

Jennings, Louisiana
October 22, 2025

The Jefferson Davis Parish Police Jury met in a 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
	District 2		District 9
MARCUS PETERSON	District 3		District 10
KORI MYERS	District 4	BUTCH LAFARGUE	District 11
TIM MCKNIGHT	District 5		District 12
MELVIN ADAMS	District 6	BILL LABOUE	District 13
STEVE EASTMAN	District 7		

BEN BOUDREAUX, Administrator LANCE PERSON, Legal Counsel

Absent: CHAD WOODS, District 2; WAYNE FRUGE, District 8; DAVID LEJEUNE, District 9; BYRON BULLER, District 10; OWEN CORMIER, District 12

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

President Eastman opened the floor for Public Comments in connection with adopting the millage rates on the 2025 tax roll. No Public Comments were received.

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

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED, that the following millage(s) are hereby levied on the 2025 tax roll on all property subject to taxation by Jefferson Davis Parish Police Jury:

2025 MILLAGE

GENERAL FUND

Constitutional	2.01 mills & 4.02 mills
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SPECIAL TAXES

Cooperative Extension Service	.94 mills
Road Dist No 11 SUB 1 WDS 5&9	10.46 mills
Road Dist No 10 WDS 1-3	11.33 mills
Road Dist No 11 WD 4	11.50 mills
Road Dist No 12 WDS 6,7 & 8	10.20 mills
Fire Prot Dist No 1	9.84 mills
Fire Prot Dist No 1 Special	10.49 mills
Fire Prot Dist No 2	11.04 mills
Fire Prot Dist No 3	4.85 mills

Fire Prot Dist No 3 Special	3.59 mills
Fire Prot Dist No 4	6.99 mills
Fire Prot Dist No 4 Special	5.00 mills
Fire Prot Dist No 5	5.15 mills
Fire Prot Dist No 5 Special	5.14 mills
Fire Prot Dist No 5 Special #2	10.00 mills
Fire Prot Dist No 6	8.71 mills
Fire Prot Dist No 6 Special	5.59 mills
Fire Prot Dist No 7	9.54 mills

MAINTENANCE TAX

Courthouse and Jail	2.61 mills
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BONDS

Fire Prot Dist No 6 Bond	4.00 mills
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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the proper administrative officials of the Parish of Jefferson Davis, State of Louisiana, be and they are hereby empowered, authorized, and directed to spread said taxes, as hereinabove set forth, upon the assessment roll of said Parish for the year 2025, and to make the collection of the taxes imposed for and on behalf of the taxing authority, according to law, and that the taxes herein levied shall become a permanent lien and privilege on all property subject to taxation as herein set forth, and collection thereof shall be enforceable in the manner provided by law.

The foregoing resolution was read in full, the roll was called on the adoption thereof, and the resolution was adopted by the following votes:

YEAS: D. Woods, M. Peterson, K. Myers, T. McKnight, M. Adams, B. Lafargue, B. Labouve, S. Eastman
NAYS:0
ABSTAINED:0
ABSENT: C. Woods, W. Fruge, D. Lejeune, B. Buller, O. Cormier

A motion was made by Ms. Myers, seconded by Mr. Adams, and carried, to amend and restate the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the LSU Ag Center, originally dated September 1, 2025, for the purpose of adding Archery Training (Arena, FG), and to approve the new effective agreement date of October 22, 2025.

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

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development published the final annual Fair Market Rents (FMR’s) for Jefferson Davis Parish,

WHEREAS, the Jefferson Davis Parish Police Jury Section 8 Program uses the published FMR’s as a guide to establish FMR’s per bedroom size for the Housing Choice Voucher Program; and

WHEREAS, the FMR’s are used to calculate the housing assistance payment (HAP) that the Section 8 Program pays to the owner on behalf of the family leasing the unit; and
WHEREAS, the FMR’s directly affects the amount of subsidy a family will receive and the amount of rent that will be paid by the tenant; and

WHEREAS, the Jefferson Davis Parish Police Jury Section 8 Program must also determine that its annual budget for the Housing Choice Voucher Program will support the established FMR’s and

WHEREAS, the Jefferson Davis Parish Police Jury Section 8 Program must also ensure that the program participants will be able to find safe, decent, and affordable units within the program’s jurisdiction within the FMR’s established which are as follows;

Bedroom Size	FMR 2026
Efficiency	\$ 601.00
1 Bedroom	\$ 664.00
2 Bedroom	\$ 871.00
3 Bedroom	\$ 1,201.00
4 Bedroom	\$ 1,461.00

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Jefferson Davis Parish Police jury in a duly convened special session on the 22nd day of October, 2025, that the Fair Market Rents as set forth above will be effective November 1, 2025.

