

**PARISH POLICE JURY  
REGULAR MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 23, 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, Adam Probst, Joseph Parker, Sr and Tommy Tiffiee
Absent:	Jerry Beatty and Whest Shirley
Secretary Treasurer:	Sandi T. Burley
Invocation:	Mr. Cook
Pledge of Allegiance:	Mr. Dunbar

1) Invocation, pledge, and roll call of members

2) A motion was made by Mr. Dunbar seconded by Mr. Tiffiee to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of September 9, 2019, Special Meeting held September 16, 2019 and the Personnel Committee Meeting held September 10, 2019 as mailed. Motion carried.

3) Mr. Travis Johnson had not arrived yet to address the Jurors.

4) Mr. Wilkinson opened the meeting to Mr. Jerry Clark, Assessor for the 2019 Property Tax Roll. Mr. Clark presented to the Jurors documentation that the assessment books were open for inspection from August 22, 2019 through September 6, 2019. Mr. Clark had sent his certification of the assessment for the Jurors to review. Mr. Clark received one protest from Aaron's Inc. Aaron's had issued a protest last year as well and were now in a higher court disputing the 2018 assessment. Mr. Clark stated that the courts have previously sided with the Assessor's office and Aaron's protest was based on taxing rental property that could be repossessed by Aaron's and returned to inventory to resell. Inventory which is rented or on a payment plan with the user still remains as inventory and a taxable item toward assessing taxes owed. Mr. Clark asked the Jurors to disallow the protest. A motion was made by Mr. Probst to disallow the protest by Aaron's Inc. and certify the 2019 assessment. The motion was seconded by Mr. Cook and carried unanimously.

5) Resolution 19-023 was offered. The resolution approved an agreement with the parishes established in the Watershed Initiative for Region 3 for the purpose of applying for grant funding and acting in support of the Watershed Region Management Activities in conjunction with the State of Louisiana Watershed Initiative. A motion was made by Mr. Probst seconded by Mr. Jernigan to accept the resolution. Motion carried unanimously. (See addendum for resolution.)

6) Notice was sent to the Jurors of the resignation of Concordia Recreational District #2 Board Member Ricky Bryant. The Board had recommended a replacement by Mr. Alton Cavin. A motion was made by Mr. Tiffie seconded by Mr. Probst to approve Mr. Cavin to fill the remainder of Mr. Bryant's term. Motion carried unanimously.

7) Several requests had been received from the Concordia Parish School Board for work needed on bus routes to cut limbs and spraying of the Ferriday Lower Elementary field for weeds. A motion was made by Mr. Parker seconded by Mr. Probst to send a letter to Mr. Henderson requesting the labor, materials, and equipment needed to perform the work requested in order to determine if the parish can accommodate the request with the labor and equipment they have. Motion carried unanimously.

8) A resolution was received from the Airport Authority Board to renew five members terms. A motion was made by Mr. Probst and seconded by Mr. Tiffie to approve the renewals. During discussion, Mr. Dunbar felt the board should have staggered terms. Mr. Probst retracted his motion. Mr. Dunbar made a motion seconded by Mr. Probst to stagger the terms of the board. Motion carried unanimously. Three to five year terms were set by randomly drawing years for each board member. The renewed terms for the board are as follows: 3 year terms - Ms. Donna Maroon and Mr. Carl Sayers; 4 year terms - Mr. Jerry Stallings and Mr. Johnny Blunski; 5 year term - Mr. Ray Skates.

9) Mr. C. Travis Johnson arrived. Mr. Wilkinson allowed him to address the Jurors. Mr. Johnson described his upbringing as being born and raised in Ferriday. He later attended Louisiana Tech University where he received his Masters in Public Administration. He retold helping connect Former Senator Mary Landrieu with Former Mayor Hiram Copeland to help fund and build the Vidalia Convention Center. Mr. Johnson wants to help improve education and funding for law enforcement and first responders as well as increase pay for teachers. Mr. Johnson described his career and achievements that help make him a strong candidate to represent the 21<sup>st</sup> District for State Representative. Mr. Wilkinson thanked him for his presentation.

10) Resolution 19-024 was offered for the annual bridge report and participation in the Off-System Bridge Replacement Program. A motion was made by Mr. Probst seconded by Mr. Parker and carried unanimously. (See addendum for resolution.)

