

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:

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| DONALD WOODS | District 1 | WAYNE FRUGE | District 8 |
| CHAD WOODS | District 2 | DAVID LEJEUNE | 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 | BILL LABOUE | District 13 |
| STEVE EASTMAN | District 7 | | |

BEN BOUDREAUX, Administrator; LANCE PERSON, Legal Counsel

Absent: TIM MCKNIGHT, District 5

The meeting was called to order by President Steve Eastman. Mrs. Landry gave the Invocation and Mr. Peterson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Lafargue reported the Finance Committee meeting was held on September 8, 2025, at 7:00 A.M. All bills were reviewed and declared in order with the Committee recommending approval.

It was moved by Mr. Lafargue, seconded by Mr. Labouve, and carried, to pay bills out of the following funds. These values represent both bills paid and fund transfers to wit:

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| • GENERAL FUND | \$ 575,343.17 |
| • COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SERVICE | 5,669.49 |
| • 911 | 64,508.64 |
| • CRIMINAL COURT | 6,854.58 |
| • OPIOID ABATEMENT | 18,393.80 |
| • COURTHOUSE MAINTENANCE | 74,482.71 |
| • SPECIAL REVENUE | 57,747.64 |
| • SECTION 8 | 589.67 |
| • PARISH ROAD | 33,556.15 |
| • SUB ROAD DISTRICT #1 | 35,803.80 |
| • SPECIAL WARD, ROAD & BRIDGE | 272,347.05 |
| • ROAD SALES TAX DISTRICT #1 | 261,631.68 |
| • REGIONAL CONSOLIDATED JAIL | 76,872.22 |
| • FIRE DISTRICT #1 | 3,482.40 |
| • FIRE DISTRICT #2 | 10,975.35 |
| • FIRE DISTRICT #3 | 30,009.29 |
| • FIRE DISTRICT #4 | 1,608.74 |
| • FIRE DISTRICT #5 | 19,641.06 |
| • FIRE DISTRICT #6 | 0.00 |
| • FIRE DISTRICT #7 | 0.00 |

It is the Finance Committee’s recommendation to approve the purchase of wireless headsets and installation for 911 dispatchers in the amount of \$5,700.00 to be paid out of the E911 Fund.

It was moved by Mr. Lafargue, seconded by Mr. Peterson, and carried, to accept the recommendation of the Committee.

The Finance Committee recommends approving the payment of a \$12,000.00 bid to ZB Environmental for complete demolition to be paid out of General Fund.

It was moved by Mr. Lafargue, seconded by Mr. LaBouve, and carried, to accept the recommendation of the Committee.

It is the Finance Committee's recommendation to approve the purchase of the IDEMIA LiveScan System for the Jefferson Davis Regional Consolidated Jail in the amount of \$29,149.00 with the extended maintenance package and warranty in the amount of \$4,131.00 and will be paid out of the Regional Consolidated Jail Fund.

It was moved by Mr. Lafargue, seconded by Mr. Fruge, and carried, to accept the recommendation of the Committee.

The Finance Committee recommends the payment of Pay App 7 to Beazly Longo Shelter Design in the amount of \$26,667.90 in connection with the Animal Shelter.

It was moved by Mr. Lafargue, seconded by Ms. Myers, and carried, to accept the recommendation of the Committee.

It is the Finance Committee's recommendation to authorize the Parish Administrator to sign up for the WEX Fuel Card Program for JDPPJ fleet vehicles and equipment.

It was moved by Mr. Lafargue, seconded by Mr. LeJeune, and carried, to accept the recommendation of the Committee.

The Finance Committee recommends denying payment of \$16,971.00 for insurance claim, pending L. Person's decision.

It was moved by Mr. Lafargue, seconded by Mr. Adams, and carried, to accept the recommendation of the Committee.

An amendment was proposed to modify the motion to permit the insurance company to offer a reduced settlement amount. The amendment carried.

