

Jennings, Louisiana  
November 8, 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
JOHN MARCEAUX	District 2		District 9
MARCUS PETERSON	District 3	BYRON BULLER	District 10
KORI MYERS	District 4	BUTCH LAFARGUE	District 11
	District 5	OWEN CORMIER	District 12
	District 6	CHAD TALBOT	District 13
STEVE EASTMAN	District 7		

LANCE PERSON, Legal Counsel

Absent: TIM MCKNIGHT, District 5; MELVIN ADAMS, District 6; CURT GUILLORY, District 9.

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. Marceaux reported the Finance Committee meeting was held on Monday, November 6, 2023, at 7:00 A.M. All bills were reviewed and declared in order with the Committee recommending approval.

It was moved by Mr. Marceaux, seconded by Mr. Woods, and carried, to pay the following bills, to wit:

• GENERAL FUND	\$116,880.64
• COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SERVICE	1,106.59
• E911 & 911 WIRELESS	26,268.07
• CRIMINAL COURT	7,093.76
• COURTHOUSE MAINTENANCE	11,559.97
• SUB ROAD DISTRICT #1	5,690.61
• SPECIAL WARD, ROAD & BRIDGE	47,664.99
• REGIONAL CONSOLIDATED JAIL	154,460.58
• FIRE DISTRICT #1	503.53
• FIRE DISTRICT #2	0
• FIRE DISTRICT #3	4,205.31
• FIRE DISTRICT #4	98.00
• FIRE DISTRICT #5	0
• FIRE DISTRICT #6	4,386.44

It is the recommendation of the Finance Committee to request DCMC develop and send out RFQs for Disaster Debris removal services and monitoring and Marine Debris removal services and monitoring.

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

The Finance Committee recommends sending the Economic Development District (EDD) maps to the bonding attorney with existing businesses left out as exempt.

It was moved by Mr. Marceaux, seconded by Mr. LaFargue, and carried, to accept the Committee's recommendation.

Additionally, the Finance Committee recommends accepting a quote received from MIP Fund Accounting in the amount of \$5,897.62 for the annual accounting software maintenance and support to be paid out of General Fund.

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

It is the recommendation of the Finance Committee to accept a quote of \$5,635.00 from Next Plumbing to correct water heater venting issues at the Regional Jail facility to be paid with Regional Jail Funds.

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

The Finance Committee recommends authorizing the repair of the shower stall in the medical area at the Regional Jail facility to be paid with Regional Jail funds.

It was moved by Mr. Marceaux, seconded by Mr. Peterson, and carried, to accept the Committee's recommendation.

Furthermore, the Finance Committee recommends authorizing the purchase of a new ID Card Printer for the Regional Jail facility to be paid with Regional Jail funds.

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

It is the recommendation of the Finance Committee to accept the following Change Orders for the 2022 Road Improvement project: 1. Add to contract to allow adding additional soil cement and spreading to required roads at a cost of \$271.00 per ton, 2. Pave Brett Road at a cost of approximately \$26,000.00, 3. Pay ½ of the cost of paving the Abell Road extension at an approximate cost of \$3,000.00.

Mr. Marceaux made the motion to accept the Committee's recommendation, seconded by Mr. Cormier, and discussion was had. Mr. Fruge made the motion, seconded by Ms. Myers, and carried, to amend the item #2 of the motion, for the work to be negotiated with the contractor as a separate project, rather than by Change Order.

Mr. Marceaux's motion, as amended, carried.

The Finance Committee recommends accepting a quote from Doucet Builders in the amount of \$4,500.00 to make necessary repairs to the 911 Tower Equipment Shelter to be paid with 911 funds.

It was moved by Mr. Marceaux, seconded by Mr. Peterson, and carried, to accept the recommendation.

It is the recommendation of the Finance Committee to accept Change Order No. 1 for the 2022 Road Improvement Ditch Cleaning project.

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

Finally, let the records show that the Finance Committee reviewed budget-to-actual comparisons on all funds and recommends amending all funds required.

Mr. Marceaux made the motion, seconded by Mr. Fruge, and carried, to amend funds required.

Mr. Peterson made the motion, seconded by Mr. Woods, and carried, to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting held on October 25, 2023, as written and submitted.

It was moved by Mr. LaFargue, seconded by Mr. Fruge, 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. 10 of Wards One, Two and Three of Jefferson Davis Parish, Louisiana, on Saturday, October 14, 2023, to authorize the renewal of a special tax therein.

BE IT RESOLVED 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. 10 of Wards One, Two and Three of Jefferson Davis Parish, Louisiana (the "District"), that:

SECTION 1. Canvass. 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. 10 of Wards One, Two and Three of Jefferson Davis Parish, Louisiana, on SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2023 (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. 10 of Wards One, Two and Three of Jefferson Davis Parish, Louisiana, except the City of Jennings and the Town of Lake Arthur (the “District”), be authorized to continue to levy a tax of 11.33 mills on all property subject to taxation within the District (an estimated \$933,000 reasonably 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 improving and maintaining public roads within the District?

