

Jennings, Louisiana
January 13, 2021

The Jefferson Davis Parish Police Jury met in a Regular Session on the above date, in the Police Jury Meeting Room of the Sidney Briscoe Building located at 304 North State Street, Jennings, LA., at 5:00 P.M.

The following members were present:

DONALD WOODS	District 1	WAYNE FRUGE	District 8
JOHN MARCEAUX	District 2	CURT GUILLORY	District 9
MARCUS PETERSON	District 3	BYRON BULLER	District 10
KORI MYERS	District 4	BUTCH LAFARGUE	District 11
TIM MCKNIGHT	District 5	OWEN CORMIER	District 12
	District 6	CHAD TALBOT	District 13
STEVE EASTMAN	District 7		

DAVID BRUCHHAUS, Legal Counsel

Absent: MELVIN ADAMS, District 6

The meeting was called to order by President Donald Woods. Mrs. Gary gave the Invocation and Mr. Peterson led the Jury in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Woods turned the meeting over to Legal Counsel David Bruchhaus. Mr. Bruchhaus requested a motion to open the floor for nominations for the office of President.

Mr. Guillory made a motion to open the floor for Presidential nominations, which was seconded by Mr. McKnight, and carried. Mr. Bruchhaus then called for nominations for President. Mr. Talbot nominated Steve Eastman. Mr. Eastman accepted and there were no other nominations. The motion was made by Mr. Woods, seconded by Ms. Myers, and carried, to close the nominations for President. Mr. Bruchhaus declared Steve Eastman as President. Upon being seated, President Eastman expressed his appreciation. Additionally, Mr. Eastman conveyed his gratitude to Mr. Woods for his many years of service as President.

It was moved by Mr. Buller, seconded by Mr. McKnight, and carried, to open the floor for nominations for Vice-President. President Eastman called for nominations for the office of Vice-President. Mr. Buller nominated Curt Guillory and Mr. Guillory accepted the nomination. As there were no other nominations, Mr. LaFargue moved to close the nominations. Mr. Woods seconded the motion, and the motion carried. Mr. Guillory was declared as Vice-President.

The motion was made by Mr. Marceaux, seconded by Mr. Fruge, and carried, to open the floor for nominations for Unit Maintenance Committee Division One representative. Mr. Marceaux nominated Wayne Fruge as representative of Division One. There were no other nominations. It was moved by Mr. Marceaux, seconded by Mr. McKnight, and carried, to close the nominations. Therefore, Mr. Fruge was declared as representative for Division One.

Mr. McKnight made the motion to open the floor for nominations for Unit Maintenance Committee Division Two representative, the motion was seconded by Mr. Guillory, and carried. Mr. Guillory nominated Mr. Buller as Unit Maintenance Committee representative for Division Two and there were no other nominations. Mr. Marceaux made the motion, seconded by Mr. Peterson, and carried, to close the nominations. Mr. Buller was declared to be Division Two representative.

It was moved by Mr. LaFargue, seconded by Mr. Fruge, and carried, to open the floor for nominations for Unit Maintenance Committee Division Three representative. Mr. LaFargue nominated Mr. Talbot. There were no other nominations. Mr. Cormier moved to close nominations, Ms. Myers seconded and the motion carried. Therefore, Mr. Talbot was declared as Division Three representative.

Mr. Guillory made the motion, seconded by Mr. Woods, and carried, to appoint Rebecca Gary as Secretary Treasurer for a two (2) year term.

The motion was made by Mr. LaFargue, seconded by Mr. Buller, and carried, to adopt the following Resolution, to-wit:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Mr. Steve Eastman, Police Juror for District 7, has been duly elected as President of the Jefferson Davis Parish Police Jury, effective on January 13, 2021, and,

WHEREAS, the President of the Jefferson Davis Parish Police Jury shall have full authority and power to do any and all acts necessary and proper in order to accomplish the purpose of this resolution, and this resolution shall receive the broadest interpretation under the laws of this or any state, and,

WHEREAS, the office of President requires the signature of the President on checks and other documents on behalf of the Jefferson Davis Parish Police Jury,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Jefferson Davis Parish Police Jury, acting in Regular Session on this 13th day of January, 2021, to bestow on Mr. Steve Eastman, President of the Jefferson Davis Parish Police, the signing privileges for all checks and documents as required, and related to the office of President of the Jefferson Davis Parish Police Jury.