The amended motion was made by Mr. Lafargue, seconded by Mr. Adams, and carried.

It is the Finance Committee's recommendation to purchase panels for the Fairgrounds to be paid out of Special Revenue funds.

It was moved by Mr. Lafargue, seconded by Mr. Chad Woods, and carried.

Let the record reflect that the Finance Committee reviewed the monthly budget report as required.

Mr. Peterson made the motion, seconded by Mr. Cormier and carried, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on August 13, 2025, as written and submitted.

A motion was made by Mr. Adams, seconded by Mr. LeJeune, and carried, to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting held on August 27, 2025, as written and submitted.

Ms. Myers made the motion, seconded by Mr. Lejeune, and carried, to adopt the following Resolution, to-wit:

AUTHORIZING RESOLUTION

Resolution authorizing the filing of an application with the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development for a grant under any of the following FTA programs managed through Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development.

- 49 CFR 5311, Formula Grant for Rural Areas

WHEREAS, the Secretary of Transportation and Development is authorized to make grants for mass transportation projects;

WHEREAS, the contract for financial assistance will impose certain obligations upon the applicant, including provisions by it of the local share of project costs;

WHEREAS, it is required by the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development in accord with the provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, that in connection with the filing of an application for assistance that it will comply with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the U.S. Department of Transportation requirements thereunder; and

WHEREAS, it is the goal of the Applicant that minority business enterprise be utilized to the fullest extent possible in connection with this project, and that definitive procedures shall be established and administered to ensure that minority businesses shall have the maximum feasible opportunity to compete for contracts when procuring construction contracts, supplies, equipment, or consultant and other services:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by JEFFERSON DAVIS PARISH POLICE JURY:

1. That the JEFFERSON DAVIS PARISH POLICE JURY PRESIDENT is authorized to execute and file an application on behalf of JEFFERSON DAVIS PARISH POLICE JURY with the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development, to aid in the financing of operating and/or capital assistance projects pursuant to FTA transit programs.
2. That the JEFFERSON DAVIS PARISH POLICE JURY PRESIDENT is authorized to execute and file with such applications an assurance, or any other document required by the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development effectuating the purposes of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended.
3. That the JEFFERSON DAVIS PARISH POLICE JURY PRESIDENT is authorized to furnish such additional information as the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development may require in connection with the application or financial reimbursement of the project.
4. That the JEFFERSON DAVIS PARISH POLICE JURY PRESIDENT is authorized to set and execute affirmative minority business policies in connection with the project's procurement needs.
5. That the JEFFERSON DAVIS PARISH POLICE JURY PRESIDENT is authorized to execute grant contract agreements on behalf of JEFFERSON DAVIS PARISH POLICE JURY with the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development for aid in the financing of the operating or capital assistance projects.
6. That the JEFFERSON DAVIS PARISH POLICE JURY SECRETARY TREASURER is authorized to sign and submit financial activity reports on behalf of JEFFERSON DAVIS PARISH POLICE JURY with the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development for aid in the financing of the operating or capital assistance projects.

The motion was made by Mr. Lafargue, seconded by Mr. Peterson, and carried, to open discussion regarding the Landfill RFP to sell or acquire new operator. Mr. Mike Heinen, alternate representative on the Landfill Commission, began by addressing the Police Jury's 34% ownership of the Landfill. He spoke on the current operator's infractions that need to be remedied, or alternatively, evaluating the Landfill's value if sold in its present, deficient condition. Mr. Leroy Faul, Landfill Commission representative, spoke about the benefits of the Landfill to Jeff Davis Parish residents and is opposed to selling it. Mr. Buller, Police Juror District 10, also spoke in opposition to selling the Landfill and beginning the search for a new Operator. The Police Jury is recommending to the Landfill Commission that they begin an extensive search for a new Operator. Should a new Operator be selected, the Police Jury recommends adopting a stronger ordinance to prevent violations and deficiencies.

