr., and unanimously carried, the Police Jury acknowledged the receipt of all bids for Materials for Parish Road Maintenance for the Period of July 1, 2007 through December 31, 2007, and waived the reading of the various bid proposals and that all bids be taken under advisement and to authorize Sellers & Associates, Inc. to prepare a bid tabulation for review at the next Road Committee meeting on June 13, 2007.

President Luther "Buster" Hardee, III, asked if there are any additions or changes to the agenda.

Upon motion by Mr. Minos Broussard, duly seconded by Mr. Edval Simon, Jr., and unanimously carried, the Police Jury authorized additions/changes to the agenda to allow the representatives from Lake Peigneur to address the Jury in reference to AGL Resources.

Upon motion by Mr. Wayne Touchet, duly seconded by Mr. T. J. Prejean, Jr., and unanimously carried, the Police Jury authorized additions/changes to the agenda to allow Mr. Bradley Duhon and Ms. Barbara Trahan to address the Jury in reference to the Multi-Purpose Arena.

President Hardee recognized Ms. Mona LeBlanc, Vice President of the Vermilion Parish Cattlewomen Association.

Ms. LeBlanc addressed the Jury, reminding them that June is Beef Month and requested the President sign a proclamation declaring June "Beef Month". She also gave a short presentation about the current Beef Ambassadors and recognized Ms. Jada Griffin, Ms. Leah Broussard, Mr. Nicholas Broussard, Ms. Brittany Goutierrez, and Ms. Anne Katherine LeBlanc and they gave brief presentations about the beef industry in Vermilion Parish.

Upon motion by Mr. Hubert J. Faulk, duly seconded by Mr. Purvis Abshire, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury authorized the President to sign a Proclamation declaring June as "Beef Month" in Vermilion Parish.

President Hardee recognized Mr. Bradley Duhon to speak in support of the Vermilion Parish Multi-Purpose Arena.

Mr. Duhon addressed the Jury, stating that an arena in Vermilion Parish would be beneficial to the Parish, as funds that are now spent in surrounding parishes to rent various facilities, such as in Iberia and Acadia, could be spent here. Mr. Duhon also requested the Jury look into applying for a grant from the State to help pay for the Multi-Purpose Arena.

Ms. Barbara Trahan addressed the Jury, also in support of the Multi-Purpose Arena. She stated that a federal grant to build an arena would benefit not only Vermilion Parish, but, more importantly, the children of Vermilion Parish.

Mr. Carroll Duhon spoke regarding upkeep and cost of a Multi-Purpose Arena. He also addressed issues regarding ingress and egress to the arena.

Mr. Hubert Faulk stated that the family that owns property near the site is willing to give the Police Jury access to their property to make a road leading to the Arena.

Mr. Gerald Libersat addressed the Jury also regarding the Multi-Purpose Arena, stating that even should the arena cost money, this is money being spent on the children of Vermilion Parish.

Mr. Edval Simon, Jr. stated that New Iberia has a problem sustaining the Sugarena, even with their hotel/motel tax.

Mr. Alfred Vincent stated that all the people are looking for is a shed, barn, etc. They want a place that is covered, with lights, so that the children of the parish can show their cattle, have an equine center, etc.

Mr. Mark Poche` stated that the arena that has been proposed is a \$2.4 million dollar facility. He stated that building the arena where it has been proposed to be built would allow for no economic development growth as there is no room to expand, should the need arise. Mr. Poche' suggested purchasing 20 acres of land from the Vermilion Parish School Board near Magnolia Plantation, which would allow room to grow, in turn boosting economic development.

Upon motion by Mr. Wayne Touchet, duly seconded by Mr. Purvis Abshire, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury authorized sending a letter to the Congressional Delegation in support of funding for a Multi-Purpose Arena.

President Hardee read the following announcements:

1. The U. S. Army Corps of Engineers Task Force will have a meeting on Wednesday, June 27, 2007, at 9:30 a.m., at 7400 Leake Avenue, New Orleans, Louisiana.
2. The Louisiana Department of Natural Resources Quarterly Meeting will be on Wednesday, June 13, 2007, at 9:00 a.m., at the U. S. Fish & Wildlife Service in Lafayette, Louisiana.

