

**PARISH POLICE JURY
REGULAR MEETING
JULY 8, 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 and Tommy Tiffie
Absent:	Jerry Beatty, Adam Probst, Whest Shirley
Secretary Treasurer:	Sandi T. Burley
Invocation:	Mr. Jernigan
Pledge of Allegiance:	Mr. Cook

Old Business:

There was no old business to address.

New Business:

- 1) A motion was made by Mr. Dunbar seconded by Mr. Jernigan to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of June 24, 2019 as mailed. Motion carried.

- 2) A motion was made by Mr. Jernigan seconded by Mr. Dunbar to adopt Resolution 19-014 calling for an election for the millage renewal for Fire District No. 2. Motion carried unanimously. (See below for Resolution 19-014).

- 3) A motion was made by Mr. Parker seconded by Mr. Dunbar to approve the invoice from Governmental Consulting Services for 44.71% completed on Washington Height LCDBG project in the amount of \$16,275. Motion carried unanimously.

- 4) Six applications were received for board appointments to the Lake Concordia Advisory Board. A motion was made by Mr. Parker seconded by Mr. Cook to appoint all six applicants to the board. Motion carried unanimously. Numbers were drawn to assign the initial terms of the new members. They were as follows: James Cole – 1 year; Hugh Bateman – 2 years; Stephen Dawkins – 3 years; Samuel Cole – 4 years; Fred Middleton and James June – 5 years.

- 5) Mr. Seth Hughes addressed the Jurors on a water leak issue. He stated he received a bill ending May 15th totaling \$1,239.25 for water usage. He described the methods he went about reporting the problem and the issues with Concordia Waterworks in working to find a solution to the problem. Mr. Hughes brought the information on the meter where it was tested. The test showed a slow rate flow but nothing that would cause the amount of water usage as stated on the bill. Mr. Hughes stated he paid the bill and went through several methods of trying to determine if a leak was the cause. After exhausting all methods and trying to work with staff, he addressed the water board. He spoke of what happened at the meeting. Ms. Catherine Cartwright was present and spoke on behalf of the board. Mr. Wilkinson asked Ms. Cartwright to get with Mr. Hughes and work out a solution to the problem.

- 6) Project of the Parish were next discussed:
 - Brushy Bayou: Revising the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Fifth Levee District to expand on creating a reserve for fund for future major maintenance and repairs that may be needed during the life of the structure. This is needed for USACE to approve the 408 permit and continue to work on the process to approve the 404 permit.
 - Courtroom Renovations: The project is currently being advertised for bids. Bid packets are available from Mr. Joe Brocato's office. A pre-bid meeting is scheduled for July 9th, with bid openings set for August 6th at 10 am. The project has a window of 120 days for completion.
 - Washington Heights: A redesign is being conducted for approval in which to advertise for bids a third time. An approval letter from the DOA was received today to approve re-advertising. We are still waiting on the DHH to approve and permit before we can advertise for bids.

Vidalia Canal: Two companies were asked to get information on the chemicals and spraying by airboat to reach and penetrate the roots of the grass that is causing issues. There has been no response from either company in which to get a quote to have the work done.

Parish Transportation Road Rating: The jurors are working to complete the rating of roads. The process of how to rate the roads was discussed once again to explain the method and importance of this project.

8) Under ordinance violations, Mr. Dunbar asked if the advertising notices had been published. Ms. Burley explained that an ad notifying Mr. Jerome Davis of ordinance violation had ran twice as previously discussed under the advisement Mr. Austin Lipsey of the DA's office. Mr. Dunbar discussed that he wanted to advertise for bids to clean two properties on Freeman road. Discussion ensued regarding what work the barn staff could do. Also discussed were that no funds have been allocated hire professionals to clean the lots of this magnitude. If the Parish were to go out on bids and hire to get the lots cleaned, the Parish would not be reimbursed for possible a year or more when the fees were placed on the tax roll. Mr. Dunbar made a motion to have the barn staff clean the lots. Motion died due to no second.

9) Under the Secretary / Treasurer's Report, Ms. Burley reported the following:

A second quarter finance committee meeting will need to be scheduled. The possibility of July 18th at 8 am, if scheduling allows for the committee members. She will also be attending a LRPIC committee meeting on July 17th in Monroe and the OPAO conference from July 31-August 2nd.

