

Jennings, Louisiana
November 9, 2022

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
	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
MELVIN ADAMS	District 6	CHAD TALBOT	District 13
STEVE EASTMAN	District 7		

LANCE PERSON, Legal Counsel

Absent: JOHN MARCEAUX, District 2.

The meeting was called to order by President Steve Eastman. Mrs. Gary gave the Invocation and Mr. Cormier led the Jury in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Woods made the motion, seconded by Mr. McKnight, and carried, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on October 12, 2022, as written and submitted.

It was moved by Mr. LaFargue, seconded by Mr. Cormier, and carried, to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting held on October 19, 2022, as written and submitted.

Mr. Guillory reported the Finance Committee meeting was held on Monday, November 7, 2022, at 7:00 A.M. All bills were reviewed and declared in order with the Committee recommending approval.

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

• GENERAL FUND	\$ 25,049.12
• COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SERVICE	1,450.79
• E911 & 911 WIRELESS	23,329.60
• CRIMINAL COURT	60,043.88
• COURTHOUSE MAINTENANCE	2,551.29
• SUB ROAD DISTRICT #1	20,467.81
• SPECIAL WARD, ROAD & BRIDGE	75,991.66
• REGIONAL CONSOLIDATED JAIL	138,494.89
• FIRE DISTRICT #1	2,453.61
• FIRE DISTRICT #2	5,508.70
• FIRE DISTRICT #3	4,292.46

- FIRE DISTRICT #5 34,658.54
- FIRE DISTRICT #6 5,707.44

It is the recommendation of the Finance Committee to transfer \$10,000.00 from Road Sales Tax District No. 1 to Division Two.

The motion was made by Mr. Guillory, seconded by Mr. Talbot, and carried, with Mr. Woods voting against the matter, to accept the Finance Committee's recommendation as stated.

Mr. LaFargue made the motion, seconded by Mr. Cormier, and carried, to authorize the Secretary to advertise in connection with semi-annual supplies.

The Police Jury resolved itself into the Zoning Commission Board of Review to receive public comments in connection with a request received from Sweetlake Land and Oil Company for a change in zoning classification from A-1 to I-2 for a construction and demolition debris landfill located on Landfill Road, in Section 11, Township 9 South, Range 5 West. President Eastman requested Public Comments. Mr. Blaine Johnson with Southland Environmental elaborated on the potential project. Danny Hylton addressed the Police Jury with concerns.

There was a motion and second. However, both were withdrawn until further information can be provided about the project.

The motion was made by Mr. Woods, seconded by Mr. Fruge, and carried, to ratify the action of the Agenda Committee to accept the low bid from Ferguson Roofing Co., Inc., in connection with the Health Unit Roof Replacement at a cost of \$251,580.00.

It was moved by Mr. LaFargue, seconded by Mr. Peterson, and carried, to ratify the action of the Agenda Committee to approve the contract with L & R Construction in connection with the 2022 Bridge Repairs, Group 4 and to further authorize the President to sign documents.

Mr. Fruge made the motion, seconded by Mr. Buller, and carried, to ratify the action of the Agenda Committee to approve the Notice to Proceed for L & R Construction in connection with the 2022 Bridge Repairs, Group 4 and to further authorize the President to sign documents.

The motion was made by Mr. McKnight, seconded by Mr. Fruge, and carried, to authorize the addition to the Koll Road Substation for Fire District No. 2.

It was moved by Mr. Fruge, seconded by Mr. McKnight, and carried, to approve entering into an agreement with Bluewing Civil Consulting on behalf of Fire District No. 2, in connection with the Koll Road Substation addition.

Mr. Woods made the motion, seconded by Mr. LaFargue, and carried, to accept the recommendation of Bluewing Civil Consulting in connection with approving the minor LA Farm Subdivision located on Morgan Shores Road, Lake Arthur.

The motion was made by Mr. Buller, seconded by Mr. Cormier, and carried, to accept the recommendation of Bluewing Civil Consulting, in connection with approving the minor TR Subdivision located on Carl Hoppe Road.

It was moved by Mr. Woods, seconded by Mr. Peterson, and carried, to accept the recommendation of Bluewing Civil Consulting, in connection with approving the minor D. Monlezun Subdivision, Phase 1, located on 8th Street, Lake Arthur.

Mr. LaFargue made the motion, seconded by Mr. Cormier, and carried, to approve entering into an Agreement with ACSW Architects, LLC, on behalf of the Jeff Davis Parish Library for the Welsh Branch new construction or major addition and to further authorize the President to sign related documents.

The motion was made by Mr. Peterson, seconded by Mr. McKnight, and carried, to approve Friday, November 11, 2022, Veteran's Day, as a holiday for Jeff Davis Parish employees.

A discussion was held in connection with a levee next to Harvest Acres Subdivision. No action was taken.

It was moved by Mr. Fruge, seconded by Mr. Peterson, and carried, to participate in the Southwest Louisiana Regional Planning Commission Pilot Program for Street/Road Overlay.

Mr. Buller made the motion, seconded by Mr. Fruge, and carried, to contribute \$1,700,000.00 in funding assistance to Jefferson Davis Central Waterworks for the Woodlawn Filtration Plant Project.

The motion was made by Mr. McKnight, seconded by Mr. Peterson, and carried, to reappoint Clyde Newmiller to the Airport Commission board with a term expiring 12/31/27.