A motion was made by Ms. Myers, seconded by Mr. Fruge, and carried, to have Mr. Person restructure the process such that any final sale must be approved by the Police Jury.

The motion was made by Mr. Fruge, seconded by Ms. Myers, and carried, to approve the use of Fairgrounds including the approval of alcohol exemption for non-profit, excluding the Multi-Purpose Building, for Fall Fest on October 31 and November 1, 2025, hosted by the JDP Tourism Commission.

The motion was made by Mr. Peterson, seconded by Mr. LeJeune, and carried, to withdraw until further discussion, entering into a Memorandum of Agreement with Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry to collaborate in pet and/or livestock aid efforts during declarations of emergency in the State requiring pet and/or livestock aid.

Mr. Fruge made the motion, seconded by Mr. Buller, and carried, to approve the low bid from KT Construction, LLC, in the amount of \$118,000 for Project 2024006 Jail Sealing Project and consider alternate of \$42,300. Mr. Guillory was asked to explain the alternate project. He reported that there were no signs of deficiency in the alternate wall, and, therefore, did not recommend proceeding with the alternate project. The motion was subsequently amended by a motion from Ms. Myers, seconded by Mr. Fruge, and carried, to approve only the low bid and to remove the alternate from consideration.

Ms. Chad Woods made the motion, seconded by Ms. Myers, and carried, approving to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with Catholic Charities for the use of the Fairgrounds property as the location for operations of the Shower/Laundry Trailer, once a month for a maximum of 2 days.

The motion was made by Mr. Lafargue, seconded by Donald Woods, and carried, to discuss board appointments, especially focusing on appointments with no term expiration. A chart was presented showing board member terms and expiration dates, including boards with vacancies or upcoming expirations. Jurors were asked to reach out to board members to confirm their interest

in reappointment. Mr. Fruge reminded the Jury that these are not term limits, only term appointments. A motion was made by Mr. Fruge, seconded by Mr. Chad Woods, and carried, to authorize the Parish Administrator to assign expiration terms as needed to properly stagger board appointments and will report back to the Police Jury for final approval.

The motion was made by Mr. Lafargue, seconded by Mr. LaBouve, and carried, to discuss Tax Millage with Jeff Davis Fire Districts. Mr. Kratzer, Tax Assessor, explained the tax millage roll forward process, including how it allows taxing authorities to adjust millage rates to maintain revenue levels following property reassessments. Representatives from the fire districts addressed the Police Jury regarding the tax millage roll forward.

- Cory LaMarque, Fire Chief of Fire District 1, spoke in opposition to the roll forward for his district.
- Tim Landry, Fire Chief, and John Berken, Board Member, of Fire District 2, stated that the proposal will be presented to their board for consideration.
- Chief Jared Manuel of Fire District 4 expressed support for the roll forward.
- Mr. Buller spoke on behalf of Fire District 5, also in favor of the roll forward.
- Chief John Richard of Fire District 6 reported that he will bring the proposal to his board for discussion.

All fire district boards must vote on the roll forward before October 8, 2025.

Mr. Buller made a motion, seconded by Mr. LaBouve, and carried, to discuss use of Senator Cassidy funds for Parish wide drinking water project. Mr. Boudreaux reported that a \$2.78 million grant was awarded for drinking water projects. Funds will be allocated to JDWSC #1 and Water District #4 to complete core infrastructure projects. Additionally, the Jefferson Davis Parish Police Jury will have discretionary funds available to support future tie-ins near I-10 related to economic development initiatives.

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

RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE REQUIRED CDBG-DR PROGRAM POLICIES AND PROCEDURES; ACKNOWLEDGES CDBG-DR PROGRAM FUNDS BE ADMINISTERED IN ACCORDANCE WITH OCD GRANTEE ADMINISTRATIVE MANUAL; APPOINT VARIOUS COORDINATORS/OFFICERS; AUTHORIZE INDIVIDUALS TO EXECUTE THE REQUEST FOR PAYMENT; AUTHORIZE EXECUTION OF DOCUMENTS

WHEREAS, JEFFERSON DAVIS PARISH POLICE JURY has been awarded Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) funds for the FIRE DISTRICT #5 AND TOPSY DRAINAGE PROJECTS, administered by the State of Louisiana, Office of Community Development (OCD).