3. The Vermilion Parish Cattlemen's Association will have their Annual Bar-B-Que on Sunday, June 10, 2007, at 11:00 a.m., at the V-Arena, in Kaplan, Louisiana.

Mr. Steven Langlinais had a presentation regarding AGL Resources, Lake Peigneur and the risk of salt cavern explosions. He stated that should there be an explosion at Lake Peigneur, there would be 5,000 residents who would need to be evacuated in a three mile radius. He also spoke regarding the floating foam in Lake Peigneur.

Mrs. Verlie Langlinais addressed the Jury regarding AGL Resources and Lake Peigneur. She requested the Jury rescind the letter sent to Governor Kathleen Blanco in support of AGL Resources' Jefferson Island Storage & Hub (JISH) expansion at Lake Peigneur. She stated that the economic development project of AGL Resources threatens the safety of 5,000 residents in a three mile radius of Lake Peigneur, the possibility of a water shortage due to AGL using 5,000 gallons of water per minute to leach out new caverns, and possible contamination of the Chicot Aquifer with salt water from the injection wells. She requested the Jury support adding the following 2 amendments to a resolution adopted by the Police Jury in March of 2006:

1. To work with the Iberia Parish Council in marking with buoys, or some other form of markings, to show the fisherman and recreational boaters the site of the bubbling incidents in Lake Peigneur.
2. To oppose any more permits be granted for the purpose of underground natural gas storage in Lake Peigneur.

Upon motion by Mr. Minos Broussard, duly seconded by Mr. Edval Simon, Jr., and unanimously carried, the Police Jury authorized rescinding their letter to Governor Kathleen Blanco in support of AGL Resources' Jefferson Island Storage & Hub (JISH) expansion at Lake Peigneur, and to add the following 2 amendments to Resolution 2006-R-24:

1. To work with the Iberia Parish Council in marking with buoys, or some other form of markings, to show the fisherman and recreational boaters the site of the bubbling incidents in Lake Peigneur.
2. To oppose any more permits be granted for the purpose of underground natural gas storage in Lake Peigneur.

**AMENDMENT TO**  
**RESOLUTION**

**2006-R-24**

**AN AMENDMENT TO RESOLUTION 2006-R-24,  
RESOLUTION OPPOSING A PERMIT**

**APPLICATION BY THE JEFFERSON ISLAND STORAGE AND HUB LLC TO EXPAND THE EXISTING NATURAL GAS STORAGE FACILITY AT LAKE PEIGNEUR IN IBERIA PARISH, LOUISIANA, WHICH WAS ADOPTED ON MARCH 20, 2006.**

**BE IT ORDAINED** by the Police Jury of Vermilion Parish, in regular session convened on this 4<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2007, that the Vermilion Parish Police Jury hereby amends Parish Resolution 2006-R-24.

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED** that it is the desire of the Vermilion Parish Police Jury to amend Resolution 2006-R-24 to allow the Police Jury to work with the Iberia Parish Council in marking with buoys or some sort of markings to show the fishermen and recreational boaters the site of the bubbling incidents and to oppose any more permits to be granted for the purpose of underground natural gas storage in Lake Peigneur.

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED** that all other provisions of Resolution 2006-R-24 shall remain the same.

This amendment having been submitted in writing, having been read and adopted at a public meeting of the Police Jury of the Parish of Vermilion, State of Louisiana, was then submitted to an official vote as a whole, the vote was thereon being as follows:

YEAS: Purvis Abshire, Hubert J. Faulk, Mark Poche`, Minos Broussard, T. J. Prejean, Jr., Luther "Buster" Hardee, III, Edval Simon, Jr., Ronald Darby, Wayne Touchet, Carroll Duhon, Ravis Menard

NAYS: None

ABSENT: David C. Mayard, Maxwell Chreene, Gaulman Gaspard

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Upon motion of Mr. T. J. Prejean, Jr., duly seconded by Mr. Carroll Duhon, and unanimously carried, the readings of the minutes of the May 21, 2007 meeting were dispensed with and were accepted.

