

Jennings, Louisiana  
May 24, 2023

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:

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
	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.

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

Mr. Peterson made the motion, seconded by Mr. Adams, and carried, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on May 10, 2023, as written and submitted.

It was moved by Mr. Guillory, seconded by Mr. Cormier, and carried, to authorize the President to sign the Audit Engagement Letter and Statewide Agreed-Upon Procedures with Langley, Williams & Company, LLC., for the FY2022 Audit.

The motion was made by Mr. Marceaux, seconded by Mr. Fruge, and carried, to appoint Katelyn Little as City of Jennings representative to the Jeff Davis Tourist Commission board with a term expiring 09/30/2026.

Mr. Buller made the motion, seconded by Mr. LaFargue, and carried, to approve payment of Invoice #3734 in the amount of \$44,868.20 to L & R Construction for the 2022 Bridge Repairs Group 3 as recommended by Bluewing Civil Consulting.

The motion was made by Mr. Guillory, seconded by Mr. Buller, and carried, to accept a quote from L & R Construction in the amount of \$4,570.00 for repairs to St. Mary Street Bridge in Elton.

It was moved by Mr. Marceaux, seconded by Mr. Peterson, and carried, to approve the Industrial Tax Exemption Application for LA Spirits. Ms. Myers, Mr. Buller, and Mr. LaFargue voted against the matter.

Mr. Peterson made the motion, seconded by Mr. Talbot, and carried, to go into Executive Session.

The motion was made by Mr. Talbot, seconded by Mr. Adams, and carried, to return to Special Session.

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

### **RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) “is updating the National Flood Insurance Program’s (NFIP) risk rating methodology through the implementation of a new pricing methodology,” titled “Risk Rating 2.0: Equity in Action”<sup>1</sup>;

**WHEREAS**, FEMA states that Risk Rating 2.0’s “methodology leverages industry best practices and cutting-edge technology to enable FEMA to deliver rates that are actuarially sound, equitable, easier to understand and better reflect a property’s flood risk”<sup>2</sup>;

**WHEREAS**, the Association of Levee Boards of Louisiana, members of both the Louisiana legislature and the federal legislature, members of state government, numerous Parish Presidents and their Councils, and many other entities in Louisiana and around the nation have grave concerns about the soundness of Risk Rating 2.0’s underlying methodology, its failure to properly take into account any of the numerous improvements Louisiana’s Levee Boards have made to the flood protection systems, and its catastrophic effect on Louisiana’s flood insurance rates and the ability of Louisiana’s homeowners to purchase flood insurance;

**WHEREAS**, many of those entities have repeatedly raised their concerns to FEMA, have asked FEMA for documentation showing FEMA’s underlying methodology, and have been passed from one federal office to the next without receiving any meaningful answers to their questions or documents showing FEMA’s underlying methodology;

**WHEREAS**, FEMA has denied and continues to deny the efforts of those who are trying to protect their interests, the interests of their members, the interests of many Louisiana industries, and the interests of Louisiana citizens, making what is supposed to be “Equity in Action” an inequitable program across the entire State of Louisiana;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Jefferson Davis Parish Police Jury joins the Attorney General of Louisiana in litigation against FEMA to challenge Risk Rating 2.0.

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.fema.gov/flood-insurance/risk-rating>.

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.fema.gov/flood-insurance/risk-rating>.

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. Fruge, Mr. Guillory, Mr. Buller, Mr. LaFargue, Mr. Cormier, Mr. Talbot  
NAYS: None  
ABSENT: Mr. McKnight

And the Resolution was declared effective this 24<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2023.

The motion was made by Mr. Marceaux, seconded by Mr. Guillory, and carried, to sponsor the Louisiana Watershed Initiative application Round 2 for Bluewing Civil Consulting at no cost to the Parish.

Committee Reports:

The Finance Committee met on Wednesday, May 10, 2023. The Committee reviewed the wish list for ARPA projects and made the recommendation to prioritize as discussed and to further send the list to DCMC.

Mr. Marceaux made the motion, seconded by Mr. Peterson, and carried, to accept the Committee's recommendation.

It was moved by Mr. Marceaux, seconded by Ms. Myers, and carried, to accept the Finance Committee's recommendation to place the Regional Jail Sales Tax renewal on the November, 2023 ballot.

Lastly, the Finance Committee recommends transferring necessary funds from Special Revenue to General Fund to cover Property Insurance renewal costs until reimbursed by other entities.

The motion was made by Mr. Marceaux, seconded by Mr. Woods, and carried, to accept the recommendation of the Committee.

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

/s/ J. Steven Eastman  
PRESIDENT

ATTEST:

/s/ Rebecca S. Gary  
SECRETARY

June 14, 2023  
DATE APPROVED