Mr. Cormier made the motion, seconded by Mr. LaFargue, and carried, to reappoint Jason Bouley and Robert Moore to the Fire District No. 1 board with terms expiring 12/31/24.

It was moved by Mr. Fruge, seconded by Ms. Myers, and carried, to reappoint John Berken and Glen Hetzel to the Fire District No. 2 board with terms expiring 12/31/24.

The motion was made by Mr. Talbot, seconded by Mr. Cormier, and carried, to reappoint Georgia Louviere and David Jagneaux to the Fire District No. 3 Board with terms to expire 12/31/24.

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

RESOLUTION

A resolution approving the holding of an election in Fire Protection District No. 3 of the Parish of Jefferson Davis, State of Louisiana, on Saturday, March 25, 2023, to authorize the renewal of a special tax therein.

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Fire Protection District No. 3 of the Parish of Jefferson Davis, State of Louisiana (the "Governing Authority"), acting as the governing authority of Fire Protection District No. 3 of the Parish of Jefferson Davis, State of Louisiana (the "District"), adopted a resolution on October 24, 2022, calling a special election in the District on Saturday, March 25, 2023, to authorize the renewal 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 Jefferson Davis, 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 Jefferson Davis, 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. 3 of the Parish of Jefferson Davis, State of Louisiana, this Police Jury hereby approves the holding of an election in the District, on Saturday, March 25, 2023, at which election there will be submitted the following proposition, to-wit:

**PROPOSITION
(MILLAGE RENEWAL)**

Shall Fire Protection District No. 3 of the Parish of Jefferson Davis, State of Louisiana (the "District"), be authorized to continue to levy a special tax of three and fifty-nine hundredths (3.59) mills on all the property subject to taxation within the District (an estimated \$239,300 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 2024 and ending with the year 2033, for the purpose of constructing, acquiring, improving, maintaining and operating fire protection facilities and equipment in the District and paying the cost of obtaining water for fire protection purposes, said tax to be in addition to the 5.12 mills tax now authorized to be levied by the District for such 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:

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

NAYS:

ABSENT: Mr. Marceaux

And the resolution was declared adopted on this, the 9th day of November, 2022.

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

RESOLUTION

A resolution approving the holding of an election in the Gravity Drainage District No. 9, Jefferson Davis Parish, Louisiana, on Saturday, March 25, 2023, to authorize the renewal of a special tax therein.

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the Gravity Drainage District No. 9, Jefferson Davis Parish, Louisiana (the "Governing Authority"), acting as the governing authority of the Gravity Drainage District No. 9, Jefferson Davis Parish, Louisiana (the "District"), adopted a resolution on October 20, 2022, calling a special election in the District on Saturday, March 25, 2023, to authorize the renewal 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 Jefferson Davis, 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 Jefferson Davis, 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 the Gravity Drainage District No. 9, Jefferson Davis Parish, Louisiana, this Police Jury hereby approves the holding of an election in the District, on Saturday, March 25, 2023, at which election there will be submitted the following proposition, to-wit:

**PROPOSITION
(MILLAGE RENEWAL)**

Shall the Gravity Drainage District No. 9, Jefferson Davis Parish, Louisiana (the "District"), be authorized to continue to levy a special tax of nine and twenty-one hundredths (9.21) mills on all property subject to taxation within the District (an estimated \$214,300 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 2024 and ending with the year 2033, for the purpose of improving, constructing, maintaining and operating gravity drainage works within the District limits?

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:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Mr. Marceaux

And the Resolution was declared adopted on this, the 9th day of November, 2022.

The motion was made by Mr. Fruge, seconded by Mr. McKnight, 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 2022 – 2023 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 9th day of November, 2022, that a grant application be submitted under the 2022 -2023 Community Water Enrichment Fund to apply for funds up to the allocated parish amount of \$170,000.00 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.

President Eastman turned the meeting over to Vice-President Guillory.

It was moved by Mr. Peterson, seconded by Mr. Cormier, and carried, with Mr. Eastman recusing himself from the matter, 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 2022 – 2023 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 9th day of November, 2022, that a grant application be submitted under the 2022 -2023 LGAP Grant Program to apply for funds up to the allocated parish amount of \$180,000.00 to purchase a tractor and mower 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. Cormier made the motion, seconded by Mr. LaFargue, and carried, to adopt the following Ordinance, to-wit:

ORDINANCE NO. 2402

AN ORDINANCE to amending Sec 13-23 to remove the two Stop Signs on First Avenue in Roanoke.

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

That the two Stop Signs on First Avenue in Roanoke be removed.

THUS DONE AND PASSED BY THE POLICE JURY OF JEFFERSON DAVIS PARISH, LOUISIANA, on this 9th day of November, 2022.

The motion was made by Mr. Buller, seconded by Mr. Adams, and carried, to approve a request from Fire District No. 6 for a loan in the amount of \$40,000.00.

Committee Reports

Mr. Talbot reported an Office Policy Committee meeting held on October 12, 2022, whereas the Committee conducted interviews for the position of Office Clerk. It is the recommendation of the Committee to hire Hannah Hoffpauir retroactively effective October 24, 2022, according to Office Pay Scale discussed.

The motion was made by Mr. Talbot, seconded by Mr. Woods, and carried, to accept the Office Policy Committee's recommendation as stated.

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

/s/ J. Steven Eastman
PRESIDENT

ATTEST:

/s/ Rebecca S. Gary
SECRETARY

November 30, 2022
DATE APPROVED