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

Mr. Sellers presented the following bid tabulation in regards to the “Fiscal Year 2006 LCDBG Cow Island Area Water Distribution System Improvements for the Vermilion Parish Police Jury”:

<b>2006 LCDBG Cow Island Area Water Distribution System Improvements</b>	
<b><u>CONTRACTOR</u></b>	<b><u>TOTAL BID</u></b>
Jan’s Construction Co.	No Bid
Bihm Construction, Inc.	\$513,662.50
Digco Utility Construction	No Bid

Upon motion by Mr. T. J. Prejean, Jr., duly seconded by Mr. Carroll Duhon, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury awarded the only bid received to Bihm Construction, in the amount of \$513,662.50, for the “2006 LCDBG Cow Island Area Water Distribution System Improvements”.

Upon motion by Mr. Hubert J. Faulk, duly seconded by Mr. Ravis Menard, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury approved the issuance of Project Permit No. 1482-P to The Termo Company to furnish and install approximately 7,586 feet of one 6 inch pipeline to serve the Chambers et al Well No. 1, in Election District No. 14, contingent upon receiving a certificate of insurance.

Upon motion by Mr. Minos Broussard, duly seconded by Mr. Ravis Menard, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury approved final payment to Jason Hebert Construction, in the amount of \$1,941.86, relative to the Erath Health Unit.

Mr. Sellers discussed with the Jury their authorization to enter into an intergovernmental agreement with the Vermilion Parish School Board concerning Hazard Mitigation of Seventh Ward Elementary and Forked Island/E. Broussard Elementary. Sellers & Associates, Inc. received comments from FEMA through the State of Louisiana, requesting that the application for Seventh Ward Elementary be submitted in two phases: Design and Construction. Authorization is requested from the Police Jury to resubmit the application in two phases.

Upon motion by Mr. T. J. Prejean, Jr., duly seconded by Mr. Ravis Menard, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury authorized Sellers & Associates, Inc. to resubmit the application for Hazard Mitigation of Seventh Ward Elementary in two phases.

Mr. Sellers further stated that although FEMA had not yet required the application for Forked Island/E. Broussard Elementary to be submitted in two phases, he was sure that it soon would be. He requested authorization from the Police Jury to resubmit the application for Forked Island/E. Broussard Elementary in two phases also.

Upon motion by Mr. T. J. Prejean, Jr., duly seconded by Mr. Hubert J. Faulk, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury authorized Sellers & Associates, Inc. to resubmit the application for Hazard Mitigation of Forked Island/E. Broussard Elementary in two phases.

Mr. Mark Poche`, General Needs Committee Chairman, asked if there were any changes to be made to the General Needs Committee recommendations.

Upon motion by Mr. Hubert J. Faulk, duly seconded by Mr. Wayne Touchet, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury amended Item No. 23 of the General Needs Committee Recommendations to add: “...*to remove the existing debris from the proposed site to the Solid Waste Facility...*”

A brief discussion followed, regarding the feasibility of burning, mulching or grinding the trees at the Solid Waste Facility.

Upon motion by Mr. Wayne Touchet, duly seconded by Mr. Ravis Menard, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury amended Item No. 19 of the General Needs Committee Recommendations to add: “...*the following:*”

- 1. Guidry Subdivision – Election District No. 9*
- 2. Seraphine Estates Phase III & IV – Election District No. 11*
- 3. Rice Cove Estates Phase I & II – Election District No. 9*
- 4. Victoria Manor Phase I – Election District No. 1*
- 5. Acadiana Marina Subdivision – Election District No. 13*
- 6. Long Fella Subdivision – Election District No. 1*
- 7. Rosewood Estates – Election District No. 3*
- 8. Plantation Ridge Subdivision – Election District No. 6.”*

Mr. Richard Primeaux spoke to the Police Jury regarding the 6 week moratorium. He stated that this moratorium will hold up those wishing to begin the subdivision process. He suggested a 6 week moratorium on construction permitting of any new subdivision, but still allow review of preliminary plat for a new subdivision.

