

**PARISH POLICE JURY
SPECIAL MEETING
AUGUST 18, 2020
11:00 A.M.**

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

President: Joseph Parker, Sr.

Members: Maurice Bachus, Willie Yearby, Adam Probst, Scottie Whittington,
Genesia Allen, Gary Neal, Collin Edwards, Brad Adams

Absent:

Secretary Treasurer: Sandi T. Burley

Invocation: Mr. Bachus

Pledge of Allegiance: Mr. Neal

- 1) Discussion of the issues with waste and debris pickup was the topic on the agenda. Present from Waste Pro were: Chris Lockwood, Sheldon Hudson, and Jolene Johnson. Also present was Joey Boothe from the District Attorney's office.

Mr. Parker opened the meeting by stating that the purpose of the meeting was to discuss where we are and where we are going forward. He then asked each Juror to bring forward any issues or concerns.

Mr. Adams discussed issues in the Monterey area. Some residents have gone five weeks without trash pickup. Mr. Hudson stated that they had changed drivers. The new drivers have been trained to the routes. The trucks are also packing out and the landfill closes at 4 pm during the week and closed on the weekend. They are also running the trucks on the weekend when garbage is unable to be picked up. Mr. Lockwood discussed the struggles on the garbage services during the pandemic. Extra accumulation of trash and staffing issues have caused setbacks.

Mr. Adams also discussed needing a dumpster for the Deere Park residents especially when heavy rains and flooding occur and the trucks cannot service the route. Mr. Hudson is working to get a dumpster set up. Mr. Parker asked Mr. Hudson to go through Mr. Adams to set up the dumpster and methods to put in place to prevent abuse of the container.

Mr. Edwards discussed issues in the Dunbarton area. This area is serviced on Tuesdays. Garbage is not being picked up even though the cans are out. In some instances partial garbage is being picked up and some being left behind.

Mr. Lockwood stated that a meeting was held last Wednesday evening with the staff to get a game plan together. Implementation of this plan started last Thursday.

Mr. Neal asked about staff turnover due to COVID. Mr. Lockwood stated there has been a lot of turnover throughout the state due to enhanced unemployment benefits and employees being exposed. Mr. Neal also stated that his biggest complain is when garbage isn't picked up it gets scattered. Communication is needed to be notified of any delays.

Ms. Allen arrived at 11:15 a.m.

Mr. Lockwood further explained that delays are higher in the summer due to the heat tearing up the trucks faster. Laborers are also needed. Summer is also the most challenging because kids are at home generating more residential garbage rather than at school which goes into a dumpster. Residential garbage has increase significantly since the stay at home order. Waste Pro is seeing an average of 19% increase in volume. This is an additional 4.12 tons per day which results in trucks taking longer to complete routes and the effect of the heat on the trucks.

Mr. Yearby stated his district has been taken care of. When he has called, they have sent a truck and handled the situation. He has worked with Waste Pro to improve the issues in his area.

Ms. Allen stated that she had received calls but all were handled in a timely manner.

Mr. Parker addressed issues on Indian Village, but stated the problems have minimized. He stated his biggest complaints were concerning the boom truck. Discussion ensued regarding the types and size of items being left out for the boom truck causing the trucks to fill up faster. Discussed placing a notice in the paper detailing specifications on bulk goods and limbs.

Mr. Parker further asked to bridge the gap in communications and let the Parish know when the trucks are maxed out. The current boom truck is down, but Mr. Hudson stated a back up truck is in place.

Mr. Neal discussed getting details and information from the Town of Ridgecrest on their limb site. Mr. Lockwood stated he would help gather information from his team on a feasibility analysis by using this site. A Class 2 site is needed for limbs and yard waste. Service and cost would be more efficient if the limb truck had a more local place to go.

- 2) There being no further discussion, a motion was made by Ms. Allen, seconded by Mr. Yearby to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

Sandi T. Burley, Secretary / Treasurer