

**PARISH POLICE JURY
REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 14, 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, Genesia Allen, Scottie Whittington, Adam Probst, Brad Adams
Absent:	None
Secretary Treasurer:	Sandi T. Burley
Invocation:	Mr. Parker
Pledge of Allegiance:	Mr. Whittington

- 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. Adams to approve the minutes of the February 28, 2022 meeting as distributed. Motion carried unanimously.
- 3) Mr. Dennis Burns with the Louisiana Ag Center was present to give an updated report. Mr. Burns presented handouts showing crops and yields over the last five years. In addition, he spoke of the 4-H activities that have been held or scheduled. Many activities have been on hold due to COVID, but should resume as restrictions are lifted. Mr. Burns also spoke of the services provided by Ms. Ana Gouge under the Family Consumer Sciences which focuses on healthy eating and exercise to combat future health problems with our youth.

Mr. Parker, Mr. Yearby, and Ms. Allen asked about issues or successes with fruit trees. Mr. Burns responded to their questions and would have additional information provided. Mr. Adams asked about putting back Ag in schools. Mr. Burns stated the Ag program is a school curriculum but the Ag Center has assisted in teaching topics in schools. Currently they are involved in school gardening projects.

- 4) Resolution 22-009 – to support LED Application for Syrah Technologies was offered for discussion. A motion was made by Mr. Parker seconded by Mr. Yearby to approve the resolution. Mr. Paul Jahn with Syrah Technologies gave an update on the application and investments being made into the expansions. Mr. Edwards asked Mr. Jahn about production capacity. Mr. Jahn further explained their production capabilities and a new agreement with Tesla for purchase of final products. There being no further discussion, motion passed unanimously. (See Addendum for Resolution 22-009)
- 5) Consider for Adoption, Ordinance 2022-03 Mal-apportionment for Census Re-districting. A motion was made by Mr. Yearby seconded by Mr. Parker to table action. Under public comments, Ms. Burley announced that a presentation by Mr. Blair with Strategic Demographics has been set for March 24th at 4 pm. Motion carried unanimously. (See Addendum for Ordinance 2022-03 presented)

- 6) Under Committee Reports, the following was held:
 - a. A motion was made by Mr. Probst seconded by Ms. Allen to ratify the purchase orders and bank statements for February. Motion carried unanimously.
 - b. A motion was made by Mr. Probst seconded by Mr. Bachus to adopt Resolution 22-010 for a Non-Roll Forward of the Ad Valorem Taxes. Motion carried unanimously.
 - c. Solid Waste – Mr. Adams discussed problems with litter in the ditches along parish roads. Further discussion was held on frequency of trash pickup needed. A motion was made by Mr. Adams seconded by Mr. Yearby to allow Ms. Allen to discuss with CPSO for inmate assistance with trash pickup. Motion carried unanimously.

- 7) Projects of the Parish were next discussed.
 A meeting is being scheduled for updates on the Brushy Bayou project. DR4590 – Winter Storm has been submitted and is awaiting FEMA review. DR4462 – Roads is awaiting final review and completion by FEMA for asphalt paving portion. No new updates on HMGP 4462 and ARPA.

- 8) A motion was made by Mr. Probst seconded by Mr. Yearby to approve the occupational license for: Travis Vinyl & More – 100 E Cottondale Court, Vidalia – providing vinyl shirts, decals, epoxy on items. Motion carried unanimously.

- 9) Ordinance violations for the Parish were next discussed. Statuses of letter were asked by Mr. Whittington and Ms. Allen. No new violations were brought forward.

- 10) Under the Secretary / Treasurer’s report, Ms. Burley announced and invited the Jurors to Mr. Jerry Clark’s retirement party from the Assessor’s Office on Monday, March 21st.

- 11) Work Orders of the Parish were brought forward by Mr. Tony Guillory, Superintendent.
 - 610 (yards) – 60 on Flaherty; 10 on Ron Road; 4 on Margaret; 4 on National Guard; 5 on Belle Grove; 3 on North Grove; 15 on East Road
 - Pitrun (yards) – 30 on Phillips Field; 30 on Newman; 15 on Flaherty; 10 on Finley; 75 on Bodark
 - Maintenance Gravel (yards) – 15 on Bodark; 15 on Peele Cross; 15 on Dr. Gibson; 15 on Flaherty
 - Oversize Washrock (yards) – 15 on Peele Cross
 - Reclaim (yards) – 24 on Pete Davis
 A motion was made by Mr. Probst seconded by Mr. Yearby to approve the work orders. Motion carried unanimously.

- 12) Work Orders needed for the Parish were brought forward by the Jurors.
 - Bachus – Parish ditch outside of Clayton needs tree removed.
 - Probst – Beaver dams in Vidalia Canal
 - Adams – At the ditch of the replaced culvert on Como has been cleaned out to Six Mile Bayou by the land owners; problem area that needs to be fixed is on Como Road toward Bee Brake at the deer pens.
 A motion was made by Mr. Probst seconded by Ms. Allen to approve the work orders.

Mr. Guillory brought forward the need to replace the long reach equipment. Quotes were obtained for a 55 foot reach and 60 foot reach, both new and used. These were as follows:
 New 55 foot – Caterpillar - \$241,285; John Deere - \$285,000 (lead times for delivery, not yet known)
 New 60 foot – Caterpillar - \$300,246; John Deere - \$324,000 (lead times for delivery, not yet known)
 Used Caterpillar 2019 320LR with 1330 hours - \$155,000
 Used Caterpillar 2019 326FL with 1578 hours - \$239,393

Both used equipment come with a 12-month warranty with an optional extended warranty purchase. A motion was made by Mr. Parker seconded by Mr. Yearby to make a budget amendment toward an allocation to purchase the long reach equipment. Motion carried unanimously.

13) Mr. Edwards asked for public comments. There were none.

14) A motion was made by Mr. Parker seconded by Mr. Yearby to add to the agenda information received from Lake Concordia Advisory Board. Ms. Burley brought forward information received for a metal plate needed for weir. Mr. Edwards asked for a scope of work on what was to be done. Two quotes were received for review. Mr. Edwards also asked Mr. Guillory to have the trees cleaned out from around the weir. No action was taken until more information is received.

Mr. Adams added that the work on Wild Cow Bayou weir was complete. Mr. Guillory added that the trees around the Wild Cow Bayou weir had been cleaned out as well.

15) No Executive Session was needed.

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

Sandi T. Burley, Secretary / Treasurer