Upon motion by Mr. Ronald Darby, duly seconded by Mr. Edval Simon, Jr., with Juror Wayne Touchet voting nay, the above motion was rescinded and a substitute motion was made to amend Item No. 19 to table the issue of a 6 week moratorium on any new subdivisions.

Upon motion by Mr. Wayne Touchet, duly seconded by Mr. Ravis Menard, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury approved publishing the current Subdivision Ordinance with these minutes in the official journal.

Upon motion by Mr. Mark Poche`, duly seconded 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  
MAY 30, 2007  
ABBEVILLE, LOUISIANA

AS A RESULT OF A GENERAL NEEDS COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON MAY 30, 2007, THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED FOR THE JURY'S CONSIDERATION:

1. It is recommended that the Police Jury authorize the Road Supervisor to have a ditch cleaned on Baylee Road in Maurice, La., relative to a sewage drainage problem, in Election District No.2.
2. It is recommended that the Police Jury approve the final plat for the subdivision development identified as Bimini Terrace Subdivision, contingent upon Parish Engineers comments, in Election District No. 01.
3. It is recommended that the Police Jury authorize the President to sign an agreement with Sellers & Associates, Inc., relative to professional services for the "Truck Bypass Route Improvement In Gueydan Area"
4. It is recommended that the Police Jury authorize Sellers & Associates to prepare the necessary paperwork to advertise for one or more "2007 or Latest Model 5-Cubic Yard Dump Truck (Non-CDL) for the Area II Barn.
5. It is recommended that the Police Jury authorize the Jury to approve the 2007 millage tax roll no later than the June 4, 2007 at the next Police Jury meeting.
6. It is recommended that the Police Jury approve payment of Invoice No. 96145, to Nortrax, in the amount of \$210,750.00, for a 2007 Articulated Dump Truck, relative to the Solid Waste Program, contingent upon all paperwork being finalized. Cost to be paid from 94 Sales Tax Fund.
7. It is recommended that the Police Jury approve payment of Invoice No. 96150, to Nortrax, in the amount of \$39,250.00, for "2007 or Latest Model Road Sweeper," for Parishwide, contingent upon all paperwork being finalized. Cost to be paid from Parishwide Fund.
8. It is recommended that the Police Jury approve the issuance of an alcoholic permit for Buckshot's Bar & Grill, located at 205 S. 1<sup>st</sup>. Street, Gueydan, LA, in Election District No. 14.
9. It is recommended that the Police Jury approve the reappointment of the following individuals to the Coulee Kinney Drainage District for a 4 year term:

Mr. Sedric Breaux	6/5/07	6/4/2011
Mr. Raywood Faulk	6/5/07	6/4/2011

10. It is recommended that the Police Jury approve payment of Invoice No. 752 to Emergency Services Training & Consulting, Inc., in the amount of \$1500.00, relative to the 2007 Fire Act Grant as follows: Cost to be paid from 76 Sales Tax Fund.

Little Chapel Vol. Fire Dept.	\$ 500.00
Meaux/Nunez Vol. Fire Dept.	\$ 500.00
Henry Vol. Fire Dept.	<u>\$ 500.00</u>
Total	\$1,500.00

11. It is recommended that the Police Jury approve payment of an invoice submitted by Rodney P. Primeaux Contractors, in the amount of \$225.00, relative to the anchoring of the steps for the new trailer at the 7<sup>th</sup> Ward Fire Department.

12. It is recommended that the Police Jury ratify payment to Eagle Carport, Inc. and Home Town Hardware, relative to the installation of a carport for the Forked Island Fire Department as follows:

Eagle Carports Inc.	\$ 1678.50
Home Town Hardware 10%	<u>\$ 186.50</u>
Total	\$1,865.00

13. It is recommended that the Police Jury approve installation and payment to Eagle Carport, Inc., and Home Town Hardware, relative to the strapping and anchoring of the carports, for the Pecan Island and Forked Island Fire departments as follows:

<u>Forked Island Fire Department</u>	
Invoice Eagle Carports Inc.	\$567.00
Inv. 398434 Home Town Hardware 10%	<u>\$63.00</u>
Total	\$630.00

<u>Pecan Island Fire Department</u>	
Eagle Carports Inc.	\$567.00
Inv. 398434 Home Town Hardware 10%	<u>\$ 63.00</u>
Total	\$630.00

14. It is recommended that the Police Jury approve paying the attached bills that were submitted by Sellers & Associates, Inc. relative to professional services rendered.

