Jennings, Louisiana December 14, 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		District 8
JOHN MARCEAUX	District 2	CURT GUILLORY	District 9
MARCUS PETERSON	District 3	<b>BYRON BULLER</b>	District 10
KORI MYERS	District 4	BUTCH LAFARGUE	District 11
	District 5	OWEN CORMIER	District 12
MELVIN ADAMS	District 6	CHAD TALBOT	District 13
STEVE EASTMAN	District 7		

LANCE PERSON, Legal Counsel

Absent: TIM MCKNIGHT, District 5; WAYNE FRUGE, District 8.

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

Mr. Woods made the motion, seconded by Mr. Adams, and carried, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on November 9, 2022, as written and submitted.

Mr. Guillory reported the Finance Committee meeting was held on Monday, December 12, 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. LaFargue, and carried, to pay the following bills, to wit:

GENERAL FUND	\$ 41,063.05
COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SERVICE	4,145.76
• E911 & 911 WIRELESS	23,312.87
CRIMINAL COURT	52,623.06
COURTHOUSE MAINTENANCE	6,326.27
SECTION 8	1,100.00
PARISH ROAD	1,100.00
SUB ROAD DISTRICT #1	44,437.99
• SPECIAL WARD, ROAD & BRIDGE	95,636.67
ROAD SALES TAX DIST #1	23,520.63
REGIONAL CONSOLIDATED JAIL	185,788.19
• FIRE DISTRICT #1	1,136.28
• FIRE DISTRICT #2	19,634.80
• FIRE DISTRICT #3	23,476.87
• FIRE DISTRICT #4	12,465.16

•	FIRE DISTRICT #5	14,981.10
•	FIRE DISTRICT #6	62.75

The Police Jury resolved itself into the Zoning Commission Board of Review to receive public comments in connection with a request received from Mark Zeissler for a change in zoning classification from A-1 to I-1 for a small engine repair business located at 17825 Hwy 383, Iowa, in Section 7, Township 9 South, Range 6 West. President Eastman requested Public Comments. Mr. Robert Denison informed the Police Jury of the restrictions on the property. Curtis Zeissler stated the business will be Monday thru Friday from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM.

Mr. LaFargue made the motion, seconded by Mr. Talbot, and carried, to deny the zoning change.

The motion was made by Mr. Guillory, seconded by Ms. Myers, and carried, to ratify the action of the Agenda Committee to approve Change Order No. 1 in connection with the 2022 Bridge Repairs Group 4 project at an increase in the amount of \$46,781.32.

It was moved by Mr. Guillory, seconded by Mr. Cormier, and carried, to approve Friday, December 23, 2022, as a paid holiday for parish employees.

Mr. Peterson made the motion, seconded by Mr. Woods, and carried, to approve Friday, December 30, 202, as a paid holiday for parish employees.

The motion was made by Mr. Woods, seconded by Mr. Buller, and carried, to reappoint Kenneth Thibodeaux, Warren Price and Jason Guidry to the Fire District No. 4 board with terms expiring 12/31/24.

It was moved by Mr. Buller, seconded by Mr. LaFargue, and carried, to reappoint Aaron Reeves, Kathlean Pettifield and Gregory Sanders to the Fire District No. 7 board with terms expiring 12/31/24.

Mr. LaFargue made the motion, seconded by Mr. Woods, and carried, to accept all bids for semi-annual supplies with the exception of limestone as per the recommendation of the Road Administrator.

The motion was made by Mr. Buller, seconded by Mr. Guillory, and carried, to reject semi-annual supply limestone bids and readvertise.

It was moved by Mr. Adams, seconded by Mr. Cormier, and carried, to authorize the Road Administrator to stockpile limestone as follows: 1,200 Tons #610 limestone, 100 Tons #57 limestone and 150 Tons #8 washed limestone.

Mr. Peterson made the motion, seconded by Mr. Adams, and carried, to approve entering into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the State of Louisiana for funding of the Veteran's Service Office for the 2023 calendar year and to further authorize the President to sign related documents.

