

**PARISH POLICE JURY
REGULAR MEETING
MAY 28, 2019
6:00 P.M.**

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

President:	Jimmy Wilkinson
Members:	Carey Cook Willie Dunbar, Jimmy Jernigan, Joseph Parker, Sr., Adam Probst, Whest Shirley, and Tommy Tiffiee
Absent:	Jerry Beatty
Secretary Treasurer:	Sandi T. Burley
Invocation:	Mr. Shirley
Pledge of Allegiance:	Mr. Parker

Old Business:
There was no old business to address.

New Business:

1) A motion was made by Mr. Probst seconded by Mr. Shirley to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of May 13, 2019 as mailed. Motion carried.

2) Mr. Wilkinson introduced Glen Womack, candidate for Senate. Mr. Womack discussed his experience of being a small business owner. This experience lends him to be a qualified candidate for Senate where he wants to focus on education, economic development, and reducing insurance claims. Mr. Wilkinson thanked him for his presentation.

3) Mr. Wilkinson introduced Heather Urena of Kisatchie Delta. Ms. Urena described the accomplishments of her twenty years with KD. Describing the tools and resources KD offers for economic development and education local entities in order to operate more effectively, KD works to retrofit grants and programs to fit the needs for funding available. Ms. Urena described the current SEDAP grant she is working with the Parish to achieve to help achieve unified utilities in the parish. A motion was made by Mr. Parker, seconded by Mr. Shirley to authorize payment to reinstate the dues to Kisatchie Delta. Motion carried unanimously. A motion was made by Mr. Parker and seconded by Mr. Shirley to authorize the President to execute and submit the SEDAP grant on behalf of the Parish. Motion carried unanimously.

4) A letter was received by the Library Board announcing the retirement of Ms. Bobbie Calhoun from the board. The letter recommended Ms. LeJean Corbett to the open position. A motion was made by Mr. Probst seconded by Mr. Tiffiee to approve the appointment of Ms. Corbett to fill the vacancy left by Ms. Calhoun. Motion carried unanimously.

5) A request and hold harmless agreement were received from Recreation District #1 for help with clean up needed for a new park being developed in the Levee Heights area. A motion was made by Mr. Jernigan seconded by Mr. Tiffiee to approve the work request. Motion carried unanimously.

6) A motion was made by Mr. Tiffiee seconded by Mr. Probst to table the request from Sewer District #1 for help with clean up around a treatment plant. The letter needs to address a hold harmless. Motion carried unanimously.

7) Discussion ensued regarding the second bid opening for Washington Heights. The initial bid on the first solicitation for bids and all three bids received through the second bid solicitation were over budget. A motion was made by Mr. Parker seconded by Mr. Probst to reject all bids received to-date and to solicit new bids after a program amendment and redesign occurs. Motion carried unanimously.

8) Projects of the Parish were next discussed.

Brushy Bayou – Jordan Kaiser and Sessions has met with USACE to work to complete the required documents and designs to process the request for a 404 permit. A 408 permit is out for review and final signatures. All documents needed to complete the 404 permit are due to USACE and GOHSEP by Friday, May 31, 2019.

A meeting with Joe Brocato was held on May 22nd at 10 am to review the final designs for the courtroom renovation. Mr. Brocato will have a final design submitted to the state fire marshal's office by Friday, May 31st.

A recap of Washington Heights project was given. Members of the community were in the audience and asked what modifications to the new design were being made. Mr. Wilkinson addressed the changes to utilize the path of the current lines that run along the middle of the area in the alley way rather than around the area, minimizing supplies needed. Ms. Vernon Smith addressed the Jurors as she was very discouraged what would happen to the grant should be the bids not come within budget for a third time. Mr. Wilkinson discussed ways the Police Jury is working with the appropriate entities to get the project within budget.

Work done on the Vidalia Canal was discussed. A test spot was determined near the home of Mr. Probst to try a new chemical that would permeate the grass that has been resistant to the treatments in the past. Mr. Wilkinson and Mr. Probst reported that the grass has turned brown but verifying the chemicals had killed the roots was critical to the determining if the chemical worked to kill the aquatic grass. Mr. Wilkinson explained that the chemicals previously used have shown no effect on the grass. He has worked to gather information on the best way to apply a chemical treatment should the area treated in the test spot work. The application of the chemicals would have to be thickly sprayed using a tractor or a specially harnessed airboat that applies the chemicals in a thick layer rather than spraying from the top down to try to treat the roots.