11) Projects of the parish were next discussed.

Brushy Bayou: The wetland funding from Phase II to Phase I was finally moved by FEMA to move forward with wetland credit mitigation and purchase to obtain the 404 permit. Revised right of ways and easements have been completed and are ready for execution. A revised CEA with the Fifth Levee District is also being reviewed.

Courtroom Renovations: A pre-construction meeting is scheduled for Friday, September 27, 2019. Waiting on a notice to proceed to begin construction.

Washington Heights: Notice should come from the Delta Regional Authority by September 30<sup>th</sup> on the additional funding the parish has applied for in which to award the bid to JABAR. JABAR who was the lowest responsible bidder has been contacted regarding needing more than 45 days to award the bid while we wait for the grant award status from DRA.

Vidalia Canal: Mr. Wilkinson updated the Jurors on barn work conducted to continue cleaning out the canal. Discussion ensued about chemicals and spray methods needed to treat the aquatic grass. Chemicals previously used have not been effective. Mr. Dunbar made a motion seconded by Mr. Parker to send a letter to the current vendor to see if they have methods and chemicals needed to treat the aquatic grass. Motion carried unanimously.

12) Ordinance violations of the parish were next discussed. Mr. Dunbar asked if Mr. Larry Washington who owns property on Freeman Road had submitted written authorization giving the parish permission to enter his property through the gate. Ms. Burley stated that Mr. Washington had submitted authorization to allow the parish to enter the property and had called to see when the parish would be able to clean the lot. Mr. Jernigan stated there were two properties on Lutrell Road that still had not been cleaned and needed to be placed on a work order. He will also look at the Washington Heights area to see what still needs to be addressed there as well. Mr. Wilkinson on behalf of Mr. Shirley asked that the property bearing an address of 140 Sage Road be cited for grass ordinance violation. A motion was made by Mr. Dunbar seconded by Mr. Jernigan to cite the appropriate properties and place the notified properties on a work order. Motion carried unanimously.

13) Under the Secretary/Treasurer's report, Ms. Burley reminded the Finance Committee that a third quarter review meeting will need to be held in mid-October. Several grants are being authored for approval before the deadlines. Mr. Wilkinson discussed efforts to obtain a second generator to run the chiller from remaining FEMA grant funds.

14) A motion was made by Mr. Probst seconded by Mr. Jernigan and carried unanimously to approve the following occupational licenses:

- R&H Vacuum Services – Herschel Horton / Claude Rabb – 5610 Hwy 84, Ferriday
- 3 in 1 Transportation Services – Cassandra Johnson – 139 Lyons Road, Vidalia
- Carl's Home Repair – Carl Ryan – 300 Roundtree Road, Vidalia

15) A motion was made by Mr. Parker seconded by Mr. Dunbar to approve the following work orders:

Maintenance Gravel – 30 yards on Como, 24 yards on Temple, 14 yards on Duck, 7 yards on Sunrise

6-10 Rock – 7 yards Freeman Road.

Mr. Wilkinson asked for 6-10 rock topped with cold mix on Doty Road to help with road repairs needed. Mr. Dunbar discussed damage to Serio Boulevard from the heavy equipment used to build the new housing district. Mr. Wilkinson stated a bond has been obtained from the company to hold accountability for damages to the road.

A motion was made by Mr. Dunbar seconded by Mr. Tiffie to establishing a 5-ton weight limit to Freeman Road and have the barn place signs accordingly. Motion carried unanimously.

16) Work orders conducted since the previous meeting were distributed for review. No action was taken by the Jurors.

17) Distributed to the Jurors thru mail correspondence were:  
Airport Authority – 1/8/19, 4/19/19, 7/9/19, and 9/4/19 minutes  
Recreation District #3 – 8/8/19 Minutes  
Fire District #2 – 8/13/19 Minutes; 9/10/19 Agenda

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

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Sandi T. Burley, Secretary / Treasurer

# RESOLUTION 19-023

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**A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN AGREEMENT WITH PARISHES OF THE LA WATERSHED INITIATIVE REGION 3 FOR THE PURPOSE OF APPLYING FOR GRANT FUNDING AND ACTING IN SUPPORT OF WATERSHED REGION MANAGEMENT ACTIVITIES AND IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE STATE OF LOUISIANA WATERSHED INITIATIVE**