WHEREAS, the CDBG-DR Program requires the adoption of plans, policies and appointment of individuals for compliance with CDBG-DR Program regulations.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that JEFFERSON DAVIS PARISH POLICE JURY acknowledges that CDBG-DR Program funds must be administered in accordance with the latest edition, and any amendments thereto of the State of Louisiana OCD Disaster Recovery CDBG Grantee Administrative Manual <https://locddr.la.gov/grant-implementation-manual>.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that JEFFERSON DAVIS PARISH POLICE JURY, as recipient of CDBG-DR funds, does hereby adopt the attached CDBG-DR Program Policies and Procedures as they apply to the administration of the FIRE DISTRICT #5 AND TOPSY DRAINAGE PROJECTS.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the following individuals are appointed to various positions related to the CDBG-DR Program as listed:

- 1) Fair Housing Coordinator: _____
- 2) Equal Employment Opportunity Officer: _____
- 3) Section 504 Coordinator: _____
- 4) Labor Compliance Officer: _____
- 5) Residential Antidisplacement Officer: _____
- 6) 6) Section 3 Coordinator: _____

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that _____ and _____ are hereby authorized to sign the Requests for Payment related to the CDBG-DR Program.

BE IT FURTHER AND FINALLY RESOLVED, that J. STEVEN EASTMAN is hereby authorized to execute any and all documents pertaining to the CDBG-DR Program including but not limited to the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement and any Amendments, Project Application and any Amendments, Environmental Review Record, Certifications and Professional Service, Consulting Service and Construction Contracts and any Amendments.

THIS RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED BY JEFFERSON DAVIS PARISH POLICE JURY ON THE _____ DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2025

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, JEFFERSON DAVIS PARISH POLICE JURY (the Grantee) has been afforded the opportunity to participate in the State of Louisiana Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) Program administered by the State of Louisiana Office of Community Development; and,

WHEREAS, it is necessary under the program regulations to authorize certain actions and individuals to perform certain designated functions required by the STATE:

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Grantee as legal recipient of the CDBG funds, does hereby authorize the following actions.

SECTION I.

EQUAL OPPORTUNITY

WHEREAS, equal opportunity regulations of the CDBG program require the appointment by the recipient of an Equal Opportunity Officer, (EEO Officer) to have responsibility for maintaining all pertinent EEO files, submitting on a timely basis all required reports, answer all related correspondence and monitor all EEO areas;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Grantee that _____ is hereby appointed as EEO officer for the life of the CDBG-DR Program and as such is charged to faithfully execute all duties and responsibilities herein described.

SECTION II.

FAIR HOUSING POLICY

WHEREAS, the STATE requires Grantees to take actions to affirmatively further fair housing in compliance with Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968, as amended and Executive Order 11063, as amended;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Grantee, that the attached policy entitled "Fair Housing Policy" is hereby adopted; and

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Grantee that _____ is hereby appointed as Fair Housing Coordinator for the life of the CDBG-DR Program and as such is charged to faithfully execute all duties and responsibilities herein described.

SECTION III.

PROCUREMENT POLICY

WHEREAS, the STATE requires the establishment of uniform procedures in compliance with 2 CFR 200;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Grantee, that the attached policy entitled "CDBG-DR Procurement Policy" is hereby adopted.

SECTION IV.

