

**CONCORDIA PARISH POLICE JURY
REGULAR MEETING**

**JULY 22, 2024
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
Members	Cornell Lewis, Kenny Simpson, Adam Probst, Genesis Allen, Maurice Bachus, Wilbert Washington
Absent	Kale Davis and Red Tiffie
Secretary/Treasurer	Ariella Carter
Invocation	Maurice Bachus
Pledge of Allegiance	Cornell Lewis

The meeting was called to order by President Edwards. 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 July 8, 2024, regular meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Next up the millage rates were adopted as follows:

General Alimony	2.270 mills
Library	8.410 mills
Health Unit	1.770 mills
Drainage Works Buildings & Facilities	10.000 mills
Council on Aging	4.000 mills

A motion was made by Mr. Washington, duly seconded by Mr. Lewis to adopt the above millages. Motion carried unanimously.

Next up Mrs. Carter opened the sealed bid for the Black Lake Lease. Only one bid was received from MAC Farms, LLC John McCrory. The first bid for the Black Lake Lease Tract I was made in the total of \$27,500.00 annually for a total of \$137,500 over 5 years. The second bid for Tract II was opened in the amount of \$7,500.00 annually for a total of \$37,500.00 over 5 years. The recreation and waterways committee will meet withing the next week to discuss the bids and make a decision.

Upon a motion by Mr. Bachus, duly seconded by Mr. Bachus to approve a resolution obligating a 25% match to Capital Outlay to reconstruct the Parish portion of Doty Road/903. Motion carried unanimously.

Upon a motion by Mr. Bachus, duly seconded by Mr. Allen to approve the Jurors, Secretary-Treasurer and Bookkeeper to attend the annual OPAO conference in Lafayette, La on July 31st - August 2nd, 2024. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Chris White with the sewer district was present to address some issues and concerns from Mr. Lewis on repairing the sink holes on Terry Circle, Asher Lane, Concordia Park, Leroy Williams, and Roundtree. Mr. White stated that they conducted a smoke test to determine where the issues were and that they are working with Pete's Septic Service to gain assistance to have these issues corrected. Mr. White went on to state that they have to do everything manually, as they don't have any equipment. Mr. Lewis advised Mr. White that they could reach out to other companies as well as the Jury for assistance. Mr. White stated that they have sent letters to the jury two to three years ago with no response. He was then advised my Mr. Lewis and Mrs. Allen to send a letter requesting assistance and that the Jury will be glad to assist.

Upon a motion by Mr. Probst, duly seconded by Mrs. Allen to approve to advertise for a public hearing to adopt an updated floodplain ordinance. Motion carried unanimously.

Upon a motion by Mrs. Allen, duly seconded by Mr. Probst to cite the following ordinance violations. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Allen – Xylem has been cutting trees by the canal at Woodland and not using the chipper they have filled the canal with the cut down trees. Mr. Simpson stated that he would get the contact information for them and make them aware of what is going on.

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

Mr. Bachus – Update on lighting on Bayou Drive

Mr. Simpson – Thanked Superintendent Guillory for getting the ditches cleaned and cut. Advised Mr. Bachus that he would get with Entergy about the lighting on Bayou Drive.

Mr. Lewis – Limbs at 141 B J Road need to be picked up. Culvert needs to be cleaned out between Sage and B J. Build up at the southside of the culvert backing up to Mooselodge. Ditch at Lois and Raymond Smith need to cut. End of Morace Road ditch has a culvert stopped up.

Mrs. Allen – Speed limit and Children at play signs are needed by the new daycare on Serio Blvd.

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

610 (yards) – 21 yds on Poole Road (Monterey), 16yds on Boggy Bayou, 16yds on Wilson (Monterey), 7yds on Entekin.

Maintenance Gravel (yards) – 7yds on Ryan Rd, 7yds on Wilson Rd, 16yds on Phillip Field. A motion was made by Mrs. Allen, duly seconded by Mr. Probst to approve the materials. Motion carried unanimously.

Under new business the following was brought forward:

Mrs. Allen advised read a letter from the Town of Ferriday asking for assistance from the boom truck to pick up limbs and trash throughout the town, dumping it in the town's own dump sites. A motion was made by Mrs. Allen, duly seconded by Mr. Probst to approve the assistance request. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Lewis stated that while he was attending a LRWA conference there was a seminar on ADA compliant where citizens could attend meetings via ZOOM or Microsoft Teams. A motion was made by Mr. Bachus, duly seconded by Mrs. Allen to obtain a quote to have the Jury room get in ADA compliance. Motion carried unanimously.

Upon a motion by Mrs. Allen, duly seconded by Mr. Probst 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 22nd day of July 2024, in Vidalia, Louisiana.



Ariella Carter, Secretary/Treasurer