The motion was made by Mr. Woods, seconded by Mr. Adams, and carried, to ratify the action of the Agenda Committee in accepting the low bid from FW Walton in connection with replacing the flashing on the Courthouse roof.

It was moved by Ms. Myers, seconded by Mr. Peterson, and carried, to approve the debris removal on W. Racca Road Bridge by Guillotte Brothers at a cost of \$6,000.00 to be paid with Division One funds. Grand Marais Drainage District has agreed to pay half of the cost.

Mr. Guillory made the motion, seconded by Mr. LaFargue, and carried, to ratify the action of the Agenda Committee in approving the purchase of a 36' x 60" metal pipe from Coastal Culvert at a cost of \$6,840.00 for Ike Road to be paid with Division Two funds.

The motion was made by Mr. Buller, seconded by Mr. Cormier, and carried, to approve the purchase of a 2018 John Deere Backhoe, which is currently being leased, at a cost of \$70,000.00 to be paid with Special Revenue funds.

Mr. Woods made the motion, seconded by Mr. Peterson, and carried, to approve Change Order No. 2 in connection with the Courthouse Roof Replacement project.

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

### RESOLUTION

A resolution Providing for canvassing the returns and declaring the results of the special election held in Road District No. Twelve (12) of Wards Six (6), Seven (7) and Eight (8) of the Parish of Jefferson Davis, State of Louisiana, on Tuesday, November 8, 2022, to authorize the renewal of a special tax therein.

BE IT RESOLVED by Police Jury of the Parish of Jefferson Davis, State of Louisiana (the "Governing Authority"), acting as the governing authority of Road District No. Twelve (12) of Wards Six (6), Seven (7) and Eight (8) of the Parish of Jefferson Davis, State of Louisiana (the "District"), that:

SECTION 1. <u>Canvass.</u> This Governing Authority does now proceed in open and public session to examine the official tabulations of votes cast at the special election held in Road District No. Twelve (12) of Wards Six (6), Seven (7) and Eight (8) of the Parish of Jefferson Davis, State of Louisiana, on TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2022 (the "Election"), to authorize the renewal of a special tax therein pursuant to the following proposition (the "Proposition"):

#### PROPOSITION (MILLAGE RENEWAL)

Shall Road District No. Twelve (12) of Wards Six (6), Seven (7) and Eight (8) of the Parish of Jefferson Davis, State of Louisiana, except the Town of Welsh (the "District"), be authorized to continue to levy a ten and ninety-four hundredths (10.94) mills on all property subject to taxation within the District (an estimated \$771,600 reasonably 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 2023 and ending with the year 2032, for the purpose of improving and maintaining Parish roads within the District, title to which shall be in the public?

This Governing Authority does further proceed to examine and canvass the returns of the Election thereof.

SECTION 2. <u>Election Results.</u> According to the official certified tabulation of votes cast at said Election, there was a total of **1,097** votes cast **IN FAVOR OF** Proposition and a total of **924** votes cast **AGAINST** Proposition, resulting in a majority of **173** votes cast **IN FAVOR OF** Proposition. The Proposition was therefore duly **CARRIED** by a majority of the votes cast by the qualified electors voting at the Election.

SECTION 3. <u>Promulgation of Election Result.</u> The results of said election shall be promulgated by publication in the manner provided by law, after receipt from the Secretary of State's office of the actual costs of the election, as required by Act 205 of the Regular Session of the Legislature of Louisiana for the year 2019.

SECTION 4. <u>Declaration</u>. The foregoing results of the Election are hereby declared by this Governing Authority and shall be published as required by law.

SECTION 5. <u>Procès Verbal</u>. A *Procès Verbal* of the canvass of the returns of the Election shall be made and a certified copy thereof shall be forwarded to the Secretary of State, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, who shall record the same in his office; another certified copy thereof shall be forwarded to the Clerk of Court and *Ex-Officio* Recorder of Mortgages in and for the Parish of Jefferson Davis, who shall record the same in the archives of this Governing Authority.

