

**CONCORDIA PARISH POLICE JURY
REGULAR MEETING
NOVEMBER 13, 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
Members	Maurice Bachus, Marie Yearby, Scottie Whittington, Gary Neal, Joseph Parker Sr., Adam Probst Gary Neal, and Genesis Allen
Absent	Brad Adams
Secretary/Treasurer	Ariella Carter
Invocation	Maurice Bachus
Pledge of Allegiance	Adam Probst

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. Bachus to approve the minutes from the October 23, 2023, regular meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Upon a motion by Mr. Whittington, duly seconded by Mr. Neal to approve the absence of Mr. Adam Probst and Mr. Brad Adams from the October 23, 2023 regular meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Upon a motion by Mr. Probst, duly seconded by Mr. Bachus to approve purchase orders, statutory reports, bank statements, and bank reconciliations as reported. Motion carried unanimously.

Upon a motion by Mr. Whittington, duly seconded by Mr. Neal to enter the public hearing on adopting the ordinance for the proposed solar farm. Motion carried unanimously.

During the public hearing Mr. Ric Morley with NextEra Entergy Resources address the jury with the details on the proposed solar farm. Mr. Morley advised that the proposed farm would bring more property taxes to the Parish. Once the Solar Farm is done in about 25-30 years, they will restore the land back to its original origin which is currently farm land. Mr. Morley advised citizens that they generate power and have no control over the rates of the power that will be charged, and that solar farms do not cause more storms, and that they are rated for hurricane winds of up to 130 mph. Mr. Morley also advised everyone that there is no evidence that solar farms cause any threats to the land. Calcasieu, Acadia St. Mary, Point Coupee, and Moorehouse Parishes are also going through the process of beginning a proposed solar farm. The farm will generate about 200 megawatts of electricity. The farms are monitored from an operation center 24/7. The farm will take about two years to build and will employ around 200 people. They plan to hold a job fair and hire locally.

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

Upon a motion by Mrs. Allen, duly seconded by Mr. Neal to adopt the ordinance on the proposed solar farm. Motion carried unanimously.

Upon a motion by Mr. Probst, duly seconded by Mr. Neal to approve to advertise for a public hearing on adopting an ordinance the merging consolidations for voting precincts. Motion carried unanimously.

Upon a motion by Mr. Probst, duly seconded by Mr. Whittington to approve advertising to adopt an ordinance to set a five (5) ton weight limit on Moose Lodge Rd at the intersection of Lewis Dr. west to Moose Lodge Rd. and Airport Rd. intersection, along with Roundtree Rd., Guido Rd., Eagle Rd., Belle Grove Subdivision, East Rd., Stephens Rd., and Young Rd. Motion carried unanimously.

Upon a motion by Mr. Whittington, duly seconded by Mr. Neal approving to accept the recommendation letter from Shuler Consulting Company to award the Concordia Parish Road Repair Mitigation and the Mitigation Supplement to D&J Construction Company, LLC of West Monroe. Motion carried unanimously.

Upon a motion by Mrs. Allen, duly seconded by Mr. Probst, to approve a resolution authorizing the President to execute any and all documents pertaining to the FEMA paved roads. Motion carried unanimously.

Upon a motion by Mr. Probst, duly seconded by Mr. Whittington to approve to award the Grant Management Contract to Rostan Solutions. Motion carried unanimously.

Upon a motion by Mr. Probst, duly seconded by Mrs. Allen to approve to name Bryant Hammett and Associates as the Parish Engineer.

Upon a motion by Mr. Parker, duly seconded by Mr. Bachus to reach out to Bryant Hammett & Associates to get the price on how much it would cost to have street lights placed on Florence Matthews Drive (Bayou Drive) from Hwy 425 & the old railroad track. Motion carried unanimously.

Work Orders from the Jurors were next brought forward. A motion was made by Mrs. Allen, duly seconded by Mr. Probst to approve the following:

Mr. Whittington – culvert on Airport Rd. needs filling with asphalt.

Mrs. Allen – Green Acres has sewage running that the tractors may have ran over, but the sewage district is aware.

The following updates were provided for Superintendent's Work Orders:

610 (yards) – 48yds on Guido Rd.

Pitrun – 15yds on Passman Rd.

15" Corr. Culverts – 1-36', 1-40', 2-34', 2-38', 1-15" band, and 3-32"

A motion was made by Mrs. Allen, duly seconded by Mr. Probst to approve the material list. Motion carried unanimously.

Under new business the following were brought forward:

Upon a motion by Mr. Probst, duly seconded by Mrs. Allen to approve to advertise for material bids. Motion carried unanimously.

Upon a motion by Mrs. Allen, duly seconded by Mr. Neal 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 13th day of November 2023, in Vidalia, Louisiana.



Ariella Carter, Secretary/Treasurer