

**CONCORDIA PARISH POLICE JURY
REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 12, 2024
6:00 P.M.**

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

Vice President	Adam Probst
Members	Maurice Bachus, Wilbert Washington, Kenny Simpson, Cornell Lewis, Kale Davis, Genesis Allen, Red Tiffe
Absent	Collin Edwards
Secretary//Treasurer	Ariella Carter
Invocation	Kenny Simpson
Pledge of Allegiance	Cornell Lewis

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

Upon a motion by Mr. Bachus, duly seconded by Mrs. Allen to approve the minutes from the January 22, 2024, regular meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Upon a motion by Mr. Bachus, duly seconded by Mr. Simpson to approve the absence of Ms. Genesis Allen from the January 22, 2024 regular meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Upon a motion by Mr. Bachus, duly seconded by Mr. Davis to approve purchase orders, statutory reports, bank reconciliations as reported. Motion carried unanimously.

Ana-Alicia Gouge and Kylie Miller with LSU AgCenter addressed the Jury and provided beneficial information in reference to the crops in Concordia Parish such as soybeans, rice, and corn. This year's yield was lower than the five-year average. Corn was the second largest crop then came was cotton, rice and wheat. Ms. Gouge also advised the Jury of potential grant money for roads that she could assist the Parish with obtaining.

Upon a motion by Mr. Tiffe, duly seconded by Mrs. Allen to approve the Occupational License for Tiffany Butley dba Cow Puncher Cattle Co in Vidalia, La. Motion carried unanimously.

Upon a motion by Mr. Bachus, duly seconded by Mrs. Allen to approve the appointment of Mr. Gary Neal to the Concordia Parish Fire District #2 Board of Commissioners to fill the vacancy of Mr. Demsey Hillen's retirement. Motion carried unanimously.

Upon a motion by Mr. Lewis, duly seconded by Mr. Simpson to approve the reappointment of Mrs. Margie Hodge and Mr. Doyle Bryan to the Concordia Parish Fire District #2 Board of Commissions. Motion carried unanimously.

Upon a motion by Mr. Lewis, duly seconded by Mrs. Allen to authorize the President to execute the \$500,000.00 Taxable Excess Revenue Bond Series 2024 DEQ Forgiveness Loan for the Concordia Sewer District. Motion carried unanimously.

Upon a motion by Mrs. Allen, duly seconded by Mr. Davis to authorize the President to execute the agreement for professional services with Rostan Solutions, LLC. Motion carried unanimously.

Upon a motion by Mr. Tiffe, duly seconded by Mr. Lewis to approve to have the concrete Boggy Bayou Bridge repaired in the amount of \$144,540.00. Motion carried unanimously.

Upon a motion by Mr. Lewis, duly seconded by Mr. Simpson to approve to have the sections of Eagle Road not included in the FEMA project pulverized in the amount of \$30,750.00. Motion carried unanimously.

Upon a motion by Mr. Lewis, duly seconded by Mrs. Allen to approve to have BJ Road widened from 12.5 feet to 14 feet in the amount of \$19,500.00. Motion carried unanimously.

Upon a motion by Mr. Washington, duly seconded by Mrs. Allen to approve the Secretary-Treasurer and Bookkeeper to attend the GFOA conference in Baton Rouge on February 21, 2024 in Baton Rouge La. Motion carried unanimously.

Upon a motion by Mr. Tiffie, duly seconded by Mr. Davis to approve the Louisiana Department of Veteran's Affairs Cooperative Endeavor Agreement.

Upon a motion by Mr. Washington, duly seconded by Mrs. Allen to table the above request of approving the Louisiana Department of Veteran's Affairs Cooperative Endeavor Agreement until we can gather more information on an amount the Jury may have to pay. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Simpson advised that the Public Works Committee met on January 31, 2024 and discussed amending the 2022-2023 LGAP application to purchase two diesel Ram 2500 trucks instead of a dump truck. For the 2023-2024 LGAP application they discussed applying for a new pot hole patcher and a new CRS2 tank, and for the 2023-2024 CWF application the funds would be split between the three water districts (Concordia Waterworks, Lake St. John, and Monterey Rural Water) to purchase chemicals.

Upon a motion by Mr. Simpson, duly seconded by Mr. Washington to amend the previous LGAP application to purchase two Ram 2500's instead of a dump truck. Motion carried unanimously.

Upon a motion by Mr. Simpson, duly seconded by Mr. Washington to apply for the 2023-2024 LGAP grant be used to purchase a new pot hole patcher and a new CRS2 tank. Motion carried unanimously.

Upon a motion by Mr. Simpson, duly seconded by Mr. Washington to apply for the 2023-2024 CWF grant be used to split between Concordia Waterworks, Lake St. John Waterworks, and Monterey Rural Water to purchase chemicals. Motion carried unanimously.

Jurors brought forward the following Ordinance Violations:

Mr. Lewis- 177 Burl Roberts Rd needs a cutting letter.

A motion was made by Mr. Lewis, duly seconded by Mrs. Allen to cite the above violation. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Mr. Bachus – Requested updates on the spray guy who does the Cocodrie Bayou Spraying by drone.

Mr. Washington – limb pickup on Highway 568.

Mr. Lewis – Guido side of Stephens Rd the first two (2) driveways on right side need to be checked to see if culverts are stopped up.

Ms. Allen – The elderly apartments in Ferriday weren't included in the new count for the waste pickup.

Mr. Davis – Kennedy Dr. up to Freeman needs culverts checked. Robert Webber on Vidalia and Crestview Dr. needs culverts checked due to them having drainage issues. Belle Grove and North Grove need to be raked again. The end of Airport Road and North Grove need to be checked to make sure everything is clear to the canal.

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

610 (yards) – 17yds Guido Rd., 77 yds Eagle Rd., 32yds Ellard Rd., 48yds Wildcow Rd., 16yds Island Rd., 80yds Deacon Wells Rd., 8yds Sage Rd., 10 BJ Rd., 96 Poole Rd. (Monterey).

Washed Rock (yards) – 16yds on Bodark Rd., 16yds Ames Rd., 16 Fairview Rd., 16yds Evans Rd. Maintenance Supervisor Guillory also requested to hire 3 more workers, an operator, a truck driver, and a tractor driver, and to place an ad in the paper.

A motion was made by Mr. Davis, duly seconded by Mr. Washington to approve the material list and job advertisement. Motion carried unanimously.

Upon a motion by Mr. Tiffie, duly seconded by Mrs. Allen to enter executive session. Motion carried unanimously.

Upon a motion by Mr. Washington, duly seconded by Mr. Bachus to exit executive session. Motion carried unanimously.

Upon a motion by Mrs. Allen, duly seconded by Mr. Lewis to send a letter to the Town of Ferriday asking Waste Pro to pick up trash at the elderly apartments. Motion carried unanimously.

Upon a motion by Mrs. Allen, duly seconded by Mr. Davis to send a letter to the Concordia Parish Rec District #1 in reference to the trespassing of kids on personal properties behind Ferriday High School and Johnson Street. Motion carried unanimously.

Under new business, the following was brought forward by Mr. Lewis to check in to getting signage in the courthouse foyer for those that can't travel upstairs.

Upon a motion by Mrs. Allen, duly seconded by Mr. Tiffiee to adjourn 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 12th day of February 2024, in Vidalia, Louisiana.



Ariella Carter, Secretary/Treasurer