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

SECTION 2. Election Results. According to the official certified tabulation of votes cast at said Election, there was a total of **1,224** votes cast **IN FAVOR OF** Proposition and a total of **725** votes cast **AGAINST** Proposition, resulting in a majority of **499** 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. Promulgation of Election Result. 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 §18:1292 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended.

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

SECTION 5. Procès Verbal. 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 Mortgage Records of said Parish; and another copy thereof shall be retained 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. Fruge,  
Mr. Buller, Mr. LaFargue, Mr. Cormier, Mr. Talbot

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Mr. McKnight, Mr. Adams, Mr. Guillory

And the resolution was declared adopted on this, the 8<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2023.

/s/ Rebecca S. Gary  
Secretary Treasurer

/s/ J. Steven Eastman  
President

PROCÈS VERBAL OF THE CANVASS OF THE VOTES CAST AT THE SPECIAL ELECTION HELD IN ROAD DISTRICT NO. 10 OF WARDS ONE, TWO AND THREE OF JEFFERSON DAVIS PARISH, LOUISIANA, ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2023.

BE IT KNOWN AND REMEMBERED that on Wednesday, November 8, 2023, 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. 10 of Wards One, Two and Three of Jefferson Davis Parish, Louisiana, State of Louisiana (the "District"), and being the authority ordering the special election held therein on Saturday, October 14, 2023, with a quorum of the Governing Authority present and 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. 10 of Wards One, Two and Three of Jefferson Davis Parish, Louisiana, except the City of Jennings and the Town of Lake Arthur (the "District"), be authorized to continue to levy a tax of 11.33 mills on all property subject to taxation within the District (an estimated \$933,000 reasonably 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 improving and maintaining public roads within the District?

There was found by said count and canvass that there was a total of **1,224** votes cast **IN FAVOR OF** Proposition and a total of **725** votes cast **AGAINST** Proposition, as hereinabove set forth, and it was further found and determined that there was a majority of **499** 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 Saturday, October 14, 2023.

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 8<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2023.

/s/ J. Steven Eastman

President

ATTEST:

/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. 10 of Wards One, Two and Three of Jefferson Davis Parish, Louisiana (the "District"), on June 14, 2023, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a special election will be held within the District on **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2023**, 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. 10 of Wards One, Two and Three of Jefferson Davis Parish, Louisiana, except the City of Jennings and the Town of Lake Arthur (the "District"), be authorized to continue to levy a tax of 11.33 mills on all property subject to taxation within the District (an estimated \$933,000 reasonably 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 improving and maintaining public roads within the District?

The said special election will be held at the polling places for the following precincts which polls will open at seven o'clock (7:00) 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**

01(PART)  
02(PART)  
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05(PART)  
06(PART)  
07(PART)  
09B(PART)  
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10A  
12(PART)  
19(PART)  
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 \$2,300.

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, NOVEMBER 8, 2023**, 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.

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SPECIAL ELECTION

## Affidavit of Publication

STATE OF LA }  
COUNTY OF JEFFERSON } SS  
DAVIS }

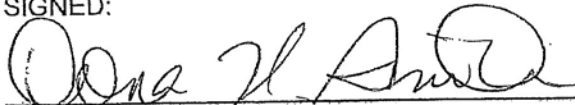
Dona H. Smith, being duly sworn, says:

That she is Publisher of the Jennings Daily News, a daily newspaper of general circulation, printed and published in Jennings, Jefferson Davis County, LA; that the publication, a copy of which is attached hereto, was published in the said newspaper on the following dates:

August 02, 2023, August 09, 2023, August 16, 2023,  
August 23, 2023

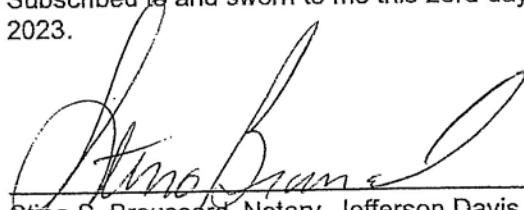
That said newspaper was regularly issued and circulated on those dates.

SIGNED:



Publisher

Subscribed to and sworn to me this 23rd day of August 2023.



Stina S. Broussard, Notary, Jefferson Davis County, LA

My commission expires: August 01, 2027

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## 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. 10 of Wards One, Two and Three of Jefferson Davis Parish, Louisiana (the "District"), do hereby declare, proclaim and announce that the proposition submitted at the special election held in the District on Saturday, October 14, 2023, 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 8<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2023.

