

**CONCORDIA PARISH POLICE JURY
REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 25, 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, Brad Adams, Scottie Whittington, and Genesis Allen, Joseph Parker Sr.
Absent	Maurice Bachus
Secretary/Treasurer	Ariella Carter
Invocation	Joseph Parker Sr.
Pledge of Allegiance	Brad Adams

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. Probst, duly seconded by Mr. Neal to approve the minutes from the September 11, 2023, regular meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Upon a motion by Mr. Probst, duly seconded by Mr. Whittington to approve the absence of Mr. Joseph Parker and Mr. Brad Adams from the September 11, 2023 regular meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Upon a motion by Mr. Probst, duly seconded by Mr. Neal to enter the public hearing on the Senior Housing Development on North Grove. Motion carried unanimously.

During the public hearing Mr. Chad Chandler was asked to come forward to answer questions and address concerns from citizens. Mr. Chandler stated that he owns up to eight (8) lots on North Grove and has invested right at \$600,000.00 in the community, and that the Belle Grove Subdivision is in need of upgrades, and he saw a need for senior housing in the area. Mr. Chandler stated that all of the housing units are IBC Code compliant. President Edwards asked Mr. Chandler if a building inspector determined if the area was prone to flooding or not, Mr. Chandler responded by saying all that he has done was have his engineering firm submit the plans to the sewer, water, and electric companies, and that he was not sure that flooding was applicable to the area because he would not be changing any landscape. President Edwards then asked Mr. Chandler if the Sewer Board had passed a resolution stating if they would connect. Mr. Chandler stated that his engineering firm reached out to the sewer department and they have established when, where, and how to tie into the sewer line. President Edwards then asked if the same study was done with the Water Board, Mr. Chandler stated that they were fine, and they were trying to figure out how what type of meters would be needed. Mr. Chandler stated that he was not aware that he needed an official resolution, and that once he met with the water and sewer districts, they had no issues. Mr. Chandler stated that he has not paid any fees as of now. Water board members were present and stated that they were only presented with plans for only ten (10) housing units, not the additional forty-six (46). Mr. Chandler stated that there were only ten (10) units that he was planning to use for housing. When asked if the units would house immigrants, Mr. Chandler stated that they were for senior citizens, and that they were all code compliant. When concerns arose in reference to the water and sewer lines crossing each other and causing problems with an already overworked system. Mr. Chandler stated that everything was a general layout, and code compliant and that the water and sewer board did not have any issues with his proposed plans. President Edwards stated that without a resolution from the water and sewer boards and an inspection from the State Fire Marshall that the jury could not deny or approve anything at this time. Mr. Chandler stated that this is not an assistant living facility, and that it is strictly for the economic disadvantage elderly people who are having a hard time obtaining affordable, clean, and safe housing. Mr. Parker then addressed the concerned citizens stating that until Mr. Chandler goes through the water board, the sewer board, and the State Fire Marshall the jury can't make any decisions.

Upon a motion by Mrs. Allen, duly seconded by Mr. Neal to close the public hearing. Motion carried unanimously.

Next up Tax Assessor Jeanie Archer addressed the jury, who was serving as the board of review for the 2023 tax roll. Mrs. Archer informed the Jury that Cable One was the only company to appeal the assessment, and that they left out fiber. Mrs. Archer stated that her office reached out to Cable One asking them to submit the information that have on fiber. Cable One did not submitted that they had dark fiber, and requested an obsolescence for 35.14% due to the dark fiber not being used at the time. The dark fiber can be used at any time, and they still did not submit a report on the fiber that they use. The Assessor arbitrability assessed what they thought was good for Cable One based on another assessment that was completed where the fiber was reported. Mrs. Archers asked the Jury to agree with her assessment and disqualify Cable One's appeal based on them not reporting, and to confirm her assessed value based on what they submitted. Upon a motion by Mr. Parker, duly seconded by Mr. Adams to accept Mrs. Archers recommendations on the assessment of Cable One. Motion carried unanimously.

Upon a motion by Mr. Probst, duly seconded by Mr. Neal to approve to advertise for grant management consultants. Motion caried unanimously.

Upon a motion by Mr. Whittington, duly seconded by Mrs. Allen to approve the appointment of Mr. Jay White to become a member of the Concordia Waterworks District No. 1 board of commissioners. Motion carried unanimously.

Upon a motion by Mr. Parker, duly seconded by Mrs. Allen to approve the re-appointment of Mrs. Catherine Cartwright for another four (4) year term to the Concordia Waterworks District No. 1 board of commissioners. Motion carried unanimously.

Upon a motion by Mr. Whittington, duly seconded by Mr. Probst to approve the hold harmless to assist the Concordia Parish Sewer District #1 in repairing the sewer pipe under a culvert on Concordia Drive and Leroy Williams Road. Motion carried unanimously.

Work Orders from the Jurors were next brought forward. A motion was made by Mr. Probst, duly seconded by Mr. Whittington to approve the following:
Mr. Whittington – Culvert is pressed down on Sunset Lane, and Vidalia Canal needs to be placed on the work order list.

Mrs. Allen – Canal ditch at 354 Deacon Wales runs parallel with home needs to be tended to. End of Serio Blvd. needs a one-way sign and a speed limit sign.
Mr. Neal – End of school bus turn around on Mack Scott Road needs to be picked up.
Mr. Adams – asked for updates on Bogy Bayou Bridge

The following updates were provided for Superintendent's Work Orders:
Pitrun(yards) – 48 yds on Bodark Rd.
Washed Gravel – 32 yds on Island Rd. and 16 yds on Bodark Rd.
15' x20' culvert on Leroy Williams Rd.

Under new business the following were brought forward:

Upon a motion by Mr. Probst, duly seconded by Mr. Bachus to purchase three new vehicles for the Maintenance Unit. Motion carried unanimously.

Upon a motion by Mr. Probst, duly seconded by Mr. Neal to enter executive session. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Upon a motion by Mr. Parker, duly seconded by Mrs. Allen 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 25th day of September 2023, in Vidalia, Louisiana.



Ariella Carter, Secretary/Treasurer