President Eastman requested discussion on the idea of making changes of meetings days to allow for more Committee meetings as follows: 1st Wednesday of the month at 5:00 P.M. would remain an Agenda meeting, 2nd Wednesday of the month at 5:00 P.M. would remain a Regular meeting, change the 3rd and 4th Wednesdays of the month at 5:00 P.M. to Committee meetings, continue holding Unit Maintenance Committee meeting prior to agenda meeting at 4:00 P.M., continue holding Finance Committee meeting on the Monday prior to the second Wednesday of the month at 7:00 A.M. and changing other meeting dates as required. Action will be taken at a later date.

Mr. Marceaux reported the Finance Committee meeting was held on Monday, January 11, 2021 at 7:00 A.M. All bills were reviewed and declared in order with the Committee recommending approval.

It was moved by Mr. Marceaux, seconded by Mr. Guillory, and carried, to pay the following bills, to wit:

• GENERAL FUND	\$ 26,057.26
• COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SERVICE	800.28
• E911 & 911 WIRELESS	26,486.68
• CRIMINAL COURT	52,137.91
• COURTHOUSE MAINTENANCE	8,041.37
• SECTION 8	3,213.00
• PARISH ROAD	1,212.50
• SUB ROAD DISTRICT #1	13,811.88
• SPECIAL WARD, ROAD & BRIDGE	35,544.98
• ROAD SALES TAX DIST 1 TAX	52,635.78
• REGIONAL CONSOLIDATED JAIL	90,734.33
• FIRE DISTRICT #1	714.46
• FIRE DISTRICT #2	14,644.46
• FIRE DISTRICT #3	759.16
• FIRE DISTRICT #4	244.13
• FIRE DISTRICT #5	4,355.36
• FIRE DISTRICT #6	3,602.11

The Finance Committee made the recommendation to move Rhoda Richard to the Assistant Secretary Treasurer position retroactive to January 1, 2021 and to further approve the change to the Office Pay Scale as discussed.

Mr. Marceaux made the motion, seconded by Ms. Myers, and carried, to approve the Finance Committee's recommendation as stated.

Additionally, the Finance Committee made the recommendation to approve the following purchase to be paid with Courthouse funds:

- a. Water Treatment system for Chiller with an initial cost of \$1,100.00 and an annual cost of \$1,280.00;
- b. Oil based paint for Boiler Room floor at cost of \$350.00;
- c. Latex paint for interior walls of Courthouse at a cost of \$2,500.00.

The motion was made by Mr. Marceaux, seconded by Mr. Cormier, and carried, to accept the recommendation of the Finance Committee for these purchases.

The Finance Committee recommended approval of the listed purchases for the Fairgrounds and Arena to be paid out of the General fund:

- a. One (1) – 72" Exmark lawnmower at a cost of \$11,395.00;
- b. Two (2) – loads of sand at a cost of \$1,600.00;
- c. Parts and supplies to maintain lawn mowers and tractor at approximate cost of \$325.00;
- d. Parts to maintain lights in arena, trash pickers, and wheel chair lift at an approximate cost of \$600.00;
- e. Chemical to maintain property at an approximate cost of \$500.00.

Mr. Marceaux made the motion, seconded by Mr. Fruge, and carried, to approve these purchases as recommended.

Finally, the Finance Committee made the recommendation to approve the following purchase for the Regional Jail facility to be paid with Regional Jail Maintenance funds:

- a. One (1) – 72" Exmark lawnmower at a cost of \$11,395.00;
- b. Spray tank assembly and volt/amp meter at a cost of \$600.00;
- c. Chemical to maintain property at an approximate cost of \$200.00;
- d. One (1) – large tool box and tools at an approximate cost of \$2,500.00.

It was moved by Mr. Marceaux, seconded by Ms. Myers, and carried, to accept the recommendation of the Finance Committee in approving the purchases listed above.