/s/ J. Steven Eastman

President

The motion was made by Mr. Fruge, seconded by Mr. Cormier, and carried, to approve the contract with Bluewing Civil Consulting for Duhon Road Asphalt Construction.

It was moved by Mr. Cormier, seconded by Mr. Fruge, and carried, to approve the contract with Bluewing Civil Consulting for Farm Supply Road Asphalt Construction.

The motion was made by Mr. Talbot, seconded by Mr. Cormier, and carried, to accept the recommendation of Bluewing Civil Consulting to award the Raoul Road Bridge Repair to L & R Construction Co. Inc., at a bid of \$64,782.50.

Mr. LaFargue made the motion, seconded by Mr. Fruge, and carried, to accept the recommendation of Bluewing Civil Consulting in connection with the minor Steve Sparks Subdivision.

It was moved by Mr. Fruge, seconded by Mr. Cormier, and carried, to accept the recommendation of Bluewing Civil Consulting in connection with Pay Request of Invoice #2023-1009-01 in the amount of \$4,750.00 for Konstruct Systems for Babineaux Road Bridge Repair.

Mr. Talbot made the motion, seconded by Mr. LaFargue, and carried, to approve a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between the Jeff Davis Parish Water & Sewer Commission No. 1 and the Jeff Davis Parish Police Jury in connection with contributing funding of the 25% match of each invoice for potable water production, treatment, and storage facility in Lacassine.

The motion was made by Ms. Myers, seconded by Mr. Woods, and carried, to approve a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between the Jeff Davis District Attorney's office and the Jeff Davis Parish Police Jury regarding use of the opioid settlement funds.

It was moved by Mr. Woods, seconded by Ms. Myers, and carried, to authorize the Secretary to advertise in connection with semi-annual supplies.

Mr. Peterson made the motion, seconded by Mr. LaFargue, and carried, to authorize the President to send a Letter of Support in connection with the HELPER Act, which supports police and correction officers, firefighters, EMTs and paramedics, and PreK-12 teachers by providing a VA-style home loan program, which provides 100% financing and eliminates monthly mortgage insurance payments for a first-time home purchase.

The motion was made by Mr. Fruge, seconded by Mr. LaFargue, and carried, to appoint Dennis J. Hebert to the Bayou Nezpique Drainage District board to replace John Bolles, with a term to expire April 11, 2027.

It was moved by Ms. Myers, seconded by Mr. LaFargue, and carried, to ratify the action of the Agenda Committee to notify Beau Fontenot to reapply for a change in zoning classification to C-1 for a firearms business.

Mr. Woods made the motion, seconded by Mr. Marceaux, and carried, to approve the purchase of 2,520 Tons of Road Material for the Winter Project for numerous roads in Division One to be paid with Division One funds.

It was moved by Mr. Marceaux, seconded by Mr. Fruge, and carried, to ratify the action of the Agenda Committee in approving the purchase of a 24" x 40' plastic culvert at a cost of \$1,293.20 for Broadmore Road to be paid with Division One funds.

The motion was made by Ms. Myers, seconded by Mr. Buller, and carried, to approve the purchase of 700 Tons of Road Material for the Winter Project for numerous roads in Division Two to be paid with Division Two funds.

Mr. Buller made the motion, seconded by Mr. LaFargue, and carried, to approve the purchase of 700 Tons of Road Material for the Winter Project for numerous roads in Division Two-One to be paid with Division Two-One funds.

It was moved by Mr. LaFargue, seconded by Mr. Buller, to approve the renegotiation of a price increase with CorrectHealth for providing medical services to the jail inmates. After discussion was had, Mr. Marceaux moved to amend the motion, seconded by Mr. LaFargue, and carried, to authorize Legal Counsel to have further discussion directly with John Ritter of CorrectHealth for the price increase.

Mr. Lafargue's motion, as amended, carried.

The motion was made by Mr. Peterson, seconded by Mr. Woods, and carried, to amend the Parish Hazard Mitigation Plan to include the Hazard Mitigation projects.

It was moved by Mr. Peterson, seconded by Ms. Myers, and carried, to authorize the President to send a letter to Congressman Clay Higgins requesting funding for an EOC.

Mr. Woods made the motion, seconded by Mr. Fruge, and carried, to authorize Friday, November 10, 2023, as a paid Veteran's Day holiday for parish employees.

#### Engineer's Report

Alex Guillory reported the road project is advancing nicely.

#### Committee Reports

Mr. Fruge reported on a Fairgrounds Committee meeting held on Wednesday, November 1, 2023. The Committee recommends refunding the entire rental and cleaning cost and cost of cakes to Adam Guillory for a wedding reception in which the air conditioning units went out causing the building to get heated and cakes to sink and fall.

The motion was made by Mr. Fruge, seconded by Mr. LaFargue, and carried, to accept the Committee's recommendation.

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

November 29, 2023  
DATE APPROVED