

Jennings, Louisiana  
October 19, 2022

The Jefferson Davis Parish Police Jury met in Special 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:

	District 1		District 8
JOHN MARCEAUX	District 2		District 9
MARCUS PETERSON	District 3		District 10
KORI MYERS	District 4		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: DONALD WOODS, District 1; WAYNE FRUGE, District 8; CURT GUILLORY, District 9; BYRON BULLER, District 10; BUTCH LAFARGUE, District 11

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

It was moved by Mr. Talbot, seconded by Mr. Cormier, and carried, to authorize the issuance of a Letter of No Objection to Key Operating Company, for a drill site for the Welsh Prospect No. 1 located in Section 27, Township 9 South, Range 5 West.

Mr. Peterson made the motion, seconded by Mr. McKnight, and carried, to adopt the following Resolution, to wit:

#### **AUTHORIZING RESOLUTION**

Resolution authorizing the filing of an application with the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development for a grant under any of the following FTA programs managed through Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development.

- 49 CFR 5311, Formula Grant for Rural Areas

WHEREAS, the Secretary of Transportation and Development is authorized to make grants for mass transportation projects;

WHEREAS, the contract for financial assistance will impose certain obligations upon the applicant, including provisions by it of the local share of project costs;

WHEREAS, it is required by the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development in accord with the provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, that in connection with the filing of an application for assistance that it will comply with

Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the U.S. Department of Transportation requirements thereunder; and

WHEREAS, it is the goal of the Applicant that minority business enterprise be utilized to the fullest extent possible in connection with this project, and that definitive procedures shall be established and administered to ensure that minority businesses shall have the maximum feasible opportunity to compete for contracts when procuring construction contracts, supplies, equipment, or consultant and other services:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by JEFFERSON DAVIS PARISH POLICE JURY:

1. That the JEFFERSON DAVIS PARISH POLICE JURY PRESIDENT is authorized to execute and file an application on behalf of JEFFERSON DAVIS PARISH POLICE JURY with the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development, to aid in the financing of operating and/or capital assistance projects pursuant to FTA transit programs.
2. That the JEFFERSON DAVIS PARISH POLICE JURY PRESIDENT is authorized to execute and file with such applications an assurance, or any other document required by the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development effectuating the purposes of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended.
3. That the JEFFERSON DAVIS PARISH POLICE JURY PRESIDENT is authorized to furnish such additional information as the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development may require in connection with the application or financial reimbursement of the project.
4. That the JEFFERSON DAVIS PARISH POLICE JURY PRESIDENT is authorized to set and execute affirmative minority business policies in connection with the project's procurement needs.
5. That the JEFFERSON DAVIS PARISH POLICE JURY PRESIDENT is authorized to execute grant contract agreements on behalf of JEFFERSON DAVIS PARISH POLICE JURY with the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development for aid in the financing of the operating or capital assistance projects.
6. This resolution is applicable for a period of one year unless revoked by the governing body and copy of such revocation shall be furnished to the DOTD.

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

#### **RESOLUTION**

**ANNUAL CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE WITH STATE OF LOUISIANA OFF SYSTEM BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROGRAM.**

WHEREAS, the code of Federal Regulations 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 will be maintained by each state; and

WHEREAS, the responsibility to inspect, rate, and load post those bridges under the authority of Jefferson Davis Parish in accordance with those Standards is delegated by the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development to Jefferson Davis Parish,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Police Jury of Jefferson Davis Parish, Louisiana, (herein referred to as Parish) convened in Special Session on the 19th day of October, 2022, that it does hereby certify to the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (herein referred to as the DOTD) that for the period of January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022:

1. The Parish has performed and will continue to perform all interim inspections 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 AASHTO 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 exceed the load permitted under the operational 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 and 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; and
4. All bridges owned or maintained by the Parish are shown on the attached list in the format specified by the LA DOTD. Corrections to date supplied to the Parish by the LA DOTD are noted.

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

This resolution was considered upon motion by Mr. Adams, being seconded by Mr. Cormier, and was adopted by the following vote:

YEAS: Mr. Marceaux, Mr. Peterson, Ms. Myers, Mr. McKnight, Mr. Adams, Mr. Cormier, Mr. Talbot

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Mr. Woods, Mr. Fruge, Mr. Guillory, Mr. Buller, Mr. LaFargue

ABSTAINING: None

And the resolution was declared adopted on this, the 19<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2022.