The Parish Transportation Road Rating status was discussed. Ms. Burley urged the Jurors to complete this as quickly as possible to continue the compliancy of the act.

9) Ordinance Violations of the Parish were discussed next. Mr. Shirley asked that the properties located at 171,175,177, and 196 on Burl Roberts be cited for grass and weeds. Mr. Parker asked that Lot 28 of Lakeview Estates located on Hwy 568 also be cited. Mr. Jernigan asked that a notice be sent to Charles Washington who is the majority owner on file for Lot 9 of Red Gum Plantation located at the corner of Hwy 425 and Washington Heights Road be cited for grass and weeds.

Mr. Dunbar reviewed the response from Mr. Lipsey on handling ordinance violations for citations that were unclaimed. Since our ordinances do not address a method for unclaimed notices, only undeliverable or claimed, a notice would have to be published in the paper for two consecutive weeks according to Mr. Austin's research. Mr. Dunbar asked about the notice sent to Ms. Bowman on Freeman Road. If claimed, he would ask for a work order to be issued to clean the lot considering a sewer plant that needed to be located and marked to prevent damage when cleaned.

A motion was made by Mr. Dunbar and seconded by Mr. Shirley to approve sending citation notices to the above-named properties. Motion carried unanimously.

10) Under the Secretary/Treasurer's Report, Ms. Burley discussed a Pre-Disaster Mitigation Grant meeting that the GOHSEP office wanted to hold to discuss and gather information in which to apply for the grant. Ms. Burley will notify the Jurors once a firm date has been determined.

Also discussed was the upcoming Region VIII meeting in which Concordia Parish is the host parish for this year. Ms. Burley asked the Jurors to consider where they wanted to hold the meeting and either who they would like to have as guest speakers or topics they wished to have addressed.

Mr. Tiffie and Mr. Shirley left the meeting.

11) A motion was made by Mr. Cook seconded by Mr. Dunbar and carried unanimously to approve the following occupational licenses and alcohol permits:

- Dodge Store – 4774 Hwy 84, Vidalia, LA – Alcohol Permit
- Panola Woods Country Club - 266 Country Club Drive, Ferriday – Alcohol Permit
- Karl's Lounge – 9766 Hwy 84 W, Ferriday – Alcohol Permit
- Spokane Resort – 4269 Hwy 568, Ferriday – Alcohol Permit
- Frozen Spokane – 4269 Hwy 568, Ferriday – Alcohol Permit
- Marsala Beverage – 6647 Hwy 84, Ferriday – Alcohol Permit
- JoJo's Drive Thru – 4592 Hwy 84, Ferriday – Alcohol Permit

12) A motion was made by Mr. Probst seconded by Mr. Dunbar and carried unanimously to approve the following requests for Superintendent's Work Orders:

Pitrun: 15 yards on Gore Road; 15 yards on Bodark; 7 yards on Loop Road; 21 yards on Chandler road

Washrock: 15 yards on Teepee Road; 21 yards on Poole Road, Ferriday

Oversize Rock: 15 yards on Freeman Road; 15 yards on Chandler Road

Mr. Dunbar asked that the lot on Freeman Road belonging to Ms. Odell Bowman be added, stating he would make himself available to mark the location for the barn crew to determine the correct lot. Mr. Dunbar also reminded Mr. Pugh of ditch work needed on Freeman Road.

Mr. Probst made known to Mr. Pugh that a culvert is stopped up preventing water flow around the location of 255 Terry Circle. Mr. Probst also asked for rock and grading needed on East Road.

Mr. Wilkinson asked that the potholes that need filling on Goodman Drive and Deacon Wailes Road be added to the work orders.

Discussion also ensued of the labor needs of the barn. Mr. Pugh was asked to work with his current staff on abilities to run equipment and determine what positions are still needed for the barn.

13) Work orders completed since last meeting were mailed to the Jurors for review. No action was taken by the Jurors.

14) Under Correspondence the following was discussed:

- Mr. Wilkinson gave a report of the Mississippi River briefing that was held. The river is set to crest around June 10th at 59 feet. A meeting was held in Vidalia earlier that day to start sandbagging the River Front to prevent water from barge traffic.

- Distributed to the Jurors were:

Fire District #2 – 4/9 meeting minutes; Public Hearing Notice for 6/11/19; 5/14 agenda

Recreation District #3 – 5/9 meeting minutes; Black River Lake Board – 5/16 agenda and meeting minutes

15) There being no further business to discuss, a motion was made by Mr. Dunbar seconded by Mr. Probst to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

Sandi T. Burley, Secretary / Treasurer