Mr. Marceaux made the motion, seconded by Mr. Buller, and carried, to adopt the following Resolution, to-wit:

RESOLUTION

A Resolution granting to Rhoda Richard, Assistant Secretary Treasurer of the Jefferson Davis Parish Police Jury, the authority to sign all Police Jury checks and documents.

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Jefferson Davis Parish Police Jury, State of Louisiana, that Rhoda Richard, Assistant Secretary Treasurer of the Jefferson Davis

Parish Police Jury, be and is hereby granted full authority to sign all Police Jury checks and documents on behalf of the Police Jury.

BE IT RESOLVED, that this grant of authority is continuing in nature and shall not be revoked except by proper action taken by this Police Jury.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this grant of authority is intended to bestow the signing authority upon Rhoda Richard in order to maintain the Police Jury's ability to operate without interruption.

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

YEAS: Mr. Woods, Mr. Marceaux, Mr. Peterson, Ms. Myers, Mr. McKnight, Mr. Fruge, Mr. Guillory, Mr. Buller, Mr. LaFargue, Mr. Cormier, Mr. Talbot

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Mr. Adams

ABSTAINED:

And the Resolution was declared adopted on this, the 13th day of January, 2021.

The motion was made by Mr. Guillory, seconded by Mr. Cormier, and carried, to approve the minutes of the meeting held on December 21, 2020, as written and submitted.

The Police Jury resolved itself into the Zoning Commission Board of Review to receive public comments in connection with a request received from Bensun LLC, for a change in zoning classification from A-1 to C-1 for a vehicle sales lot on Highway 26 located in Section 22, Township 9 South, Range 3 West. No comments were brought before the Jury.

It was moved by Mr. McKnight, seconded by Ms. Myers, and carried to approve the change in zoning classification.

The motion was made by Mr. Fruge, seconded by Mr. Woods, and carried to accept the Zoning Commission Board of Review's recommendation to adopt the following Ordinance, to-wit:

ORDINANCE NO. 2359

AN ORDINANCE amending the Jefferson Davis Parish Zoning Map to reflect the rezoning of certain property from A-1 Agricultural/Residential to C-1 Commercial said property belonging to BENSUN, LLC, being located in Jefferson Davis Parish, Louisiana.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE POLICE JURY OF JEFFERSON DAVIS PARISH,

LOUISIANA, IN REGULAR SESSION CONVENED ON JANUARY 13, 2021 THAT:

The Jefferson Davis Parish Zoning Map is hereby amended to reflect the rezoning from A-1 Agricultural/Residential to C-1 Commercial for a pre-owned vehicle sales lot of the following property belonging to BENSUN, LLC to wit:

12.208 AC TRACT OUT OF PARTITION OF TRACTS 3 & 4 IN 22-9-3 DESC AS: BEG S89°51'44"W 633.61' & S00°31'52"W 145.72' FROM NE COR SW 22, THENCE S00°31'52"W 409.72', N89°02'31"E 532.83', S00°41'16"W 125.69', S89°54'35"W 970.10', N00°39'54"E 122.87', S89°54'31"W 584.75', N00°39'54"E 404.47', N89°54'31"E 1021.28' TO POB, PER SURVEY BY LESTER J. LEBLANC DATED JUNE 10, 2015 AT FILE #686857. 733-191 753-536 876-659 872-573 #686857

A PORTION OF TRACT 5, CONT 10.19 ACS, OF PARTITION OF E1/2E1/2SE 21 & SW 22-9-3 AS PER PLAT OF SURVEY BY LESTER J. LEBLANC DATED AUG. 1, 2016. LESS 6.73 ACS SOLD AT FILE #706045. 733-191 876-659 877-573 #694613

THUS DONE AND PASSED BY THE POLICE JURY ON JEFFERSON DAVIS PARISH, LOUISIANA, on this 13th day of January, 2021.