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

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Mr. McKnight, Mr. Fruge

And the resolution was declared adopted on this, the 14<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2022.

Secretary Treasurer

President

# PROCÈS VERBAL OF THE CANVASS OF THE VOTES CAST AT THE SPECIAL ELECTION HELD IN ROAD DISTRICT NO. TWELVE (12) OF WARDS SIX (6), SEVEN (7) AND EIGHT (8) OF THE PARISH OF JEFFERSON DAVIS, STATE OF LOUISIANA, ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2022.

BE IT KNOWN AND REMEMBERED that on Wednesday, December 14, 2022, at 5:00 p.m., at its regular meeting place, the Police Jury Meeting Room of the Sidney Briscoe Building, 304 N. State Street, Jennings, Louisiana ,the Police Jury of the Parish of Jefferson Davis, State of Louisiana (the "Governing Authority"), acting as the governing authority of Road District No. Twelve (12) of Wards Six (6), Seven (7) and Eight (8) of the Parish of Jefferson Davis, State of Louisiana (the "District"), and being the authority ordering the special election held therein on Tuesday, November 8, 2022, with the following members present:

Mr. Woods, Mr. Marceaux, Mr. Peterson, Ms. Myers, Mr. Adams, Mr. Guillory, Mr. Buller, Mr. LaFargue, Mr. Cormier, Mr. Talbot;

There being absent: Mr. McKnight, Mr. Fruge;

did, in open and public session, examine the official certified tabulations of votes cast at the said election, and did examine and canvass the returns of the said election, there having been submitted at said election the following proposition, to wit:

#### PROPOSITION (MILLAGE RENEWAL)

Shall Road District No. Twelve (12) of Wards Six (6), Seven (7) and Eight (8) of the Parish of Jefferson Davis, State of Louisiana, except the Town of Welsh (the "District"), be authorized to continue to levy a ten and ninety-four hundredths (10.94) mills on all property subject to taxation within the District (an estimated \$771,600 reasonably 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 2023 and ending with the year 2032, for the purpose of improving and maintaining Parish roads within the District, title to which shall be in the public?

There was found by said count and canvass that there was a total of 1,097 votes cast IN FAVOR OF Proposition and a total of 924 votes cast AGAINST Proposition, as hereinabove set forth, and it was further found and determined that there was a majority of 173 votes cast IN FAVOR OF Proposition as hereinabove set forth.

Therefore, the Governing Authority did declare and proclaim and does hereby declare and proclaim in open and public session that the Proposition as hereinabove set forth was duly **CARRIED** by a majority of the votes cast by the qualified electors voting at the said special election held in the District on Tuesday, November 8, 2022.

Results by precinct are available from the Secretary-Treasurer of this Governing Authority during regular business hours or via the Louisiana Secretary of State's website (voterportal.sos.la.gov).

**Exhibit "A"** attached hereto and made a part of this *Procès Verbal* is a copy of the Notice of Special Election and proof of publication thereof.

THUS DONE AND SIGNED at Jennings, Louisiana, on this, the 14<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2022.

ATTEST:

/s/ J. Steven Eastman President

/s/ Rebecca S. Gary Secretary Treasurer

EXHIBIT "A"

### NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION

Pursuant to the provisions of a resolution adopted by the Police Jury of the Parish of Jefferson Davis, State of Louisiana (the "Governing Authority"), acting as the governing authority of Road District No. Twelve (12) of Wards Six (6), Seven (7) and Eight (8) of the Parish of Jefferson Davis, State of Louisiana (the "District"), on March 23, 2022, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a special election will be held within the District on **TUESDAY**, **NOVEMBER 8, 2022**, and that at the said election there will be submitted to all registered voters in the District qualified and entitled to vote at the said election under the Constitution and Laws of the State of Louisiana and the Constitution of the United States, the following proposition, to-wit:

#### PROPOSITION (MILLAGE RENEWAL)

Shall Road District No. Twelve (12) of Wards Six (6), Seven (7) and Eight (8) of the Parish of Jefferson Davis, State of Louisiana, except the Town of Welsh (the "District"), be authorized to continue to levy a ten and ninety-four hundredths (10.94) mills on all property subject to taxation within the District (an estimated \$771,600 reasonably 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 2023 and ending with the year 2032, for the purpose of improving and maintaining Parish roads within the District, title to which shall be in the public?