SECTION 3 PLAN

WHEREAS, the STATE requires Grantees to the greatest extent feasible ensure that employment and training opportunities arising in connection with Section 3 projects are provided to Section 3 workers within the metropolitan area (or nonmetropolitan county) in which the project is located and ensure contracts for work awarded in connection with Section 3 projects are provided to business concerns that provide economic opportunities to Section 3 workers residing within the metropolitan area (or nonmetropolitan county) in which the project is located in compliance with Section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the attached "Section 3 Plan" for the Grantee is hereby adopted; and,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Grantee that _____ is hereby appointed as Section 3 Coordinator for the life of the CDBG-DR Program and as such is charged to faithfully execute all duties and responsibilities herein described.

SECTION V.

COMPLAINT POLICY

WHEREAS, the STATE requires Grantees to establish procedures to deal with citizen inquiries and complaints;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Grantee, that the attached policy entitled "Citizen Complaint Policy", is hereby adopted.

SECTION VI.

SECTION 504 GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE

WHEREAS, the STATE requires Grantees to establish internal grievance procedures to deal with citizen inquiries and complaints concerning Section 504;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Grantee, that the attached policy entitled "Section 504 Grievance Procedure", is hereby adopted.

SECTION VII.

504 COORDINATOR

WHEREAS, the STATE requires Grantees to designate a responsible person to coordinate the Grantee's efforts to comply with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 as amended;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that _____ is appointed as Section 504 Compliance Officer; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that _____ is hereby authorized to execute the attached Section 504 Certification.

SECTION VII.

ANTI-DISPLACEMENT

WHEREAS, the CDBG Program requires that all grant recipients adopt by resolution a Residential Anti-Displacement and Relocation Assistance Plan;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the attached "Residential Anti-Displacement and Relocation Assistance Plan" for the Grantee is hereby adopted; and,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Grantee that _____ is hereby appointed as the Residential Antidisplacement Officer for the life of the CDBG-DR Program and as such is charged to faithfully execute all duties and responsibilities herein described; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that _____ is hereby authorized to execute the attached Residential Anti-Displacement and Relocation Assistance Certification.

SECTION IX.

LABOR COMPLIANCE

WHEREAS, labor compliance regulations of the CDBG Program require the appointment by the recipient of a Labor Compliance Officer (LCO) to have the responsibility for maintaining all pertinent labor compliance files, submitting on a timely basis all required reports, answer all related correspondence and monitor all labor compliance areas;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Grantee that _____ is hereby

appointed as Labor Compliance Officer for the life of the CDBG-DR Program and as such is charged to faithfully execute all duties and responsibilities herein described.

Mr. Peterson made the motion, seconded by Mr. Buller, and carried, to approve Semi-Final Memorandum of Agreement with Caldwell Parish for Point-to-Point Agreement.

A motion was made by Mr. Buller, seconded by Mr. LeJeune, and carried, to the following Resolution to-wit:

A RESOLUTION OF THE JEFFERSON DAVIS PARISH POLICE JURY TO ADOPT THE CITIZEN COMPLAINT POLICY AS REQUIRED BY THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT – DISASTER RECOVERY (CDBG-DR) PROGRAM FOR PROJECTS 27LDRC7701 JDP TOPSY DRAINAGE AND 27LDRC7702 JDP FIRE DISTRICT #5 RECONSTRUCTION.

WHEREAS, the Jefferson Davis Parish Police Jury is a recipient of Community Development Block Grant – Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) funds administered by the Louisiana Office of Community Development – Disaster Recovery Unit (OCD-DRU); and

WHEREAS, federal regulations and OCD-DRU guidelines require grantees to adopt a Citizen Complaint Policy to ensure that all citizens have an opportunity to voice concerns, complaints, or grievances related to the use of CDBG-DR funds; and

WHEREAS, the Citizen Complaint Policy must provide a clear process for receiving, investigating, and resolving complaints in a timely and transparent manner, and must be made available to the public; and

WHEREAS, the Jefferson Davis Parish Police Jury has reviewed the model Citizen Complaint Policy provided by the Louisiana Division of Administration 2 and agrees to implement the procedures therein;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Jefferson Davis Parish Police Jury hereby adopts the Citizen Complaint Policy as required by the CDBG-DR program for the administration of:

- Project 27LDRC7701 – JDP Topsy Drainage
- Project 27LDRC7702 – JDP Fire District #5 Reconstruction

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Jefferson Davis Parish Police Jury authorizes its Administrator, Mr. Benjamin Boudreaux, to implement and enforce the adopted policy and to ensure that all complaints are handled in accordance with federal and state guidelines.

