

Jennings, Louisiana  
June 21, 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		District 8
JOHN MARCEAUX	District 2	CURT GUILLORY	District 9
MARCUS PETERSON	District 3	BYRON BULLER	District 10
	District 4	BUTCH LAFARGUE	District 11
TIM MCKNIGHT	District 5	OWEN CORMIER	District 12
	District 6	CHAD TALBOT	District 13
STEVE EASTMAN	District 7		

LANCE PERSON, Legal Counsel

Absent: KORI MYERS, District 4; MELVIN ADAMS, District 6; WAYNE FRUGE, District 8.

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

Mr. Peterson made the motion, seconded by Mr. LaFargue, and carried, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on June 14, 2023, as written and submitted.

It was moved by Mr. Cormier, seconded by Mr. LaFargue, and carried, to authorize the President to sign the Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire with Langley, Williams & Company, LLC., for the FY2022 Audit.

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

#### **RESOLUTION**

A resolution approving the holding of an election in Grand Marais Gravity Drainage District, Jefferson Davis Parish, Louisiana, on Saturday, October 14, 2023, to authorize the renewal of a special tax therein.

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Grand Marais Gravity Drainage District, Jefferson Davis Parish, Louisiana (the "Governing Authority"), acting as the governing authority of Grand Marais Gravity Drainage District, Jefferson Davis Parish, Louisiana (the "District"), adopted a resolution on June 20, 2023, calling a special election in the District on Saturday, October 14, 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 Grand Marais Gravity Drainage District, Jefferson Davis Parish, Louisiana, this Police Jury hereby approves the holding of an election in the District, on Saturday, October 14, 2023, at which election there will be submitted the following proposition, to-wit:

**PROPOSITION  
(MILLAGE RENEWAL)**

Shall Grand Marais Gravity Drainage District, Jefferson Davis Parish, Louisiana (the "District"), be authorized to continue to levy a 6.70 mills tax on all the property subject to taxation in the District (an estimated \$173,800 expected at this time to be collected from the levy of the tax for an entire year), for a period of 10 years, beginning with the year 2024 and ending with the year 2033, for the purpose of constructing, improving, maintaining and operating gravity drainage works within and for the District?

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. Marceaux, Mr. Peterson, Mr. McKnight, Mr. Guillory, Mr. Buller, Mr. LaFargue, Mr. Cormier, Mr. Talbot

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Ms. Myers, Mr. Adams, Mr. Fruge

And the resolution was declared adopted on this, the 21<sup>st</sup> day of June, 2023.

/s/ Rebecca S. Gary  
Secretary-Treasurer

/s/ J. Steven Eastman  
President

Mr. Buller 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. 5 of the Parish of Jefferson Davis, State of Louisiana, on Saturday, October 14, 2023, to authorize the renewal of a special tax therein.

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Fire Protection District No. 5 of the Parish of Jefferson Davis, State of Louisiana (the "Governing Authority"), acting as the governing authority of Fire Protection District No. 5 of the Parish of Jefferson Davis, State of Louisiana (the "District"), plans to adopt a resolution on June 26, 2023, calling a special election in the District on Saturday, October 14, 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. 5 of the Parish of Jefferson Davis, State of Louisiana, this Police Jury hereby approves the holding of an election in the District, on Saturday, October 14, 2023, at which election there will be submitted the following proposition, to-wit:

**PROPOSITION  
(MILLAGE RENEWAL)**

Shall Fire Protection District No. 5 of the Parish of Jefferson Davis, State of Louisiana (the "District"), be authorized to continue to levy a special tax of 10 mills on all the property subject to taxation within the District (an estimated \$302,200 expected at this time to be collected from the levy of the tax for an entire year), for a period of 10 years, beginning with the year 2024 and ending with the year 2033, for the purpose of acquiring, constructing, improving, maintaining and operating fire protection facilities and equipment 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. Marceaux, Mr. Peterson, Mr. McKnight, Mr. Guillory, Mr. Buller, Mr. LaFargue, Mr. Cormier, Mr. Talbot

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Ms. Myers, Mr. Adams, Mr. Fruge

And the resolution was declared adopted on this, the 21<sup>st</sup> day of June, 2023.

