

Jennings, Louisiana  
January 11, 2023

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. Peterson led the Jury in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Eastman turned the meeting over to Legal Counsel Lance Person. Mr. Person opened the floor for nominations for the office of President. Mr. LaFargue made a motion to nominate Steve Eastman, which was seconded by Mr. Guillory. The motion was made by Mr. Guillory, seconded by Mr. Buller, and carried, to close the nominations for President. Mr. Person declared Steve Eastman as President. Upon being seated, President Eastman expressed his appreciation.

President Eastman called for nominations for the office of Vice-President. It was moved by Mr. Buller to nominate Curt Guillory as Vice-President. The motion was seconded by Mr. LaFargue. Mr. Peterson moved to close the nominations. Ms. Myers seconded the motion, and the motion carried. Mr. Guillory was declared as Vice-President.

The floor was opened for nominations for Unit Maintenance Committee Division One representative. The motion was made by Mr. Buller to nominate Mr. Woods as representative of Division One. The motion was seconded by Mr. Guillory. It was moved by Mr. Peterson, seconded by Ms. Myers, and carried, to close the nominations. Therefore, Mr. Woods was declared as representative for Division One.

Mr. Guillory nominated Mr. Buller as Unit Maintenance Committee representative for Division Two. The motion was seconded by Ms. Myers. Mr. LaFargue 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. Cormier and seconded by Mr. LaFargue, to nominate Mr. Talbot as Unit Maintenance Committee Division Three representative. Mr. Peterson moved to close nominations, Mr. Fruge seconded the motion and the motion carried. Therefore, Mr. Talbot was declared as Division Three representative.

The motion was made by Mr. Woods and seconded by Mr. Fruge, and carried, to appoint Rebecca Gary as Secretary Treasurer for a two-year term. Mr. Fruge moved to close the nominations, Mr. Peterson seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Mr. McKnight made the motion, seconded by Mr. Adams, 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 11, 2023, 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 11<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2023, 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.

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

**RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Ruffin C. Guillory, Police Juror for District 9, has been duly elected as Vice-President of the Jefferson Davis Parish Police Jury, effective on January 11, 2023, and,

**WHEREAS**, the Vice-President of the Jefferson Davis Parish Police Jury shall have full authority and power to sign all Police Jury checks and documents on behalf of the Police Jury, and,

**WHEREAS**, this grant of authority is intended to confer the signing authority upon Ruffin C. Guillory, in order to maintain the Police Jury's ability to operate without interruption.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Jefferson Davis Parish Police Jury, acting in Regular Session on this 11<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2023, to bestow on Mr. Ruffin C. Guillory, Vice-President of the Jefferson Davis Parish Police, the signing privileges for all checks and documents as required and related to the office of Vice-President of the Jefferson Davis Parish Police Jury.

It was moved by Mr. LaFargue, seconded by Mr. Buller, and carried, to continue the current meeting schedule as follows: 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the month at 5:00 P.M. would remain an Agenda meeting, 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month at 5:00 P.M. would remain a Regular meeting, change the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays of the month at 5:00 P.M. to Committee meetings and Special meetings as necessary, 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.

Mr. Guillory reported the Finance Committee meeting was held on Monday, January 9, 2023 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. Buller, and carried, to pay the following bills, to wit:

• GENERAL FUND	\$ 17,462.16
• COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SERVICE	860.72
• E911 & 911 WIRELESS	21,618.76
• CRIMINAL COURT	61,427.05
• COURTHOUSE MAINTENANCE	8,593.79
• SPECIAL REVENUE	1,161.56
• SUB ROAD DISTRICT #1	50,214.89
• SPECIAL WARD, ROAD & BRIDGE	126,991.75
• ROAD SALES TAX DIST 1 TAX	41,662.04
• REGIONAL CONSOLIDATED JAIL	117,972.55
• FIRE DISTRICT #1	0.00
• FIRE DISTRICT #2	1,421.86
• FIRE DISTRICT #3	11,617.71
• FIRE DISTRICT #4	267.04
• FIRE DISTRICT #5	8,483.17
• FIRE DISTRICT #6	4,853.61

It was moved by Mr. Cormier, seconded by Mr. Peterson, and carried, to approve a quote from Coastal Culvert in connection with the 2022 Road Improvement project culvert replacements in the amount of \$4,216.80.