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

Mr. Buller made the motion, seconded by Mr. LeJeune, and carried, to adopt the following Resolution to-wit:

A RESOLUTION OF THE JEFFERSON DAVIS PARISH POLICE JURY TO ADOPT THE PROCUREMENT POLICY AS REQUIRED BY THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT – DISASTER RECOVERY (CDBG-DR) PROGRAM FOR PROJECTS 27LDRC7701 JDP TOPSY DRAINAGE AND 27LDRC7702 JDP FIRE DISTRICT #5 RECONSTRUCTION.

WHEREAS, the Jefferson Davis Parish Police Jury is a recipient of Community Development Block Grant – Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) funds administered by the Louisiana Office of Community Development – Disaster Recovery Unit (OCD-DRU); and

WHEREAS, federal regulations under 2 CFR 200.318-327 require grantees to establish and follow written procurement procedures that promote full and open competition, ensure cost reasonableness, and prevent conflicts of interest; and

WHEREAS, the OCD-DRU has provided a model Procurement Policy that meets these federal standards and includes provisions for code of conduct, procurement methods, contract pricing, records retention, and Section 3 compliance 1; and

WHEREAS, the Jefferson Davis Parish Police Jury has reviewed and agrees to adopt the Procurement Policy to ensure compliance with federal and state regulations in the administration of CDBG-DR funds;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Jefferson Davis Parish Police Jury hereby adopts the Procurement Policy as required by the CDBG-DR program for the administration of:

- Project 27LDRC7701 – JDP Topsy Drainage
- Project 27LDRC7702 – JDP Fire District #5 Reconstruction

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Jefferson Davis Parish Police Jury authorizes its Administrator, Mr. Benjamin Boudreaux, to implement and enforce the adopted policy and to take all necessary actions to ensure compliance with procurement standards and procedures.

Mr. Buller made a motion, seconded by Mr. LeJeune, and carried, to adopt the following Resolution to-wit:

A RESOLUTION OF THE JEFFERSON DAVIS PARISH POLICE JURY TO ADOPT THE DUPLICATION OF BENEFITS POLICY AS REQUIRED BY THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT – DISASTER RECOVERY (CDBG-DR) PROGRAM FOR PROJECTS 27LDRC7701 JDP TOPSY DRAINAGE AND 27LDRC7702 JDP FIRE DISTRICT #5 RECONSTRUCTION.

WHEREAS, the Jefferson Davis Parish Police Jury is a recipient of Community Development Block Grant – Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) funds administered by the Louisiana Office of Community Development – Disaster Recovery Unit (OCD-DRU); and

WHEREAS, the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act requires that federal disaster recovery funding not be used to provide duplicative assistance to any person, business concern, or other entity; and

WHEREAS, the OCD-DRU requires all CDBG-DR grantees to adopt a formal Duplication of Benefits Policy to ensure compliance with federal regulations and to prevent the duplication of benefits in the administration of disaster recovery funds; and

WHEREAS, the Jefferson Davis Parish Police Jury has reviewed the Sample Duplication of Benefits Policy provided by the Louisiana Division of Administration² and agrees to implement the procedures therein to identify and prevent duplication of benefits for all CDBG-DR funded activities;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Jefferson Davis Parish Police Jury hereby adopts the Duplication of Benefits Policy as required by the CDBG-DR program for the administration of Project 27LDRC7701 JDP Topsy Drainage and Project 27LDRC7702 JDP Fire District #5 Reconstruction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Jefferson Davis Parish Police Jury authorizes its Administrator, Mr. Benjamin Boudreaux, to implement and enforce the adopted policy and to take all necessary actions to ensure compliance with federal and state regulations regarding duplication of benefits.