A motion was made by Mr. LaBouve, seconded by Mr. Adams, and carried, to adopt the following Resolution, to-wit:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development published the final annual Fair Market Rents (FMR’s) for Jefferson Davis Parish,

WHEREAS, the Jefferson Davis Parish Police Jury Section 8 Program uses the published FMR’s as a guide to establish FMR’s per bedroom size for the Housing Choice Voucher Program; and

WHEREAS, the Section 8 Program may establish Payment Standards anywhere between 90 and 110 percent of the published FMR without obtaining HUD approval; and

WHEREAS, the Payment Standards are used to calculate the housing assistance payment (HAP) that the PHA pays to the owner on behalf of the family leasing the unit; and

WHEREAS, the Payment Standard set by the Section 8 Program affects the amount of subsidy a family will receive and the amount of rent that will be paid by the tenant; and

WHEREAS, the Jefferson Davis Parish Police Jury Section 8 Program must also determine that its annual budget for the Housing Choice Voucher Program will support the established payment standard; and

WHEREAS, the Jefferson Davis Parish Police Jury Section 8 Program must also ensure that the program participants will be able to find safe, decent, and affordable units within the program’s jurisdiction within the standards established; and

WHEREAS, the Jefferson Davis Parish Section 8 Program has determined the Payment Standard shall be 110% for all bedroom size units.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Jefferson Davis Parish Police Jury in a duly convened special session on the 22nd day of October, 2025, that the Fair Market Rents as set forth above will be effective November 1, 2025.

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

RESOLUTION

ANNUAL CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE WITH STATE OF LOUISIANA OFF SYSTEM BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROGRAM.

WHEREAS, the code of Federal Regulations, as enacted by the United States Congress, mandates that all structures defined as bridges located on all public roads shall be inspected, rated for safe load capacity, and posted in accordance with the National Bridge Inspection Standards, and that an inventory of these bridges will be maintained by each state; and

WHEREAS, the responsibility to inspect, rate, and load post those bridges under the authority of Jefferson Davis Parish, in accordance with those Standards, is delegated by the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development to Jefferson Davis Parish,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Police Jury of Jefferson Davis Parish, Louisiana, (herein referred to as Parish) convened in Special Session on the 22nd day of October, 2025, that it does hereby certify to the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (herein referred to as the DOTD) that for the period of January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026:

1. The Parish has performed and will continue to perform all interim inspections on all Parish-owned or maintained bridges in accordance with the National Bridge Inspection Standards and Specifications for the National Bridge Inventory.
2. All bridges owned or maintained by the Parish have and will continue to be structurally analyzed and rated by the Parish as to the safe load capacity in accordance with American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) Manual for Bridge Evaluation. The load posting information that has been determined by DOTD for all bridges where the maximum legal load under Louisiana State law exceeds the load permitted under the operating rating, as determined above, has and will continue to be critically reviewed by the Parish. Load posting information has and will continue to be updated by the Parish to reflect all structural changes, and obsolete structural ratings, or any missing structural ratings.

- 3. All Parish-owned or maintained bridges which require load posting or closing are and will continue to be load posted or closed in accordance with the table in the DOTD Load Rating Directives. All DOTD supplied load posting information concerning a bridge has been critically reviewed by the Parish Engineer prior to load posting.
- 4. All bridges owned or maintained by the Parish are shown on the attached list in the format specified by the DOTD. Corrections to data supplied to the Parish by the DOTD are noted.
- 5. All bridges owned and maintained by the Parish are accessible to DOTD for all routine bridge inspections. Parish will clear vegetation as required upon DOTD request.

These stipulations are prerequisites to participation by the Parish in the Off-System Bridge Replacement Program.

YEAS: 8
NAYS: 0
ABSENT: 5
ABSTAINING: 0

And the resolution was declared adopted on this, the 22nd day of October, 2025.

President’s Report

No Report

Administrator’s Report

Mr. Boudreaux reported that the Landfill Commission met on October 21, 2025. The Commission will be preparing a Request to Sell to submit to the Police Jury. He further explained that the governing bodies will be required to adopt a Resolution authorizing the sale of the Landfill.

Mr. Boudreaux also reported that grass cutting throughout the parish has slowed due to the dry weather conditions and will continue in this pattern throughout the winter.

President Eastman requested that Mr. Boudreaux ensure all stop signs at intersections are clear of overgrowth to maintain visibility and safety.

Engineer’s Report

No Report

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.

PRESIDENT

ATTEST:

SECRETARY

DATE APPROVED