

**PARISH POLICE JURY
REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 28, 2022
6:00 P.M.**

The Police Jury of Concordia Parish met this day in regular session convened. There were present the following members:

President:	Collin Edwards
Members:	Maurice Bachus, Joseph Parker, Sr., Willie Yearby, Genesis Allen, Scottie Whittington, Adam Probst, Brad Adams
Absent:	
Secretary Treasurer:	Sandi T. Burley
Invocation:	Mr. Yearby
Pledge of Allegiance:	Mr. Parker

A) President Collin Edwards announced the opening of the public hearing Ordinance 2022-02 – establishing Chapter 22, Article III: Sanitary Codes – Sewage Disposal

B) Public Comments were received. Following is an overview of the discussions. Mr. Edwards asked Ms. Burley to explain the reasons and the establishment of the ordinance. The Parish has had many complaints of individual residents on septic systems that are not compliant. Current ordinances address only those as part of a subdivision prior to being built. The new ordinances will provide instructions, guidelines and penalties for violations. These codes are those used at the state level in the absence of the Parish’s guidelines.

Mr. Adams and Mr. Neal both stated they had reported issues in their districts that needed addressing.

C) There being no further public comments, Mr. Edwards closed the Public Hearing.

1) The meeting was called to order by Mr. Edwards. Ms. Burley conducted the roll call and a quorum was declared present.

2) A motion was made by Mr. Probst seconded by Mr. Yearby to approve the minutes of the February 14, 2022 meeting as distributed. Motion carried unanimously.

3) Consider for Adoption, Ordinance 2022-02 – establishing Ordinance 2022-02 creating Chapter 22, Article III of the Parish Ordinances for Sewage Disposal. A motion was made by Mr. Neal, seconded by Mr. Yearby and carried unanimously.

4) A request was received from CPSO asking for financial assistance in the amount of \$3000 to replace flooring in the jail. A motion was made by Ms. Allen and seconded by Mr. Whittington. Under public comments, Mr. Parker stated that CPSO should have asked for approval prior to starting the renovations. Motion carried unanimously.

5) Projects of the Parish were next discussed. Ms. Burley presented an update on current projects.

a. An RFP for Engineering for hazard mitigation pertaining to the Vidalia Canal / Cocodrie Bayou is needed in conjunction with the HMGP 4462 flood mitigation project. The RFP for Engineering will be funded by ARPA allocation for engineering and design to help improve ongoing sediment build up at the Vidalia Canal outflow into the Cocodrie Bayou. An engineering firm is needed to study, design, and oversee construction of a modified introduction of Vidalia Canal outflow into Cocodrie Bayou that will encourage greater hydraulic flow downstream. A motion was made by Mr. Yearby to approve the advertising for RFP for Engineering Firm under the ARPA allocation for Drainage Projects. Motion was seconded by Mr. Neal and carried unanimously.

6) Ordinance Violations of the Parish were next discussed. The following was brought forward: Yearby – 522 Concordia Park – Mary Verser – public nuisance and grass
Neal – 735 Bell Grove – nuisance, trash in yard
A motion was made by Mr. Parker seconded by Mr. Bachus to approve the citations of the ordinance violations as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

7) Under the Secretary / Treasurer's report, Ms. Burley presented the following:

- a) PJAL Conference, March 9-11 in Lake Charles – Ms. Allen, Mr. Yearby and Ms. Burley will be attending.
- b) Audit – Status updates; Audit is on going
- c) Office Closure – Barn will be off Monday, February 28th in observance of Mardi Gras (approved by Mr. Edwards). Courthouse Office will be closed Tuesday, March 1st.

8) Work Orders of the Parish were brought forward by Mr. Tony Guillory, Superintendent. Due to holiday and barn being closed, Mr. Guillory had nothing to bring forward. Discussed pricing needed on purchasing a new long reach. Current one is about 30 years old and parts are hard to obtain. Discussed need for boom tractor and side boom mower; quotes are being obtained. A trailer is need to haul tractor; quotes are being obtained. Mr. Adams stated that the old equipment needs to be sold to use toward purchasing the new equipment.

9) Work Orders needed for the Parish were brought forward by the Jurors.
Neal: Middle of North Grove needs limb truck to get mattresses off the road; pothole repair needed on North Grove;
Whittington – At 1046 Mooselodge there is a stack of concrete on the side of the road; needs to be removed by landowner – resident belongs to Connie Seals;
Adams – Flaherty Road at JJ Pruitt the road is tore up; beaver dam on Plouden Bayou; weir at Wildcow is fixed, trees need to be cut back for better access.
A motion was made by Mr. Parker seconded by Mr. Neal to approve the work orders presented. Motion carried unanimously.

10) Correspondence and Public Comments were next open for discussion. Mr. William Saul requested a motion from the Jurors to approve the location for a family cemetery. Ms. Burley informed Mr. Saul and the Jurors that no motion was needed and the information had not been presented by Mr. Saul for review and action. Only a letter is needed to be submitted to the Louisiana Cemetery Board stating there is no zoning at the proposed location. Mr. Parker made a motion to approve issuing the letter as long as all of the information is correct. Motion was seconded by Mr. Parker and carried unanimously.

11) A motion was made by Mr. Parker to add Executive Session to the agenda. Motion was seconded by Mr. Yearby and carried unanimously.

12) Mr. Parker made a motion to go into Executive Session. Motion was seconded by Mr. Yearby and carried unanimously.

13) A motion was made by Mr. Parker seconded by Mr. Adams to return to regular session. Motion carried unanimously.

14) A motion was made by Ms. Allen seconded by Mr. Yearby to approve for Ms. Burley to seek an RFP for plumbing and water heater replacement in the boiler room for the Courthouse.

15) There being no further items to discuss, a motion was made by Mr. Parker seconded by Ms. Allen to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

Sandi T. Burley, Secretary / Treasurer

ORDINANCE: 2022-02

PARISH OF CONCORDIA MODIFICATION OF CODES FOR SANITATION AS IT PERTAINS TO SEWAGE DISPOSAL

ORDINANCE 2022-02 CREATING CHAPTER 22, ARTICLE III: SEWAGE DISPOSAL (Reference Updates to Chapter 7)

WHEREAS, the Police Jury seeks to amend and modify the ordinance pertaining to sewage disposal in the parish;

WHEREAS, the Police Jury has the authority under LRS 33:1236 to set and establish regulations by their own government;

WHEREAS, Chapter 22, Article III: Sewage Disposal shall be added to support the Louisiana Administrative Codes, Title 51, Part XIII: Sewage Disposal

WHEREAS, the Parish adds these regulations in addition to all reference of sewage and septic disposal for residential dwellings;

WHEREAS, the Police Jury seeks to add the penalty for improper sewage disposal by violators to be the sum of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) per day, per instance;

SECTION (1) BE IT ORDAINED, by the Concordia Parish Police Jury in regular session convened, that it shall be added and modified the regulations pertaining to sewage disposal;

SECTION (2) BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that all ordinances or resolutions or parts of them in conflict herewith are hereby repealed;

SECTION (3) BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that this ordinance creates Chapter 22, Article III: Sewage Disposal to the Parish Code of Ordinances;

Be it ordained and adopted this 28th day of February, in regular session, a motion was made by Mr. Neal seconded by Mr. Whittington and the votes were recorded as follows:

Yeas: 9 Nays: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: 0

Collin Edwards, President

Sandi T. Burley, Secretary / Treasurer