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

The motion was made by Mr. LeJeune, seconded by Mr. Chad Woods, and carried, to reappoint Jody Faulk and Luke Doise to the Bayou Nezpique Drainage Board with 4-year terms to expire April 11, 2030.

It was moved by Mr. Adams, seconded by Mr. Lejeune, and carried, to recognize September as National Adult Literacy Month.

Mr. Fruge reported on a Jail Committee meeting that was held on Wednesday, September 10, 2025. It is the recommendation of the Committee to modify the existing Cooperative Endeavor Agreement (CEA) with the Jeff Davis Parish Sheriff's Office to increase the number of reimbursable deputy positions from 17 to 22. This modification will increase the total reimbursement amount for base salaries, health insurance, and pension benefits from the current \$847,025 to \$1.1 million annually. The CEA will be reviewed annually.

It was moved by Mr. Fruge, seconded by Mr. LeJeune, and carried, to approve the Committee's recommendation.

The motion was made by Mr. Fruge, seconded by Mr. Buller, and carried, to move forward with Road Abandonment Procedure for portions of Grand Marais Road.

It was moved by Mr. Fruge, seconded by Mr. Buller, and carried, to discuss Purchase of Property on Ardoin Road for new location of Jennings Maintenance Yard. Mr. Boudreaux reported that he received an appraisal for the property located on Ardoin Road in the amount of \$43,500.00, which matches the current asking price, for slightly over two acres. Mr. Eastman noted that the property has been used for parking Police Jury equipment. Mr. Fruge stated that he wants to move the Parish yard out of the City of Jennings. In light of the recent operational division of the Parish into four (4) sections conducted by Mr. Boudreaux, this yard would now be centrally located to the side of Jennings that is north of I-10, Hathaway, Elton, and Pine Island. Additionally, relocating the yard to this site would eliminate safety hazards currently posed when exiting with equipment onto Hwy 90 or Hwy 26.

A motion was made by Mr. Fruge, seconded by Mr. Chad Woods, and carried, to appropriate the funds from Division 1 to purchase the property.

President's Report

President Eastman informed the Jury of the upcoming Region 7 Meeting, which will be held in Calcasieu Parish on Thursday, October 16, 2025. The meeting will take place at The Royal of Lake Charles, located at 825 Bilbo Street, Lake Charles, LA. During the

meeting, members will elect an Executive Board Member, Region Officers, and Resolutions Committee Members, as well as announce the host parish for the 2026 Region 7 Meeting.

Administrator's Report

Mr. Boudreaux reported that he has met with the architect for the Safe Room project and that the design is approximately 90% complete. He noted that a few elements included in the current building design are not covered under the approved funding. Mr. Boudreaux requested that the Police Jury review the plans and provide formal direction. Renderings of the project have been posted for review. He also stated that the project team will address as much of the parking lot as possible while remaining just under the projected budget. The final design could be discussed at the next meeting.

Engineer's Report

Mr. Guillory reported that the estimated cost of the Topsy Road Project has increased from the original estimate of \$1.8 million to approximately \$2.9 million. The awarded CDBG grant remains at \$1.8 million. He explained that the cost increase is due to various factors, including higher unit pricing for construction materials, newly identified drainage needs, conflicting water lines, and the inclusion of turnarounds, among others.

Mr. Guillory also noted that there are potential cost-saving measures under consideration, such as using chip seal in place of asphalt, substituting corrugated metal for concrete piping, and reducing asphalt thickness. He further stated that, if the Police Jury decides to cancel the project, the only costs incurred would be engineering and administrative fees.

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

/s/ J. Steven Eastman
PRESIDENT

ATTEST:

/s/ Donna Landry
SECRETARY TREASURER

DATE APPROVED _____