The said special election will be held at the polling places for the following precincts which polls will open at six o'clock (6:00) a.m. and close at eight o'clock (8:00) p.m., in accordance with the provisions of La. R.S. 18:541, to wit:

PRECINCTS 14(PART) 19(PART) 20 21(PART) 21A 23 23A 23B 23c(part)

The polling places at the precincts set forth above are hereby designated as the polling places at which to hold the said election, and the Commissioners-in-Charge and Commissioners, respectively, shall be those persons designated according to law.

The estimated cost of this election as determined by the Secretary of State based upon the provisions of Chapter 8-A of Title 18 and actual costs of similar elections is \$4,700.

Notice is further given that a portion of the monies collected from the tax described in the Proposition shall be remitted to certain state and statewide retirement systems in the manner required by law.

The said special election will be held in accordance with the applicable provisions of Chapter 5 and Chapter 6-A of Title 18 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, and other constitutional and statutory authority, and the officers appointed to hold the said election, as provided in this Notice of Special Election, or such substitutes therefor as may be selected and designated in accordance with La. R.S. 18:1287, will make due returns thereof to said Governing Authority, and NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that the Governing Authority will meet at its regular meeting place, the Police Jury Meeting Room of the Sidney Briscoe Building, 304 N. State Street, Jennings, Louisiana, on **WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2022**, at **FIVE O'CLOCK** (5:00) P.M., and shall then and there in open and public session proceed to examine and canvass the returns and declare the result of the said special election. All registered voters of the District are entitled to vote at said special election and voting machines will be used.

THUS DONE AND SIGNED at Jennings, Louisiana, on this, the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of March, 2022.

ATTEST:

/s/ J. Steven Eastman President

/s/ Rebecca S. Gary Secretary Treasurer

## PROCLAMATION

I, the undersigned President of the Police Jury of the Parish of Jefferson Davis, State of Louisiana, the governing authority of Road District No. Twelve (12) of Wards Six (6), Seven (7) and Eight (8) of the Parish of Jefferson Davis, State of Louisiana (the "District"), do hereby declare, proclaim and announce that the proposition submitted at the special election held in the District on Tuesday, November 8, 2022, was CARRIED by a majority of the votes cast at the said special election, all as described and set out in the above *Procès Verbal*.

THUS DONE AND SIGNED at Jennings, Louisiana, on this, the 14<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2022.

/s/ J. Steven Eastman President

The motion was made by Mr. Guillory, seconded by Mr. Woods, and carried, to enter into Executive Session.

Mr. Woods made the motion, seconded by Mr. Peterson, and carried, to return to Regular Session.

It was moved by Mr. Marceaux, seconded by Mr. Woods, and carried, to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with Broadmore Gravity Drainage District concerning legal issues. Committee Reports

Mr. Guillory reported an Ordinance Committee meeting held on December 7, 2022, whereas the Committee recommends adopting the Proposed Solar Ordinance with proposed changes as discussed.

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

## **ORDINANCE NO. 2403**

An Ordinance Amending Chapter 12 1/2 – MINERALS AND NATURAL RESOURCES

WHEREAS, the Jefferson Davis Parish Police Jury is empowered to adopt amendments and revisions of its ordinances by Louisiana Revised Statutes.

