

**CONCORDIA PARISH POLICE JURY
REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 24, 2023
6:00 P.M.**

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

President	Collin Edwards
Vice President	Adam Probst
Members	Gary Neal, Marie Yearby, Genesis Allen, Joseph Parker Sr Brad Adams, Maurice Bachus
Absent	Scottie Whittington
Secretary/Treasurer	Ariella Carter
Invocation	Joseph Parker Sr.
Pledge of Allegiance	Gary Neal

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Edwards. Mrs. Carter conducted the roll and a Quorum was declared present.

Upon a motion by Mr. Adams, duly seconded by Mr. Probst to approve the minutes from of the April 10, 2023, regular meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Upon a motion by Mr. Adams, duly seconded by Mr. Neal, it was unanimously agreed to waive the absence of Collin Edwards and Genesis Allen from the regular meeting held on April 10, 2023.

Under Public Comments, Mr. William Saul addressed the jury about the health unit's parking lot being repaired and stated that he disagreed with the upcoming election on the rededication of the health unit's funds, he stated that the health unit might need their own money in the future and that it did not need to be touched. President Edwards advised Mr. Saul that the health units rededication proposition was not on the agenda but thanked him for his concerned and moved forward with the meeting.

Upon a motion by Mrs. Allen, duly seconded by Mr. Neal to enter the public hearing to adopt the ordinance prohibiting the sale of Mitragyna Speciosa Korth (Kratom) outside the municipalities of Concordia Parish. Motion carried unanimously.

During the public hearing Mr. William Saul asked the jurors what was kratom, and was advised by Mrs. Allen and Mr. Neal that kratom is similar to opioids and can cause hallucinations once consumed by an individual.

Upon a motion by Mr. Parker, duly seconded by Mrs. Allen, to close the public hearing on adopting an ordinance to prohibit the sale of Mitragyna Speciosa Korth (Kratom) outside the municipalities of Concordia Parish. Motion carried unanimously.

Upon a motion by Mr. Parker, duly seconded by Mr. Bachus, to adopt an ordinance prohibiting the sale of Mitragyna Speciosa Korth (Kratom) outside the municipalities of Concordia Parish. Motion carried unanimously.

Upon a motion by Mr. Neal, duly seconded by Mr. Probst to approve Cothorn Construction Group. LLC to repair the Concordia Parish Health Unit's parking lot in the amount of \$6,605.41. Motion carried unanimously.

Upon a motion by Mr. Parker, duly seconded by Mr. Neal to allow Wilkinson's Sportsman One Stop food truck to be parked at the courthouse every Wednesday. Motion carried unanimously.

Upon a motion by Mr. Bachus, duly seconded by Mr. Probst to approve the Secretary/Treasurer and the Bookkeeper to attend the GFOA Spring Conference in Baton Rouge, La May 2-4, 2023. Motion carried unanimously.

Upon a motion by Mr. Adams, duly seconded by Mr. Probst to approve the occupational license and alcohol permit for Gurpreet Singh dba Marina Fuel, LLC in Monterey, La. Motion carried unanimously.

Upon a motion by Mr. Adams, duly seconded by Mr. Probst, to approve the occupational license and alcohol permit for Gurpreet Singh dba Monterey Fuel, LLC in Monterey, La. Motion carried unanimously.

Jurors brought forward the following Ordinance Violations:

Mrs. Yearby – 310 Freeman Road the mobile home needs to be torn down and the grass needs to be cut.

A motion was made by Mr. Probst, duly seconded by Mr. Neal, to cite the above violation. Motion carried unanimously.

Work Orders from the Jurors were next brought forward. A motion was made by Mr. Parker, duly seconded by Mr. Probst to approve the following:

Mr. Bachus – Needs trash picked up on Lee Tyler Road.

Mr. Parker – Trash needs to be picked up on Bayou Drive; ask the Sheriff's Office for a list of roads that the trash has been picked up on. Speed limit sign needs to be put back up on Bayou Drive and a slow down sign needs to be placed in the curb. Ditch on Lake St. John needs to be cleaned for proper draining.

Mrs. Yearby – Edge of Rountree and Mooselodge Rd. is caving at the stop sign and metal rods on Westside Drive are coming out of the ground.

Mr. Neal – Grader is needed at the east end of Poole Road in Ferriday.

The following updates were provided for Superintendent's Work Orders:

Culverts – 18" x 40' for Archer Road

610 (yards) – 15yds Red River Landing, 35yds Thomas Rd., 60yds Belle Grove, 8yds Tolliver, 10yds Ron Rd., 16yds Pete Davis, 14yds Townsend Rd., 30yds Doty Rd., 5yds Abraham, 25yds Townsend, 15yds Dan Howard.

Pitrun (yards) – 187yds on Como Extension

Maintenance Gravel – 30yds on Forman Rd., and 30yds Como Extension

Reclaim – 16yds Pete Davis, 14yds Townsend, 57yds Bayou Drive

A motion was made by Mr. Parker, duly seconded by Mr. Probst, to approve the materials. Motion carried unanimously.

Under new business the following were brought forward:

The Maintenance Unit needs to hire two CDL drivers and one laborer.

Upon a motion by Mr. Adams, duly seconded by Mr. Neal to advertise to abandon Como Extension.

Upon a motion by Mrs. Allen, duly seconded by Mr. Parker to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

CERTIFICATE

I, Ariella Carter, Secretary/Treasurer of the Concordia Parish Police Jury do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Concordia Parish Police Jury at which a quorum was present and participating on the 24th day of April 2023, in Vidalia, Louisiana.

Ariella Carter, Secretary/Treasurer