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| a) V. P. Landfill                  | b) V. P. Landfill                  |
| Subtitle D Title Monitoring Report | Prepare 2006 Annual Recycle Report |
| Date: 5/13/07                      | Date: 5/13/07                      |
| Inv. No. 10040                     | Inv. No. 10041                     |
| Amount = \$3,612.00                | Amount = \$300.00                  |
| Cost To Be Paid From 94` Sales Tax | Cost To Be Paid From 94` Sales Tax |

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| c) V. P. Landfill                  | d) V. P. Landfill                  |
| Prepare Response to LDEQ           | Inspection Subtitle D Cell         |
| Date: 5/13/07                      | Date: 5/13/07                      |
| Inv. No. 10042                     | Invoice No. 10043                  |
| Amount = \$44,482.00               | Amount = \$18,660.03               |
| Cost To Be Paid From 94` Sales Tax | Cost To Be Paid From 94` Sales Tax |

e) V. P. Solid Waste New Office  
Miscellaneous Engr. Services  
Date: 5/13/07  
Inv. No. 10056  
Amount = \$863.33  
Cost To Be Paid From 94` Sales Tax

f) V. P. Solid Waste New Office  
Miscellaneous Engr. Services – Insp.  
Date: 5/13/07  
Inv. No. 10057  
Amount = \$78.00  
Cost To Be Paid From 94` Sales Tax

15. It is recommended that the Police Jury approve payment of Invoice No. 0603046, to Abbeville Tree Service, in the amount of \$2,400.00, relative to removing a tree at the Vermilion Parish Health Unit. Cost to be paid from Health Unit Fund.
16. It is recommended that the Police Jury awarded the lowest quote to Abbeville Tree Service, in the amount of \$1,275.00, to remove a dead tree at the V. P. Government Complex Building (Old Hibernia Bank).
17. It is recommended that the Police Jury hire Mr. Eric Trahan as a part-time Custodian, Grade 7, Step 0.
18. It is recommended that the Police Jury authorize Legal Counsel and City of Abbeville's Legal Counsel to review an Intergovernmental Agreement for the development of a Regional Planning Commission and report back to the Jury at the next Police Jury meeting scheduled for June 4, 2007.
19. It is recommended that the Police Jury approve a 6 week moratorium on any new subdivisions in the Parish except for those that have been submitted as of this date.
20. It is recommended that the Police Jury adopt a resolution asking the Louisiana Delegation to amend the LSA-R.S. 33:4574.
21. It is recommended that the Police Jury adopt a fee schedule for Residential Third Party Provider Inspectors in Vermilion Parish

It is further recommended that the Police Jury authorize Legal Counsel to prepare the necessary contracts with a fee schedule.

22. It is recommended that the Police Jury appoint Ms. Becky Broussard as Assistant Director to the Office of Homeland Security/Emergency Preparedness, replacing Mr. Gabe Mathews.

It is further recommended that when Mr. Robert J. LeBlanc, Office of Homeland Security/Emergency Preparedness Director does decide to retire, that Ms. Becky Broussard be appointed Director of the Office of Homeland Security/Emergency Preparedness.

23. It is recommended that the Police Jury authorize to delay the burning of trees at the burn site, located on Mr. Eddie Young property and to authorize the Administrator/Secretary-Treasurer and the Solid Waste Supervisor to research for some alternatives such as mulching and grinding of trees.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mark Poche`,  
Chairman

**RESOLUTION**

**2007-R-16**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the legislative delegation introduce legislation to amend LSA-R.S. 33: 4574 and following in order to authorize and direct the Vermilion Parish Tourist Commission to pay the taxes authorized by said statute to Vermilion Parish Police Jury for distribution to participating municipalities via Intergovernmental Agreement for distribution of the funds for the purpose set forth in the legislation which authorized the special tax.

