

**PARISH POLICE JURY
REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 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, Joseph Parker, Sr.,
Adam Probst, Whest Shirley

Absent:

Jerry Beatty, Jimmy Jernigan, Tommy Tiffey

Secretary Treasurer:

Sandi T. Burley

Invocation:

Mr. Shirley

Pledge of Allegiance:

Mr. Probst

1) Invocation, pledge, and roll call of members

2) A motion was made by Mr. Shirley seconded by Mr. Probst to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of October 14, 2019 as mailed. Motion carried.

3) A Finance Committee Meeting was held on October 24, 2019 to review the third quarter budget. Modifications were made to adjust for actual expenditures and receivables that have occurred and plan to occur for the remainder of the year. A motion was made by Mr. Shirley to adopt the amended budget and approve the transfer of \$250 to the Witness & Juror Fund from the General Fund. The motion was seconded by Mr. Probst and carried unanimously.

4) The Finance Committee had also reviewed a quote needed for additional repairs to the chiller. A motion was made by Mr. Probst seconded by Mr. Parker to approve the quote in the amount of \$3,167.19 to Trane for chiller repairs. Motion carried unanimously.

5) Resolution 19-026 was offered. The resolution supported the coordination of Concordia Parish to work with the Kisatchie Delta Regional Planning District in coordination with the Rapides Area Planning Commission as it pertains to Region II of the Watershed Initiative. A motion was made by Mr. Parker and seconded by Mr. Cook to adopt the resolution. Motion carried unanimously. (See addendum for Resolution 19-026.)

6) 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. Right of ways and easements once again must be revised based on the requirements of the FEMA and GOHSEP office to include permission for EHP review on these sites. A revised CEA with the Fifth Levee District is also being reviewed.

Courtroom Renovations: Courtroom renovations are on schedule. Wilmar Construction has completed demolition and are working on installing the new components. The project is scheduled to be completed by January 31, 2020.

Washington Heights: The Parish received notice from the Delta Regional Authority for the awarding of the DRA-SEDAP funds in which to offset the cost overrun. We are waiting on the notice to proceed from DRA to move forward with the project.

Vidalia Canal: Methods and companies are still being researched to provide both the chemicals and spraying techniques needed to kill the aquatic grass in the canals. A motion was made by Mr. Dunbar, seconded by Mr. Parker to advertise for vegetation management and aquatic grass applicating. Motion carried unanimously.

7) Ordinance Violations of the parish were next discussed. A motion was made by Mr. Shirley seconded by Mr. Parker to cite the following properties: 304 Audubon Acres, the lot adjoining 438 Eagle Road, property on Concordia Park belonging to Mr. Ben Harris Jr., lot behind trailer bearing an address of 261 Freeman Road. Motion carried unanimously.

8) Under the Secretary/Treasurer's report, Ms. Burley announced that the proposed 2020 budget should be completed soon for the Finance Committee to review. Ms. Burley reminded the Jurors that the next meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 11th due to Veteran's Day. During the Finance Committee meeting, roads that were not listed on the Disaster Recovery damages were discussed. Of the four roads reviewed and the allocations needed, the Finance Committee had reviewed and agreed that Eagle Road be submitted for FP&C grant funding for road rehabilitation.

9) No occupational licenses were submitted for approval.

10) Superintendent's Work Orders were next discussed.

Under work orders, a motion was made by Mr. Cook seconded by Mr. Parker and carried unanimously to approve the following:

Pitrun – 7 yards – Shady Acres; 20 yards Magoun Road

Maintenance Gravel – 15 yards Sunrise; 15 yards McMillin Road; 30 yards Sanders

Mr. Probst asked that the bus turnaround on Rokofee be repaired. Mr. Dunbar asked that the culvert on Freeman Road be looked at and road repairs were needed due to numerous potholes. Rountree needs asphalt repair on the side entrances where the road is breaking off. Mr. Guillory asked for more limestone to do repair work with the rainy season coming. Mr. Parker asked for limb pickup in the Lake St. John area off of Hwy 568 and Hwy 569; and the Mooseodge area. He also asked for a culvert clean out on Anderson Road, gravel needed on Edmond James, work needed on Weecama and the ditch behind Jones Street needs to be cleaned out. Motion carried unanimously.

11) Work orders completed since the last meeting were reviewed. No action taken.

12) Under correspondence, Mr. Bill Beasley addressed the Jurors. Mr. Beasley and Mr. Brant Jones with Jordan, Kaiser, and Sessions conducted a survey and study of the rock pile weir on Little Cross Bayou that runs through the Bayou Cocodrie National Wildlife Refuge. Mr. Beasley explained that the weir was placed there by the USACE in the 1950s. In 2015, the Wildlife and Fisheries built up the rock pile an additional 3 feet in which to cross with equipment. After reviewing aerial photo and results from the survey, the rock bed was built up again around 2017. The data on the weir shows that the rock pile should be at 34 feet. Currently it stands approximately 4 feet higher than designed preventing proper drainage. This canal is responsible for 34% or 110 square miles of parish drainage. A motion was made by Mr. Dunbar

seconded by Mr. Parker to send the WLF a letter to reduce the rock pile back to the originally designed 34 feet. Due to the urgency of having this completed before the rainy season, the WLF will have 14 days from the notice to correct the problem. If the problem is not corrected, then the Parish will lower the rock pile and bill the WLF accordingly for all costs incurred. Motion carried unanimously.

Also distributed to the Jurors were:

Concordia Waterworks: 9/17 Minutes; Recreation District #3: 10/10 Minutes;

Hospital Board: 10/29 Agenda

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

Sandi T. Burley, Secretary / Treasurer

Under a motion made by Mr. Parker seconded by Mr. Cook, the following resolution was offered to wit:

RESOLUTION # 19-026
SUPPORTING REGIONAL CAPACITY BUILDING
IN LOUISIANA WATERSHED INITIATIVE
PROVISIONAL WATERSHED AREA 2

WHEREAS, the Louisiana State 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 to build capacity for technical resources to support such; and

WHEREAS, coordination among regional partners is 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; and

WHEREAS, the Concordia Parish Police Jury is in agreement with Kisatchie-Delta Regional Planning & Development District, working in conjunction with the Rapides Area Planning Commission, 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 for HUC8 Provisional Watershed Area 2, an in furtherance of collaboration and cooperation amongst the parishes and communities of said area.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Concordia Parish Police Jury approves Kisatchie-Delta Regional Planning & Development District, working in conjunction with the Rapides Area Planning Commission, 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 for HUC8 Provisional Watershed Area 2.

By Vote of: Yeas: 6 Nays: 0 Absent: 3

The resolution was declared to be adopted on this the October day of 28, in the year 2019.

Jimmy Wilkinson, President

Sandi T. Burley, Secretary / Treasurer