WHEREAS, the Jefferson Davis Parish Police Jury is desirous of exercising said power; now therefore

BE IT ORDAINED by the Jefferson Davis Parish Police Jury, and it is hereby ordained by the same:

## Chapter 12 1/2 - MINERAL AND NATURAL RESOURCES, is hereby amended to

read as follows:

# ARTICLE VI SOLAR ENERGY

#### Sec. 12 1/2-66- Renewable energy power plants (solar energy).

- a) *Purpose*. The purpose of this section is to establish minimum requirements and regulations for the placement, construction and modification of solar power plants, as defined herein, while promoting the safe, effective and efficient use of such energy systems.
- b) *Definitions*. The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this section, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this subsection, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:
  - 1) *Abandonment*. If any solar power plant falls into a state of disrepair for a oneyear period, such solar power plant shall be deemed abandoned. Should the cause of the disrepair be due to any natural disaster, or other force majeure, the owner/operator shall request an extension beyond the one-year date and submit a plan of repair to the Police Jury.
  - 2) Accessory solar energy systems includes any photovoltaic, concentrated solar thermal, or solar hot water devices that are accessory to and incorporated into the development of an authorized use of the property, and which are designed for the purpose of reducing or meeting on-site energy needs.
  - 3) Concentrating solar thermal devices or concentrated solar thermal power (CST) means systems that use lenses or mirrors, and often tracking systems, to focus or reflect a large area of sunlight into a small area. The concentrated energy is absorbed by a transfer fluid or gas and used as a heat source for either a conventional power plant, such as a steam power plant, or a power conversion unit, such as a sterling engine. Although several concentrating solar thermal technologies exist, the most developed types are the solar trough, parabolic dish and solar power tower.

- 4) *Photovoltaics (PV)* means a technology that converts light directly into electricity.
- 5) *Solar power plant,* except as expressly limited below, means any use of land where a series of one or more solar energy systems are placed in an area on a parcel of land for the purpose of converting sunlight into electricity, photovoltaics (PV), for the primary purpose of wholesale or retail sales of generated electricity.
- c) Nothing in this Section shall, in any way, replace, excuse, obviate, or preclude the application or enforcement of other applicable and/or required local, state, or federal permits, licenses, costs/taxes/fees, applications, approvals, certificates, or other rules and regulations, including, but not limited to, those found in the Jefferson Davis Parish Code of Ordinances.
- d) General regulations.
  - 1) All solar power plants must comply with the minimum regulations and design standards set forth in this section.
  - 2) Local, state and federal permits. A solar power plant must be required to obtain all necessary permits from the state department of environmental quality, including the state division of air quality and the state division of water quality; the state department of natural resources; and any applicable permits required by the Police Jury, and applicable federal permits.
  - 3) This section shall be supplemental to and shall not abridge any other applicable local, state, or federal rules, regulations, or laws, including without limitation any more restrictive provision set forth in this chapter. Should any state or federal legislation go into effect, the owner/developer must comply with any such rules which may apply.
  - 4) A valid conceptual plan, building permit, electrical permit and ongoing compliance to this section is mandatory for all solar power plants.
- e) Design Standards.
  - 1) *Minimum Site Size*. No solar power plant will be erected on any site less than ten acres in size.
  - 2) Agreements/Easements. If the land on which the project is proposed is to be leased, rather than owned, by the solar energy development company, all property within the project boundary must be included in a recorded easement(s), lease(s), or consent agreement(s) specifying the applicable uses for the duration of the project. All necessary leases, easements, or other agreements between the solar development company and the affected parties must be in place prior to commencing construction, unless specified otherwise by the conditional use permit. A copy of any signed lease memorandum must be submitted with the application and filed with the Jefferson Davis Parish Clerk of Court.
  - 3) *Maximum Height*. The height of solar panels shall be measured from the highest natural grade below each solar panel to the top of that panel. Panel height will not exceed fifteen feet. Poles and wires reasonably necessary to connect to public electric utilities shall not be subject to this requirement.
  - 4) *Setbacks and Screening.* Solar power plant must be set back from all project boundary lines which make up the site perimeter with at least a fifty-foot vegetative buffer. In addition, solar power plant structures must be located at least five hundred feet from all existing occupied residences, places of worship or occupied structures. Additional setbacks may be required to mitigate noise, or to provide for designated road or utility corridors, as identified through the review process.