It was moved by Mr. LaFargue, seconded by Mr. McKnight, and carried, to adopt the following Resolution, to-wit:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Governor's Office of Community Development is making available to parish governments thru the Local Government Assistance Program (LGAP) for the 2020 – 2021 Fiscal Year Grant Program, funds for needed projects and equipment to enhance growth and benefit the lives of their citizens; and

WHEREAS, the Jefferson Davis Police Jury has a pressing need to maintain road right of ways in its parish and,

WHEREAS, the Jefferson Davis Parish Police Jury does not have sufficient funds to purchase a patcher to maintain its right of ways.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the JEFFERSON DAVIS PARISH POLICE JURY, acting in duly convened session at the Regular Meeting held on the 13th day of January, 2021, that a grant application be submitted under the 2020 -2021 LGAP Grant Program to apply for funds up to the allocated parish amount of \$58,800.00 to purchase a patcher to maintain right of ways.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Jefferson Davis Parish Police Jury hereby authorizes the President, Steve Eastman, to sign all documents regarding the application.

Mr. Buller made the motion, seconded by Mr. Cormier, and carried, to adopt the following Resolution, to-wit:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Governor's Office of Community Development is making available to parish governments thru the Community Water Enrichment Fund for the 2020 – 2021 Fiscal Year Grant Program, funds for water system rehabilitation projects to enhance growth and benefit the lives of their citizens; and

WHEREAS, the Jefferson Davis Parish Police Jury has a pressing need to repair, replace or add to its rural parish water systems and,

WHEREAS, the Jefferson Davis Parish Police Jury does not have sufficient funds to repair, replace or add to its rural parish water systems.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the JEFFERSON DAVIS PARISH POLICE JURY, acting in duly convened session at the Regular Meeting held on the 13th day of January, 2021, that a grant application be submitted under the 2020 -2021 Community Water Enrichment Fund to apply for funds up to the allocated parish amount of \$64,500.00 to enhance and rehabilitate its rural parish water systems.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Jefferson Davis Parish Police Jury hereby authorizes the President, Steve Eastman, to sign all documents regarding the application.

The motion was made by Mr. LaFargue, seconded by Mr. Guillory, and carried, to adopt the following Resolution, to-wit:

RESOLUTION

**OF THE PARISH OF JEFFERSON DAVIS PARISH
LOUISIANA COUNCIL TO THE LOUISIANA SENATE AND
THE LOUISIANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

WHEREAS, the Jefferson Davis Parish Police Jury strives to enhance the quality of life of its residents, both personally and economically, and

WHEREAS, high-speed internet service has become a necessary component to participating in the modern economy, healthcare and education, but this service is unavailable or of an inadequate quality for many residents, and

WHEREAS residents of Jefferson Davis Parish deserve the same educational, medical and economic opportunities as citizens in parishes served by high-speed internet,

WHEREAS, neighboring states of our region have invested in the development of broadband infrastructure at varying levels, while Louisiana has made no financial investment thus far,

WHEREAS, legislation has been passed over the past year to allow opportunities for installation by private providers using the infrastructure of the Rural Electric Cooperative and the Cooperatives themselves have been given permission to expand into broadband from the Public Service Commission recently,

WHEREAS, legislation has been passed this year to establish a Louisiana Office of Broadband that will allow a designated state office to seek funds and distribute in order to promote broadband installation in Louisiana,

WHEREAS, various departments of the Federal Government have made funds available for expansion of broadband targeted to rural areas. These funds provide an initial step toward bridging the digital divide,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the JEFFERSON DAVIS PARISH POLICE JURY urges the Louisiana Legislature to pass legislation which will invest in the installation of high-speed internet for rural Louisiana.

The motion to approve the foregoing resolution was made by Police Jury Member Butch LaFargue, seconded by Police Jury Member Curt Guillory, and the following vote was recorded.

Member	Yay	Nay	Absent	Abstained
Mr. Donald Woods	X			
Mr. John Marceaux	X			
Mr. Marcus Peterson	X			
Ms. Kori Myers	X			
Mr. Tim McKnight	X			
Mr. Melvin Adams			X	
Mr. Steve Eastman	X			
Mr. Wayne Fruge	X			
Mr. Curt Guillory	X			
Mr. Byron Buller	X			
Mr. Butch LaFargue	X			
Mr. Owen Cormier	X			
Mr. Chad Talbot	X			

This Resolution is declared adopted this 13th day of January, 2021, at Jennings, Louisiana.