The motion was made by Mr. LaFargue, seconded by Mr. Peterson, and carried, to approve a quote from Kedco in connection with the 2022 Road Improvement project culvert replacements in the amount of \$32,543.99.

It was moved by Mr. Peterson, seconded by Mr. Adams, and carried, to approve the minutes of the Special meeting held on December 28, 2022, as written and submitted.

Mr. LaFargue made the motion, seconded by Mr. Cormier, and carried, to approve the IRS Standard Mileage rate for 2023 in the amount of 65.5 cents per mile effective January 1, 2023.

The motion was made by Mr. Talbot, seconded by Mr. Cormier, and carried, to reappoint Randy Kotara to the Gravity Drainage District No. 6 board with a term expiring January 31, 2026.

It was moved by Mr. Guillory, seconded by Mr. Buller, and carried, to ratify the action of the Agenda Committee in appointing Allen “Bubba” Langley as Constable of Ward 2 to replace Cursey Marcantel.

The motion was made by Ms. Myers, seconded by Mr. Talbot, and carried to authorize moving the Regular Meeting from Wednesday, March 8, 2023, to Tuesday, March 7, 2023, due to the Police Jury Association annual convention being held on March 8 through March 10, 2023.

It was moved by Mr. LaFargue, seconded by Mr. Cormier, and carried, to accept the quote in the amount of \$49,938.00 received from Louisiana Equipment Services to change out culverts in connection with the 2022 Road Improvement project culvert replacements.

Mr. Buller made the motion, seconded by Mr. Guillory, and carried, to approve a request from Andrew Snell with Dome de Sel LLC to open cut on CC Road to install a salt-water line in connection with his oil lease.

The motion was made by Mr. Adams, seconded by Mr. Fruge, and carried, to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the parish municipalities in connection with supporting the Veterans' Service office and to further authorize the President to sign.

Mr. Guillory made the motion, seconded by Mr. Buller, and carried, to authorize the issuance of the 2023 Ambulance Permit to Med Express Ambulance. It was noted that Mr. McKnight recused himself from the matter.

It was moved by Mr. Fruge, seconded by Mr. Buller, and carried, to authorize the issuance of the 2023 Ambulance Permit to Acadian Ambulance. Mr. McKnight recused himself from the matter.

The motion was made by Mr. Talbot, seconded by Ms. Myers, and carried, to authorize Meyer & Associates to advertise for the Agreeta Mill Storage Facility.

Mr. LaFargue made the motion, seconded by Mr. McKnight, and carried, to rescind the reappointment of Clyde Newmiller from the Airport Commission board to comply with the Revised Statutes.

The motion was made by Mr. Cormier, seconded by Mr. Talbot, and carried, to accept the recommendation of the Parish Road Supervisor in connection with results of rebidding limestone for semi-annual supplies.

It was moved by Mr. Guillory, seconded by Mr. Woods, and carried, to ratify the action of the Agenda Committee in accepting the quote for two heater blocks for the generators at the Regional Jail Facility at a cost of \$2,629.32 each.

Mr. Guillory made the motion, seconded by Mr. Fruge, and carried, to ratify the action of the Agenda Committee in approving 700 Tons of gravel for various roads for Division Two.

The motion was made by Mr. Buller, seconded by Mr. LaFargue, and carried, to ratify the action of the Agenda Committee in approving 1,885 Tons of gravel for various roads for Division Two-One.

It was moved by Mr. Talbot, seconded by Mr. Cormier, and carried, to approve the purchase of one 15" x 30' pipe for Jeff Davis Road at a cost of \$1,000.50 to be paid with Division Three funds.

Committee Reports

None

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.

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PRESIDENT

ATTEST:

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SECRETARY

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January 25, 2023  
DATE APPROVED