- 5) *Safety/Access*. Fencing and gates are required around the perimeter of all Solar Power Plants. Nothing contained herein shall be construed to block reasonable access to any Solar Power Plant including required vegetative buffer.
  - i) A security fence of at least six feet must be placed around the perimeter.
  - ii) Lock boxes and keys must be provided at locked entrances for emergency personnel access.
  - iii) A 12-foot access easement inside the fence is required for emergency access. The plan for this access must be included in the application process.
  - iv) Appropriate warning signage must be placed at the entrance and perimeter of the solar power plant project every 200 feet.
- 6) *Noise*. No operating solar power plant shall produce noise that exceeds sixty dBA, as measured at the property lines of the project boundary, unless the owner of the affected property and the planning commission agree to a higher noise level. Adequate setbacks must be provided to comply with these limitations.
- 7) *Visual Appearance*. Lighting of the solar power plant and accessory structures must be limited to the minimum necessary. Lights must be shielded and downcast.
- 8) *Fire Protection*. All solar power plants must have a defensible space for fire protection in accordance with State of Louisiana and the Parish Fire Code.
- 9) Electrical interconnections and distribution components must comply with all applicable codes and public utility requirements.
- 10) Power inverters and other sound producing equipment must be no less than three hundred feet from any dwelling unit at the time of construction.
- 11) The individual panels must be arranged in a fashion that allows the passage of runoff between each module, thereby minimizing the creation of concentrated runoff, and allows for the growth of vegetation beneath the panels.
- 12) Power inverters and other sound producing equipment must be no less than three hundred feet from any dwelling unit at the time of construction.
- 13) A vegetative maintenance plan is required for general upkeep of the premises. Adherence to the plan will be subject to periodic inspections by the Parish.
- 14) Vegetated areas will not be subject to chemical fertilization or herbicide/pesticides application, except for those applications necessary to establish the vegetative cover and in accordance with the approved vegetative maintenance plan.
- 15) None of the ground on the site of a Solar Power Plant shall be kept bare, without vegetation.
- 16) Solar Power Plants must be constructed with one of the two following screening options:
  - i) Natural Screening: composed of healthy plants which possess growth characteristics of such a nature as to produce a dense, compact visual screen not less than six feet in height. Natural buffers may contain deciduous or perennial vegetation but shall contain existing or planted evergreen shrubs and trees suitable to local growing conditions that will provide an opaque visual screen during all seasons of the year.
  - ii) Structural Screening: Walls or fencing solid in appearance, at least seven feet in height. Fencing may be wood stockade or chain link with slats a color similar to hunter green or forest green.
- f) *Process.* First, a conceptual plan must be submitted to be reviewed by the Parish Engineer and approved or disapproved by the Police Jury. Second, if the conceptual plan is approved by the Police Jury, then a permit application must be submitted to

be reviewed by the Parish Engineer, and then approved or disapproved by the Police Jury.

- 1) *Conceptual plan requirements*. All conceptual plans for solar power production must include all the following:
  - i) An application fee of \$750.00.
  - ii) Name of the project, names and addresses of the business owners, names of the property owners and the engineers and surveyors.
  - iii) If the site is leased, a lease memorandum executed by all parties to the lease.
  - iv) Date, scale and accurate north arrow of the site plan showing all property to be included in the project.
  - v) Boundaries and actual dimensions and shape of parcel, including total acreage, with bearings and distances.
  - vi) Site plan showing streets, circulations, driveways, service buildings, easements, arrangement and number of solar panels, and streets; also fencing, gates and vegetative buffer.
  - vii) Horizontal and vertical (elevation) to scale drawing with dimensions that show the location of the solar panels and system on the property.
  - viii) Vicinity map showing the location and surrounding land use.
  - ix) Names and addresses of adjoining property owners.
  - x) Elevation certificate for structures proposed in a regulatory flood zone and preliminary drainage plan.
  - xi) Land contours.
  - xii) Plan illustrating the intended layout and green space.
  - xiii) Traffic plan during construction phase.
  - xiv) General estimate of annual taxes.
  - xv) Any parcels that are part of the project that is interrupted by a road or other parcels not part of the project must be identified on the site plan labeled as individual areas.
- 2) *Permit Application*. Following the provisions of the Jefferson Davis Code, additional or more thorough consideration shall be given to the following as the Police Jury determines whether the project needs to be approved, denied, or conditionally approved.
  - i) A permit fee of \$60.00 per acre, with a minimum of \$8,500.00.
  - ii) Solar panel materials must be listed and labeled by a nationally recognized testing agency. Documentation of compliance must be provided with the seal and signature of a licensed design professional in the state.
  - iii) All plans must be certified by licensed state engineer.
  - iv) The permit and its application shall expire three years from the date of issuance, unless construction has commenced.
  - v) A permit application is required for each identified area (a, b, c) submitted as part of a project.
- 3) Permit Application Requirements:
  - i) Project rationale, including estimated construction schedule, project life, phasing, and likely buyers or markets for the generated energy.

