

**CONCORDIA PARISH POLICE JURY
REGULAR MEETING
October 13, 2025
6:00 P.M.**

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

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

The meeting was called to order by President Lewis Ms. Carter conducted the roll and a Quorum was declared present.

Public comment on agenda items was made from Mr. Joe Curtis with the Concordia Sentinel asking if a there was a tax exemption on Barite Solar Farm; and Tax Assessor Jeannie Archer stated that the Economic Development Board did vote on an exemption. President Lewis advised that, that vote was another Solar Farm company and not Barite Solar.

Upon a motion by Mr. Probst, duly seconded by Mr. Edwards to approve the minutes from the September 22, 2025 regular meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Upon a motion by Mr. Davis, duly seconded by Mr. Washington to approve the absence of Mr. Adam Probst and Mr. Red Tiffie from the September 22, 2025 regular meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Upon a motion by Mr. Probst, duly seconded by Mr. Davis to approve the minutes from the October 2, 2025 special meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Upon a motion by Mr. Davis, duly seconded by Mr. Davis to approve the absence of Mr. Maurice Bachus and Mr. Collin Edwards from the October 2, 2025 special meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Upon a motion by Mr. Probst, duly seconded by Mr. Edwards to approve the minutes from the October 7, 2025 special meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Upon a motion by Mr. Probst, duly seconded by Mr. Davis to excuse the absence of Mr. Maurice Bachus, Mr. Wilbert Washington, Mrs. Genesis Allen, and Mr. Collin Edwards from the October 7, 2025 special meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Upon a motion by Mr. Edwards, duly seconded by Mr. Probst to enter the public hearing with Barite Solar. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Mike Kohler VP with Azimuth Renewables stated that they are planning to put a solar farm 5 miles Northeast of Ferriday; the proposed solar farm will produce 20 mega watts of Solar. A permit application was submitted in July following the Parish's solar ordinance. Their project will be close to the Next Era Solar project, but theirs is much smaller and more mature. Mr. Kohler stated that they also spoke with Mr. Keith Capdepon, and they are in compliance with the ordinance. Mr. Capdepon stated that there are a few issues that need to be worked out, and he feels they can be worked out pretty quick, such as the traffic plan, and a few general issues such as the height limitation. Mr. Kohler advised that the panels will be stacked 15 feet high. The GOHSEP director will take a look at the emergency plans. Another Azimuth employee advised that the bonds have not been issued through the State yet, but they will take care of the State and Parish bond requirements. The traffic plan was missing a road remediation plan. The draining plan was missing a hydraulic and hydrology study and a monitoring and sampling plan. Mr. Kohler stated that they have not commission a third-party H&H, but they do have the floodplain permit from IBTS and that they are not in floodplain. Mr.

Capdepon stated that the decommissioning trigger in the parish regulations is 180 days and the application states 1 year. Mr. Kohler stated that they will do whatever the parish requires them to do. Tax Assessor Archer asked about the wattage and it was confirmed 20MW. She then asked about ITEP and Ad Valorem what was the plan. Mr. Kohler advised that they have submitted to the Parish Economic Development District a proposed PILOT similar to Next Era's. Mr. Washington asked with the 150 acres how much would be fenced in. Mr. Kohler advised that they had more acres than 150 and they would re-planten new parcel.

Upon a motion by Mr. Edwards, duly seconded by Mr. Probst to close the public hearing. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Bubba Crofford addressed the Jury advising that farmers are throwing dirt in ditches on Mooselodge and clogging them up. He went on to advise that the ditches were cleaned 3-4 years ago. Mr. Probst advised that there is an ordinance that prohibits that, an that the Jury will look into revising the fines associated with that ordinance to the fines associated with it.

Ms. Cassandra Lynch addressed the jury in reference to the Old Courthouse and that she will be decorating for Christmas, and she is requesting that the grass be cut; Ms. Lynch also notified the jury that someone is unplugging the lights and putting safety plugs in them. Ms. Lynch requested cameras be placed on the grounds to help monitor. Ms. Lynch also advised that some items are missing from the 2nd floor. Ms. Lynch went on to advise that the Christmas Festival will be held on the 1st Sunday in December 12/6/2025, and she is asking the jurors to be more visible. Lastly, Ms. Lynch requested four benches be placed on the grounds.

Upon a motion by Mr. Washington, duly seconded by Mr. Probst to approve adopting an ordinance to authorize an act of sale by the Parish of Concordia to sell certain adjudicated properties (parcel 9110031420); and, further providing with respect thereto. Motion carried unanimously.

Upon a motion by Mr. Probst, duly seconded by Mr. Allen to approve adopting the annual bridge resolution. Motion carried unanimously.

Upon a motion by Mrs. Allen, duly seconded by Mr. Davis to approve an alcohol beverage permit for Fred Taylor dba Illusions, LLC in Ferriday. Motion carried unanimously.

Upon a motion by Mr. Probst, duly seconded by Mr. Edwards to cite the following ordinance violations:

Mr. Probst – National Guard Rd. listed to Calhoun & Fitt need to be cleaned up and check with IBTS to see if an electrical permit was obtained for the shed recently built.

Mr. Davis – 118 North Grove is overgrown; 121 North Grove clean up.

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

Mr. Bachus – Send letter to Wildlife & Fisheries to assist with spraying the lily pads.

Mr. Lewis – Gave thanks to maintenance employees for the work they completed in district.

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

610 (yards) – 45yds on Bodark, 15yds on Black Bayou, 30yds on Country Meadows, 15yds on Country Club, 2yds on Turner Road, 25yds on Airport Road, 50yds on Herbert Crouch, 17 yds on Leo Ivy. Pitrun (yards) – 5yds on Country Meadows, and 15yds on Bodark.

Maintenance Gravel – 30yds on Co-op Rd

100lb Limestone – 40 tons on Country Meadows

Culverts – 18”x30’ – Wildcow and 18”x36’ Poole Road (Ferriday)

New Business:

Mrs. Allen asked that interviews be scheduled for maintenance barn and custodial positions.

Mr. Lewis advised that the HWY 131 will be closed right at a month due to Entergy replacing the powerlines.

Upon a motion by Mr. Edwards, 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 13th day of October 2025, in Vidalia, Louisiana.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ariella Carter". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Ariella Carter, Secretary/Treasurer

