

**PARISH POLICE JURY
REGULAR MEETING
NOVEMBER 8, 2021
6:00 P.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,
Scottie Whittington, Adam Probst, Brad Adams

Absent: Genesis Allen, Collin Edwards

Secretary Treasurer: Sandi T. Burley

Invocation: Mr. Yearby

Pledge of Allegiance: Mr. Neal

The Pledge, Invocation, and Roll Call were conducted by Mr. Parker. A quorum was present.

- 1) A motion was made by Mr. Probst seconded by Mr. Yearby to approve the October 25, 2021 regular meeting minutes as distributed. Motion carried unanimously.
- 2) Mr. James King was offered the floor to discuss his concerns of the voting districts. Mr. King explained that there were several districts in the parish that violated the change in the constitution that needed to be corrected. Districts 1A, 1B, 3A, 3B, 4A, and 4B would need the voting ballot changed to allow for constituents to only vote for one candidate. Mr. Parker commented that all changes would be looked at when the required re-districting review was conducted after the release of the 2020 Census information.
- 3) A request was received from the Concordia Sewer District for gravel needed at the entrance to the sewer plant on Delta Garden Drive. A motion was made by Mr. Yearby seconded by Mr. Probst to approve the request. Motion carried unanimously.
- 4) Resolution 21-017 was next discussed. The resolution authorizes the Police Jury to join with the state and other local government units to participate in a class action opioid settlement. Mr. John Young, Attorney, spoke to the Jurors about the details of the class action settlement. Currently there is a \$26 billion dollar settlement from three major distributors. Louisiana is expected to receive up to 1.49% of this funding. This equates to a maximum of \$325 million dollars to distribute throughout the state to parishes, municipalities and Sheriff's offices. Of this distribution, Concordia Parish can receive up to .33%. Guidelines on how the money can be spent are being established. The funds would be distributed over 18 years. A five member task force is also being established. These five members would serve a three year term without any compensation. The member of the task force would come from 1) Police Jury Association 2) Louisiana Municipality Association 3) Sheriff's Association 4) Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services and 5) Governor's office. Funds can be spent in one of three areas – education, treatment, and abatement. The funds also allow for serving the underserved that do not have health insurance and are not eligible for Medicaid.

A motion was made by Mr. Bachus seconded by Mr. Neal to approve the resolution to join the class action settlement. Motion carried unanimously.

5) Under Committee Actions the following was brought forward:

An in globo motion was made by Mr. Probst seconded by Mr. Bachus to approve the following:

- a) Minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held November 1, 2021
- b) Ratify purchase orders and bank statements
- c) Ratify the amendments to the quarter three budget as presented to the Finance Committee and distributed to the Jurors.

Motion carried unanimously.

d) Chemical and material bids were open and read aloud. Chemical bids offered were doubled from prior years costs. Bids were received of Nutrien Ag Solutions and Helena Agri-Enterprises. Nutrien Ag Solutions' bid was rejected as not responsible due to failure to provide the SDS sheets for the chemicals offered.

Material bids were received from Terral River Service (formerly Two J) and Blain Sand & Gravel, Inc. Terral River Service maintained their pricing for 2022, while materials from Blain were slightly higher.

A motion was made by Mr. Neal to award the material contracts to Terral River Service and Blain respectively and award the chemical contract to Helena Agri-Enterprises. The motion was seconded by Mr. Yearby and carried unanimously.

6) Under Projects, updates were given on Brushy Bayou, DR-4462, DR-4590, and ARPA. Debris left from Hurricane Ida can be picked up after the debris site for the Winter Storm is completed. Mr. Parker asked Mr. Neal as Chairman for the Public Works Committee, to help the parish find an alternate dump site for the limbs outside of a named disaster event.

7) There were no ordinance violations brought forward.

8) There were no Occupational Licenses to approve.

9) Under the Secretary / Treasurer's Report, Ms. Burley offered the following:

- a) Finance Committee Meeting needed for the week of the 15th to review the FY 2022 budget
- b) Updated the Jurors on a recent meeting set up with Senator Cassidy on the IIJA Bill.
- c) Reminded everyone of the Delta Regional Planning meeting on Tuesday to discuss broadband infrastructure.

10) Superintendent's work orders were brought forward.

Pitrun – 24 yards on Hall Road, 15 yards on Mack Moore

Maintenance Gravel – 30 yards on Old River Boat Camp Road

610 – 30 yards on Red River Landing, 15 yards on Ellard Road, 15 yards on Bob Rife Road

Mr. Guillory stated the rented trackhoe has helped get a lot of work done. More work is continued to be scheduled for the remaining two weeks of the rental.

Mr. Mike Russell addressed the Jurors asking when work need off of Ellard Road would be conducted. Mr. Guillory told Mr. Russell that the project was one scheduled with the rented trackhoe. With no further comments, a motion was made by Mr. Yearby, seconded by Mr. Adams and carried unanimously to approve the work orders.

11) Work Orders from the Jurors were next discussed. A motion was made by Mr. Probst seconded by Mr. Yearby and carried unanimously to approve the following:
Bachus – ditch between 10th and 15th street still needs cleaning out; Mr. Guillory stated the ditch is constantly wet where the equipment cannot safely operate. He stated there must be a sewer or water leak that keeps the ditch full. Mr. Parker asked Mr. Bachus to get with the Town of Ferriday to check for leaks in the ditch area. Mr. Parker also asked Mr. Guillory to see about getting the ditch sprayed.

Neal – 106 and 117 Garden Drive – ditches need to be cleaned out, seems to be silted in

Adams – Passman Road – check culverts; road repair work needed on Boggy Bayou Road

12) Public Comment Period and Correspondence –

Mr. Parker read aloud an invitation for the ground breaking to the connected water system for the Village of Ridgecrest on November 23 at 10 am.

13) There being no further discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Neal and seconded by Mr. Probst to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

Sandi T. Burley, Secretary / Treasurer