/s/ Rebecca S. Gary  
Secretary-Treasurer

/s/ J. Steven Eastman  
President

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

**RESOLUTION**

A resolution approving the holding of an election in Fire Protection District No. 4 of the Parish of Jefferson Davis, State of Louisiana, on Saturday, October 14, 2023, to authorize the renewal of a special tax therein.

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Fire Protection District No. 4 of the Parish of Jefferson Davis, State of Louisiana (the "Governing Authority"), acting as the governing authority of Fire Protection District No. 4 of the Parish of Jefferson Davis, State of Louisiana (the "District"), adopted a resolution on June 5, 2023, calling a special election in the District on Saturday, October 14, 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. 4 of the Parish of Jefferson Davis, State of Louisiana, this Police Jury hereby approves the holding of an election in the District, on Saturday, October 14, 2023, at which election there will be submitted the following proposition, to-wit:

**PROPOSITION  
(MILLAGE RENEWAL)**

Shall Fire Protection District No. 4 of the Parish of Jefferson Davis, State of Louisiana (the "District"), be authorized to continue to levy a special tax of 5 mills on all the property subject to taxation in the District (an estimated \$185,800 expected at this time to be collected from the levy of the tax for an entire year), for a period of 10 years, beginning with the year 2024 and ending with the year 2033, for the purpose of constructing and improving fire protection facilities and acquiring fire trucks and other equipment in the District?

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. Marceaux, Mr. Peterson, Mr. McKnight, Mr. Guillory, Mr. Buller, Mr. LaFargue, Mr. Cormier, Mr. Talbot

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Ms. Myers, Mr. Adams, Mr. Fruge

And the resolution was declared adopted on this, the 21<sup>st</sup> day of June, 2023.

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/s/ Rebecca S. Gary  
Secretary-Treasurer

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/s/ J. Steven Eastman  
President

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

**RESOLUTION**

A resolution approving the holding of an election in Fire Protection District No. 1 of the Parish of Jefferson Davis, State of Louisiana, on Saturday, October 14, 2023, to authorize the renewal of a special tax therein.

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Fire Protection District No. 1 of the Parish of Jefferson Davis, State of Louisiana (the "Governing Authority"), acting as the governing authority of Fire Protection District No. 1 of the Parish of Jefferson Davis, State of Louisiana (the "District"), adopted a resolution on June 12, 2023, calling a special election in the District on Saturday, October 14, 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. 1 of the Parish of Jefferson Davis, State of Louisiana, this Police Jury hereby approves the holding of an election in the District, on Saturday, October 14, 2023, at which election there will be submitted the following proposition, to-wit:

PROPOSITION  
(MILLAGE RENEWAL)

Shall Fire Protection District No. 1 of the Parish of Jefferson Davis, State of Louisiana (the "District"), be authorized to continue to levy a special tax of 10.49 mills on all the property subject to taxation within the District (an estimated \$54,000 expected at this time to be collected from the levy of the tax for an entire year), for a period of 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?

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. Marceaux, Mr. Peterson, Mr. McKnight, Mr. Guillory, Mr. Buller, Mr. LaFargue, Mr. Cormier, Mr. Talbot

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Ms. Myers, Mr. Adams, Mr. Fruge

And the resolution was declared adopted on this, the 21<sup>st</sup> day of June, 2023.

/s/ Rebecca S. Gary  
Secretary-Treasurer

/s/ J. Steven Eastman  
President

Mr. Guillory made the motion, seconded by Mr. Buller, and carried, to accept a quote from Acadiana Tree Service in the amount of \$2,400.00 to \$3,500.00 for the removal of dead trees along property line at the Regional Jail Facility. The exact price depends on access to adjacent property and shall be paid with Regional Jail funds.

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

Committee Reports:

Mr. Peterson reported OEP will receive \$50,000.00 through Troy Romero's office.

President Eastman reported a parish-wide Burn Ban was declared on Tuesday, June 20, 2023.

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

/s/ J. Steven Eastman  
PRESIDENT

ATTEST:

/s/ Rebecca S. Gary  
SECRETARY

July 12, 2023  
DATE APPROVED