Mr. Cormier made the motion, seconded by Mr. McKnight, and carried, to approve Pay Request No. 10 in the amount of \$25,039.12 to L K Breaux & Associates for the new Fire District No. 1 station.

It was moved by Mr. LaFargue, seconded by Mr. Marceaux, and carried, to approve Pay Request No. 7 in the amount of \$709,335.00 to R E Heidt Construction Co LLC for the 2019 Road Improvement project.

The motion was made by Mr. Woods, seconded by Ms. Myers, and carried, to appoint Gregory Zaunbrecher to the Jeff Davis Gravity Drainage District No. 1 Sub A

board with a term expiring 04/13/2021 and to further send a Letter of Condolence to the family of Thomas Williams.

Mr. McKnight made the motion, seconded by Mr. Cormier, and carried, to reappoint Donald Dees, Joel Oustalet, and Jody Fontenot to the Mosquito Abatement board with terms expiring 01/23/2024.

The motion was made by Mr. Fruge, seconded by Ms. Myers, and carried, to appoint John Marceaux to serve on the Louisiana Watershed Initiative Board for Region 5.

It was moved by Mr. Buller, seconded by Mr. LaFargue, and carried, to appoint Alex Guillory to serve on the Louisiana Watershed Initiative Board for Region 4.

Mr. Buller made the motion, seconded by Mr. LaFargue, and carried, with Mr. McKnight abstaining, to authorize the issuance of a 2021 Ambulance Permit to Acadian Ambulance.

The motion was made by Mr. Guillory, seconded by Mr. Woods, and carried, with Mr. McKnight abstaining and Mr. LaFargue opposing, to authorize the issuance of a 2021 Ambulance Permit to Med Express.

It was moved by Mr. Talbot, seconded by Mr. LaFargue, and carried, to ratify the action of the Agenda Committee in granting an easement on the parish right-of-way on Main Street in Lacassine to Jeff Davis Water & Sewer Commission No. 1.

Mr. Talbot made the motion, seconded by Mr. Cormier, and carried, to adopt the following Ordinance, to-wit:

ORDINANCE NO. 2358

AN ORDINANCE amending the Jefferson Davis Parish Code Chapter 13, Article II, to add Section 13-22.1 titled One Way On Parish Roads.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE POLICE JURY OF JEFFERSON DAVIS PARISH, LOUISIANA that:

Chapter 13, Article II of the Jefferson Davis Parish Code is hereby amended to add a section as follows:

Sec. 13-22.1. One Way On Parish Roads.

Algonia St. to Bourgeois St. will be One Way running north to south during 6:00am to 8:00am and 2:00pm to 4:00pm during the school year.

THUS DONE AND PASSED BY THE POLICE JURY OF JEFFERSON DAVIS PARISH, LOUISIANA, on this 13th day of January, 2021.

It was moved by Mr. Fruge, seconded by Mr. Marceaux, and carried, to approve 6,750 Tons of gravel for various roads and 200 Tons #57 limestone for various roads to be paid with Division One funds.

The motion was made by Mr. Talbot, seconded by Mr. Cormier, and carried, to approve 2,800 Tons of gravel for various roads and 50 Tons #610 limestone for various roads to be paid with Division Three funds.

A discussion was held in connection with the LCDBG for Road Improvement program. No decision was made at this time.


Committee Reports

Mr. Marceaux reiterated his thankfulness to Mr. Woods for his leadership and countless hours of dedication as President for the last 18 years.

A debris update was given. Additionally, a TetraTech representative requested an extension of the initial estimated volume of debris pickup to an increase of 100,000 yards.

It was moved by Mr. Talbot, seconded by Mr. LaFargue, and carried, to approve this request.

There being no further business to come before the Jury, it was moved by Mr. Woods, seconded by Mr. Cormier, and carried, to adjourn the meeting.


PRESIDENT

ATTEST:


SECRETARY

January 27, 2021
DATE APPROVED