- ii) Siting considerations, such as avoiding areas with a high potential for conflict with biology/wildlife, county and state parks, or special management areas; avoiding visual corridors that are prominent scenic areas; avoiding erodible slopes and soils, where concerns for water quality, severe erosion, or high storm runoff potential have been identified.
- iii) Site and development plans, which identify existing and proposed structures; setbacks; access routes; proposed road improvements; any existing inhabitable structures within one-quarter mile; existing utilities, pipelines, and transmission lines; proposed utility lines; utility and maintenance structures; existing topographic contours; existing and proposed drainageways; proposed grading; revegetation areas and methods; dust and erosion control; and any floodplains or wetlands. All maps and visual representations must be drawn at an appropriate scale.
- iv) Detailed estimate of annual taxes.
- v) Visual impacts caused by components of the project such as above-ground electrical lines, accessory structures, access roads, utility trenches and installations, and alteration of vegetation. A photo simulation is required.
- vi) Environmental analysis, including soil erosion (water and wind), flora, and water quality and water supply in the area.
- vii) Solid waste or hazardous waste plans, including spill prevention, clean-up, and disposal of fuels, oils, and hazardous wastes, as well as collection methods for solid waste generated by the project.
- viii) FAA hazard review if within five nautical miles of a FAA-regulated airport.
- ix) A transportation plan for construction and operation phases, prior to work and during all construction until complete.
- x) Drainage plan, which must follow the latest development drainage requirements of the parish.
- xi) Stormwater pollution prevention plan (SWPPP), a site-specific written document and drawings required by the EPA and LDEQ for LPDES general permits for discharge of stormwater from construction activities (LAR100000 and LAR200000), LPDES multi-sector general permit, or any LPDES individual permit which describes and ensures the implementation of practices that are to be used to reduce the pollutants in stormwater discharges associated with construction or other industrial activity at the facility.
- xii) The intended route for connecting to the power grid and the alternative locations of any substation must be disclosed with the application for the solar power plant.
- xiii) Decommissioning plan, describing the decommissioning and final land reclamation plan to be followed after the anticipated useful life, or abandonment, or termination of the project, including evidence of proposed commitments with affected parties (parish, any lessor or property owner, etc.) that ensure proper final reclamation of the solar energy project. Among other things, revegetation and road repair activities should be addressed in the plan.
- xiv) Other state and federal permits.
- xv) Substantial modifications to any previous Police Jury approved site plan
- 4) *As-built plans*. Upon completion of site construction, a certified as-built plan by an engineer must be submitted to the Parish Engineer and/or drainage district engineer for approval. The as-built plan shall receive approval prior to final

inspection and prior to issuance of any letter of completion and/or the notice to proceed to any utility provider. Once approved, it must be filed with the clerk of court.