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

**RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development published the final annual Fair Market Rents (FMR's) for Jefferson Davis Parish,

WHEREAS, the Jefferson Davis Parish Police Jury Section 8 Program uses the published FMR's as a guide to establish FMR's per bedroom size for the Housing Choice Voucher Program; and

WHEREAS, the FMR's are used to calculate the housing assistance payment (HAP) that the Section 8 Program pays to the owner on behalf of the family leasing the unit; and

WHEREAS, the FMR's directly affects the amount of subsidy a family will receive and the amount of rent that will be paid by the tenant; and

WHEREAS, the Jefferson Davis Parish Police Jury Section 8 Program must also determine that its annual budget for the Housing Choice Voucher Program will support the established FMR's and

WHEREAS, the Jefferson Davis Parish Police Jury Section 8 Program must also ensure that the program participants will be able to find safe, decent, and affordable units within the program's jurisdiction within the FMR's established which are as follows;

Bedroom Size	FMR 2023
Efficiency	\$ 605.00
1 Bedroom	\$ 646.00
2 Bedroom	\$ 740.00
3 Bedroom	\$ 1,052.00
4 Bedroom	\$ 1,076.00

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Jefferson Davis Parish Police jury in a duly convened regular session on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2022, that the Fair Market Rents as set forth above will be effective October 1, 2022.

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

**RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development published the final annual Fair Market Rents (FMR's) for Jefferson Davis Parish,

WHEREAS, the Jefferson Davis Parish Police Jury Section 8 Program uses the published FMR's as a guide to establish FMR's per bedroom size for the Housing Choice Voucher Program; and

WHEREAS, the Section 8 Program may establish Payment Standards anywhere between 90 and 110 percent of the published FMR without obtaining HUD approval; and

WHEREAS, the Payment Standards are used to calculate the housing assistance payment (HAP) that the PHA pays to the owner on behalf of the family leasing the unit; and

WHEREAS, the Payment Standard set by the Section 8 Program affects the amount of subsidy a family will receive and the amount of rent that will be paid by the tenant; and

WHEREAS, the Jefferson Davis Parish Police Jury Section 8 Program must also determine that its annual budget for the Housing Choice Voucher Program will support the established payment standard; and

WHEREAS, the Jefferson Davis Parish Police Jury Section 8 Program must also ensure that the program participants will be able to find safe, decent, and affordable units within the program's jurisdiction within the standards established; and

WHEREAS, the Jefferson Davis Parish Section 8 Program has determined the Payment Standard shall be 100% for all bedroom size units.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Jefferson Davis Parish Police jury in a duly convened regular session on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2022, that the Fair Market Rents as set forth above will be effective October 1, 2022.

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

### **RESOLUTION**

A resolution amending the FY 2022 Budget for the Jefferson Davis Parish Police Jury.

**WHEREAS**, the Louisiana State Legislature has mandated that political subdivisions of the State of Louisiana, amend their 2022 budget to more accurately reflect the Revenues and Expenditures.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Jefferson Davis Parish Police Jury, in session convened on this 19<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2022, that it does hereby amend the budget for the year 2022.

Mr. Peterson made the motion, seconded by Mr. Marceaux, and carried, to enter into an agreement with Waste Connections for parish trash pickup to begin on Friday, October 21, 2022, contingent on the changes suggested by Legal Counsel.

The motion was made by Mr. Peterson, seconded by Mr. Adams, and carried, to issue a Letter of Commitment to Southwest LA Regional Planning Commission/IMCAL to approve fronting the funds for a reimbursable grant on behalf of LUS Fiber.

It was moved by Mr. Marceaux, seconded by Mr. Adams, and carried, to accept the recommendation of Bluewing Civil Consulting to approve the low base bid received from L & R Construction in connection with the 2022 Bridge Project Group 4.

Mr. Marceaux made the motion, seconded by Mr. Adams, and carried, to allow Bluewing Civil Consulting to move forward with the 2022-2023 Road Improvement project.

The motion was made by Mr. Talbot, seconded by Ms. Myers, and carried, to adopt the State Capital Outlay Plan as follows: 1. Jeff Davis Regional Storage Facility, 2. Lacassine Water Distribution, 3. Lacassine Sewer Collection & Treatment, 4. Farm Supply Road Paving, and 5. Roanoke Sewer Collection.

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

/s/ J. Steven Eastman  
PRESIDENT

ATTEST:

/s/ Rebecca S. Gary  
SECRETARY

November 9, 2022  
DATE APPROVED