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Upon motion by Mr. Minos Broussard, duly seconded by Mr. Purvis Abshire, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury adopted a resolution to levy Millage rates for the year 2007 tax year.

**RESOLUTION**

**2007-R-17**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the following millage(s) are hereby levied on the 2007 tax roll on all property subject to taxation by the Vermilion Parish Police Jury:

**MILLAGE**

Parishwide General Alimony (Except Abbeville & Kaplan) .....	3.84
Parishwide General Alimony (Abbeville & Kaplan, Only) .....	1.92
Health Unit-Maintenance .....	2.61

Parishwide Road-Maintenance .....	3.26
Road District No. 1-Maintenance .....	5.72
Road District Sub 1 of 2-Maintenance .....	5.06
Road District Sub 2 of 2-Maintenance .....	6.43
Road District Sub 3 of 2-Maintenacne .....	4.98
Road District Sub 4 of 2-Maintenance .....	8.38
Road District Sub 5 of 2-Maintenance .....	5.85
Road District 3-Maintenance .....	5.63
Road District 4-A-Maintenance .....	6.93
Road District 6-Maintenance .....	6.27
Road District 7-Maintenance .....	6.68
Library-Bond . .....	2.20
Ward 8 Cemetery Maintenance .....	1.00

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the proper administrative officials of the Parish of Vermilion, State of Louisiana, be and they are hereby empowered, authorized, and directed to spread said taxes, as hereinabove set forth, upon the assessment roll of said Parish for the year 2007, and to make the collection of the taxes imposed for an on behalf of the taxing privilege on all property subject to taxation as herein set forth, and collection thereof shall be enforceable in the manner provided by law.

This foregoing resolution was read in full, the roll was called on the adoption thereof, and the resolution was adopted by the following votes:

YEAS: Purvis Abshire, Minos Broussard, Ronald Darby, Carroll Duhon, Hubert Faulk, Luther "Buster" Hardee III, Ravis Menard, Mark Poche, T. J. Prejean, Jr., Edval J. Simon, Jr., and Wayne Touchet

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Maxwell Chreene, Gaulman Gaspard, and David Mayard

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Upon motion by Mr. Purvis Abshire, duly seconded by Mr. Edval Simon, Jr., and unanimously carried, the Police Jury adopted a resolution supporting House Bill No. 165

which will create and establish the Parish Transportation Fund No. 2 as a special treasury fund.

Mr. Chris P. Theriot, Administrative/Secretary-Treasurer, presented various items for the Police Jury's consideration.

Upon motion by Mr. Minos Broussard, duly seconded by Mr. Mark Poche`, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury awarded the quote to R R & T Concrete Work, in the amount of \$1,000.00, for replacing sections of a driveway off Reno Drive in Vermilion Palms Subdivision, in Election District No. 3.

Upon motion by Mr. Carroll Duhon, duly seconded by Mr. T. J. Prejean, Jr., and unanimously carried, the Police Jury approved submitting the following names to the Abbeville Harbor and Terminal District:

1. Mr. Gerald Libersat
2. Mr. Sam Broussard

Upon motion by Mr. T. J. Prejean, Jr., duly seconded by Mr. Hubert J. Faulk, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury approved re-advertising for the Pilot Planning Grant Program for professional services associated with the Pilot Planning Grant.

Upon motion by Mr. Carroll Duhon, duly seconded by Mr. Ravis Menard, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury approved the following invoices submitted, relative to the materials ordered to build a set of stairs for the trailer at the 7<sup>th</sup> Ward Fire Station. Cost to be paid from '76 Sales Tax.

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| 1. Stine Lumber<br>Invoice No. 19387985<br>\$866.50 | 2. Stine Lumber<br>Invoice No. 19389664<br>\$99.96 |
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Upon motion by Mr. Mark Poche`, duly seconded by Mr. T. J. Prejean, Jr., and unanimously carried, the Police Jury authorized the Administrative/Secretary-Treasurer to send a letter to the Louisiana Department of Public Safety informing them that the Vermilion Parish Police Jury will no longer need the services of IBTS after June 15, 2007, and that IBTS will phase out until all inspections are completed.