- g) *Decommissioning, abandonment, hazard abatement.* The plan must be approved by the Parish Engineer, and shall include the following terms and be subject to the following conditions:
  - 1) A signed and notarized decommissioning plan must be submitted to the Police Jury. It must be in a form suitable to be recorded with the clerk of court, and include a signed statement from the party responsible for completing the decommissioning plan acknowledging such responsibility.
  - 2) Abandonment. If any solar power plant falls into a state of disrepair for a oneyear period, such solar power plant shall be deemed abandoned.
    - i) Should the cause of the disrepair be due to any natural disaster, or other force majeure, the owner/operator shall request an extension beyond the one-year date and submit a plan of repair to the Police Jury, for approval at the Police Jury's discretion.
  - 3) Bond. A five-year bond in the amount of the anticipated decommissioning cost, the amount of which shall be approved by the Parish Engineer.
    - i) The cost of decommissioning must be reevaluated every five years and a new bond must be posted to reflect the anticipated cost. Every quarter, a certified letter must be submitted to the Police Jury showing a record of all premiums paid.
    - ii) The first year of the bond's premiums must be paid upon commencement of the project, with monthly payments (which will each be a year in advance) to recur thereafter.
    - iii) Any failure to pay a month's premium a year in advance of when due shall be a premium payment default, for which the Police Jury may revoke the solar power plant's permit.
    - iv) The Police Jury shall be additionally named as beneficiary of the bond, and shall have the right therein to call the bond pursuant to the terms and conditions of the decommissioning plan.
  - 4) Removal. Complete removal of all non-utility-owned equipment conduits, structures, fencing, roads and foundations; and restoration of property to a condition prior to development of the solar power plant, unless the landowner requests in writing that the access roads or other land surface areas not be restored.
  - 5) Remediation. The decommissioning plan must provide for the remediation of any environmental hazards remaining on the site, as determined by the EPA, state DEQ, or the Police Jury.
  - 6) Timeframe. The timeframe for completion of removal and decommissioning activities must begin within 60 days of termination of site use, abandonment, or revocation of permit and be completed within 12 months unless otherwise extended by the Police Jury within its sole discretion for good cause shown.
  - 7) Reservation of Rights. The Police Jury may establish additional decommissioning plan requirements and conditions, from time to time, at its discretion.
  - 8) Sale and Lease Requirements. If the Solar Power Plant, the contract, lease, property, or any other interest in the Solar Power Plant, is going to be sold or leased, the new owners must follow the above steps required for the decommissioning plan. The Police Jury must be provided written notice thirty (30) days prior to the sale or lease.
  - 9) Remedies. Upon any failure to initiate or complete any decommission plan, the Police Jury or its authorized representative may take any action as authorized by

law, including but limited to calling the bond, revoking any previously issued permits, or initiating any civil action or criminal action as described below.

- h) *Inspections*. The Parish Engineer is authorized and shall be permitted to inspect, at any time and during any phase, the site of the Solar Power Plant, and any buildings, structures, or other equipment on the site, to ensure compliance and identify violations of this Section. The Parish Engineer shall follow all reasonable safety requirements of the facility.
- i) Violations.
  - 1) Upon finding of any inappropriate or illegal activities on the part of any person which would violate the provisions of this ordinance, the Police Jury or its authorized representative shall notify in writing the person(s) responsible for such actions indicating the following:
    - i) The nature of the violations.
    - ii) The actions necessary to correct the violations.
    - iii) The date by which corrective actions should be taken and completed.
    - iv) Action(s) which will take place if such corrective action is not taken.
    - v) When such corrective action has not been taken or is deemed inadequate based upon the conditions listed in this section, previously issued permits may be revoked by the Police Jury and/or an order for the discontinuance of the use or occupation of any land, building or structure or any illegal additions, alterations or structural changes thereto may be issued.
    - vi) Additionally, any other action authorized by this ordinance may be taken by the Police Jury to ensure compliance with or to prevent violation of any provision.
  - 2) Any person violating any provision of this section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be punished for each offense not more than \$500.00 or imprisonment not to exceed 30 days. Each day such violation continues shall be deemed to be a separate offense.
- j) THUS DONE AND PASSED BY THE POLICE JURY ON JEFFERSON DAVIS PARISH, LOUISIANA, on this 14th day of December, 2022.

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

/s/ J. Steven Eastman PRESIDENT

ATTEST:

/s/ Rebecca S. Gary SECRETARY

December 28, 2022
DATE APPROVED