10) A motion was made by Mr. Parker seconded by Mr. Cook and carried unanimously to approve the following Occupational Licenses and Alcohol Permits:

- Pacheco's House Remodeling – New Business – Mia Pacheco, 1623 Hwy 569, Ferriday

11) Superintendent Jackie Pugh had no material or work order requests.

12) Mr. Tiffie made a motion to add an agenda item regarding the hiring of barn employees. Motion was seconded by Mr. Jernigan and carried unanimously. Mr. Tiffie discussed that the Personnel Committee had met and the candidates had met with Mr. Pugh. Under a motion, Mr. Tiffie requested that three employees be hired at the barn – Derrick Turner and Michael Clark as truck drivers/light equipment operator; and Mr. Floyd Smith as a heavy equipment operator. Mr. Jernigan seconded the motion and carried unanimously with approval by the Jurors.

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

14) Mr. Wilkinson opened the meeting to correspondence from the Jurors and audience. Mr. Cornell Lewis addressed the issue of the ordinance violations on Freeman Road. Mr. Lewis owns property on Freeman road and voiced his concern that somethings needs to be done about getting the lots cleaned up. Mr. Wilkinson thanked him for his comments.

- Distributed to the Jurors were:

Hospital Board – 5/28 Minutes; Recreation District #3 – 6/13 Minutes; Concordia Waterworks 5/21 Meeting; and Lake St. John Waterworks – 5/23 Minutes

14) There being no further business to discuss, a motion was made by Mr. Parker seconded by Mr. Jernigan to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

Sandi T. Burley, Secretary / Treasurer

RESOLUTION 19-014

The following resolution was offered by Mr. Jernigan and seconded by Mr. Dunbar:

A resolution approving the holding of an election in Fire Protection District No. 2 of the Parish of Concordia, State of Louisiana, on Saturday, November 16, 2019, to authorize the levy of a special tax therein.

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Fire Protection District No. 2 of the Parish of Concordia, State of Louisiana (the "Governing Authority"), acting as the governing authority of Fire Protection District No. 2 of the Parish of Concordia, State of Louisiana (the "District"), adopted a

resolution on June 11, 2019, calling a special election in the District on Saturday, November 16, 2019, to authorize the levy of a special tax therein; and

WHEREAS, the governing authority of the District has requested that this Police Jury, acting as the governing authority of the Parish of Concordia, State of Louisiana, give its consent and authority for the District to hold the aforesaid election, and in the event that the election carries to continue to levy and collect the special tax provided for therein; and

WHEREAS, as required by Article VI, Section 15 of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana of 1974, it is now the desire of this Police Jury to approve the holding of said election and in the event that the election carries, to continue to levy and collect the special tax provided for therein;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Police Jury of the Parish of Concordia, State of Louisiana, acting as the governing authority of said Parish, that:

SECTION 1. In compliance with the provisions of Article VI, Section 15 of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana of 1974, and in accordance with the request of the Board of Commissioners of Fire Protection District No. 2 of the Parish of Concordia, State of Louisiana, this Police Jury hereby approves the holding of an election in the District, on Saturday, November 16, 2019, at which election there will be submitted the following proposition, to-wit:

**PROPOSITION
(MILLAGE RENEWAL)**

Shall Fire Protection District No. 2 of the Parish of Concordia, State of Louisiana (the "District"), levy a tax of six and ninety-four hundredths (6.94) mills on all of the property subject to taxation in the District (an estimated \$603,780 reasonably expected at this time to be collected from the levy of the tax for an entire year), for a period of ten (10) years, beginning with the year 2021 and ending with the year 2030, for the purpose of acquiring, constructing, improving, maintaining and/or operating fire protection facilities and equipment in and for the District, including the payment of all related personnel costs and the costs of obtaining water for fire protection purposes?

SECTION 2. In the event the election carries, this Police Jury does hereby further consent to and authorize the District to continue to levy and collect the special tax provided for therein.

This resolution having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

MEMBERS:	YEAS:	NAYS:	ABSENT:	ABSTAINING:
Carey H. Cook	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	
Joseph Parker	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	
Willie J. Dunbar	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	
Adam Probst	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> X </u>	
Whest Shirley	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> X </u>	
Jerry Beatty	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> X </u>	
Jimmy Wilkinson	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	
Jimmy Jernigan	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	
Tommy "Red" Tiffie	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	

And the resolution was declared adopted on this, the 8th day of July, 2019.

/s/ Sandi T. Burley
Secretary-Treasurer

/s/ Jimmy Wilkinson
President