Upon motion by Mr. Wayne Touchet, duly seconded by Mr. Purvis Abshire, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury approved prioritizing the Capital Outlay Projects as follows:

1. Road Improvements
2. Multi-Purpose Arena
3. Civic Center/Hurricane Shelter
4. Courthouse Parking Garage

Mr. Paul Moresi, III, Legal Counsel, presented various items for the Police Jury's consideration.

Mr. Moresi requested the Jury's authorization to fax a copy of the Resolution approved relative to the Hotel/Motel tax to Representative Frith in Baton Rouge and the Executive Director of the Tourist Commission.

Upon motion by Mr. Mark Poche`, duly seconded by Mr. Edval Simon, Jr., and unanimously carried, the Police Jury authorized Legal Counsel to fax a copy of the Resolution approved relative to the Hotel/Motel tax to Representative Frith in Baton Rouge and the Executive Director of the Tourist Commission.

Upon motion by Mr. Ronald Darby, duly seconded by Mr. Wayne Touchet, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury authorized Legal Counsel to send a letter of complaint to the residents of 1713 South State Street, Abbeville regarding debris on their property, in Election District No. 5.

Mr. Moresi addressed the Jury regarding their responsibility for employees at Kaplan City Court. Mr. Moresi stated that after researching the issue he found that the Judge of each City Court can hire 1 or more Clerks or Deputy Clerks. There is no limit on the number of employees the judge may hire; however, the governing body of the parish and the governing body of the city where the city court is located is responsible for:

1. Fixing the salaries of their employees
2. Must share on a 50/50 basis the cost for that employee unless decided otherwise.

Upon motion by Mr. Mark Poche`, duly seconded by Mr. Minos Broussard, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury authorize the Administrative/Secretary-Treasurer to obtain a list of the salaries from the City Court of Abbeville and the City Court of Kaplan in order to make a report back to the Jury.

Upon motion by Mr. Wayne Touchet, duly seconded by Mr. Ravis Menard, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury adopted an ordinance establishing the placing of "NO LITTERING - \$500 FINE" signs on Maplewood Drive, by the trash bin located next to Black's Water Well, in Election District No. 5.

Ms. Becky Broussard addressed the Police Jury, thanking them for their confidence in her by appointing her Director of the Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness upon (Ret.) General Robert Leblanc's retirement.

Upon motion by Mr. Carroll Duhon, duly seconded by Mr. T. J. Prejean, Jr., and unanimously carried, the Police Jury authorized Legal Counsel to send a letter of complaint to the owner of Lot No. 1 in Victoria Acres Subdivision regarding an existing building and debris next to the pump.

Upon motion by Mr. Mark Poche`, duly seconded by Mr. Ronald Darby, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury approved exhausting all options to allow local vendors to bid to provide security for the Courthouse Building.

Upon motion by Mr. Mark Poche`, duly seconded by Mr. Minos Broussard, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury approved entering into an Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Erath to provide them the use of the Erath Health Unit Building contingent upon the City providing:

1. Insurance coverage for the building (flood/wind/fire/hail)
2. Maintenance for the building.

(Ret.) General Robert Leblanc requested the Police Jury send a letter to the Congressional and Legislative Delegation and the Governor asking for their support for Senate Bill No. 63 which provides 32% of the funds for the Office of Homeland Security/Emergency Preparedness.

Upon motion by Mr. T. J. Prejean, Jr., duly seconded by Mr. Ronald Darby, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury approved sending a letter to the Congressional and Legislative Delegation and the Governor asking for their support for Senate Bill No. 63, which would provide an additional \$60,000 to each parish of Louisiana to fund a full time Homeland Security/Emergency Preparedness Director, in conjunction with the 68% of funds provided by the Police Jury and 32% of the funds provided through the Federal Emergency Management Grant Program.

Upon motion by Mr. Wayne Touchet, duly seconded by Mr. T. J. Prejean, Jr., and unanimously carried, the Police Jury approved sending a letter to the Governor to support the 25% match for the Hazard Mitigation programs and sending a copy of the letter to all applicants.

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

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Administrative/Secretary-Treasurer

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President