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Watershed Initiative was formed in order to coordinate statewide floodplain management efforts through a watershed management approach in response to the 2016 Great Floods and in preparation for future storm and flood events. This coordination includes outreach with local communities to build support for watershed region management approaches that can more effectively address mounting water risks statewide; and

WHEREAS, coordination among the Region 3 parishes of Caldwell, Catahoula, Claiborne, Concordia, East Carroll, Franklin, Lincoln, Madison, Morehouse, Richland, Tensas, Union, and West Carroll are critical to reducing flood risk and preserving the health, safety, and welfare of the residents of Concordia Parish; and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Watershed Initiative has requested applications for participation in a Regional Capacity Building Grant Program, which may enable the provision of technical assistance to Concordia Parish and its regional partners if awarded, thereby furthering immediate watershed management and flood risk reduction goals.

NOW, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the agreement between the Concordia Parish Police Jury and its regional partners for the purpose of applying for grant funding and acting in support of watershed region management activities and in conjunction with the State of Louisiana Watershed Initiative is hereby approved.

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

**YEAS: 7**

**NAYS: 0**

**ABSENT: 2**

And the resolution was declared adopted at the regular meeting of the Concordia Parish Police Jury at which a quorum was present and voting held this 23th day of September, 2019.

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Jimmy Wilkinson, President

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Sandi T. Burley, Secretary / Treasurer

# RESOLUTION 19-024

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**WHEREAS**, the Code of Federal Regulation as enacted by the United States Congress mandates that all structures defined as bridges, located on all public roads, shall be inspected, rated for safe load capacity, and posted in accordance with the National Bridge Inspection Standards and that an inventory of these bridges be maintained by each State; and

**WHEREAS**, the responsibility to inspect, rate and load post those bridges under the authority of Concordia Parish in accordance with those standards is delegated by the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development to Concordia Parish.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the governing authority of Concordia Parish (which is the Police Jury, herein referred to as the Parish), that the Parish in regular meeting convened, does hereby certify to the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (herein referred to as DOTD) that for the period of October 1, 2019 through September 30, 2020:

1. The Parish has performed all interim inspection on all Parish owned or maintained bridges in accordance with the National Bridge Inspection Standards.
2. All bridges owned or maintained by the Parish have been structurally analyzed and rated by the Parish as to the safe load capacity in accordance with ASSHTO Manual for Maintenance Inspection of Bridges. The load posting information that has been determined by the LA DOTD for all bridges where the maximum legal load under Louisiana State Law exceeds the load permitted under the operating rating as determined above has been critically reviewed by the Parish. Load posting information has been updated by the parish to reflect all structural changes, any obsolete structural ratings or any missing structural ratings.
3. All parish owned or maintained bridges which require load posting or closing are load posted or closed in accordance with the table in the DOTD Engineering Directives and Standards Manual Directive No. 1.1.1.8. All DOTD supplied load posting information concerning a bridge has been critically reviewed by the Parish Engineer prior to load posting.
4. All bridges owned or maintained by the Parish are shown on the attached list in the format specified by the DOTD. Corrections to data supplied to the Parish by the DOTD are noted.

These stipulations are prerequisites to participation by the Parish in the Off-System Bridge Replacement Program.

Motion carried in the regular meeting of the Concordia Parish Police Jury held on the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of September, 2019.

And the vote on the motion was as follows:

**YEAS: 7   NAYS: 0   ABSENT: 2**

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Jimmy Wilkinson, President

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Sandi T. Burley, Secretary Treasurer

<u>Structure Number</u>	<u>Report Number</u>	<u>Common Road Name</u>
P1531214914431	580051	Wild Cow Bayou Road
P1531312914101	580052	Passman Road
P1531329913001	580142	D.A. Biglane Road
P1531208914381	581023	Wild Cow Bayou Road
P1531283914451	700132	Bodark Road
P1531295913841	700134	Passman Road
P1531299913821	700136	Boggy Bayou Road
P1531421913141	700142	Dan Howard Road
P1531349913611	700144	Poole Road
P1531375913491	700148	Temple Road
P1531357913181	700152	John Williamson Road
P1531340912651	700156	Vidalia Canal
P1531119914071	701001	Bayou Cocodrie
P1531320913371	700146	Poole Road
16-513-13-02	580196	Yackey Road