

Parish of Jefferson Davis, State of Louisiana

Jefferson Davis Parish Police Jury

Regular Voting Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday, March 11, 2026

Time: 5:00 P.M.

Location: Jefferson Davis Parish Police Jury Meeting Room

Recording Clarification

Due to technical audio issues, the meeting recording began after the meeting was already in progress. The Call to Order, Invocation, Pledge of Allegiance, Roll Call, and the initial portion of the Finance Committee Report were not captured on the recording. These actions did occur and are reflected in these minutes based on the official agenda, committee reports, and the Clerk's record.

Call to Order

President Butch LaFargue called the meeting to order at 5:00 P.M.

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

Invocation by Dodie Richie; Pledge of Allegiance led by Donald Woods.

Roll Call

Members Present: Donald Woods, Chad Woods, Marcus Peterson, Kori Myers, Tim McKnight, Melvin Adams, Steve Eastman, Wayne Fruge, Byron Buller, Scotty Cormier, Bill LaBouve.

Members Absent: David LeJeune.

A quorum was present.

Finance Committee Report

Mr. LaFargue reported that the finance committee met on March 09, 2026 at 7:00AM. Motion to approve payment of all bills as presented by Kori Myers, seconded by Mr. McKnight. Motion carried unanimously.

General Fund \$374,617.75

Courthouse & Jail \$20,272.50

Special Revenue \$48,716.11

Section 8 \$4,088.07
Parish Rd Fund \$562.88
Sub Rd Dist 1 \$10,703.30
Road Dist 10 Div 1 \$26,807.73
Road Dist 11 Div 2 \$4,888.59
Road Dist 12 Div 3 \$15,326.26
Road Sales Tax Div \$38,166.88
Regional Consolidated Jail \$343,096
Cooperative Extension 102 \$2,905.74
911 \$67,364.55
Criminal Court \$14,334.19
Opioid Abatement \$44,893.80

Kori Myers made a Motion to approve billing LSU AgCenter for grass cutting and custodial services, seconded by Chad Woods. Motion carried unanimously.

Kori Myers made a Motion to approve payment of \$122,168.92 for Cooperative Extension salary contributions, seconded by Mr. Fruge. Motion carried unanimously.

Kori Myers made a Motion to approve \$9,150.00 repair to Pinehill Cemetery Road railroad crossing, seconded by Mr. LaBouve. Motion carried unanimously.

Kori Myers made a Motion to approve \$8,979.95 pavement repair on Earl Duhon Road, seconded by Chad Woods. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion held regarding Koll Road shoulder repair; no action taken.

Kori Myers made a Motion to approve payment of \$9,600.00 to the Police Jury Association of Louisiana, seconded by Mr. McKnight. Motion carried unanimously.

Kori Myers made a Motion to approve payment of \$20,073.96 to the Louisiana Secretary of State for the November 15, 2025 election, seconded by Mr. LaBouve. Motion carried unanimously.

Kori Myers made a Motion to approve purchase of a Kubota SVL97 skid steer for \$89,669.46, seconded by Mr. McKnight. Motion carried unanimously. Both Mr. LaFargue and Mr. Eastman abstained from the vote.

Kori Myers made a Motion to approve purchase of skid steer attachments for \$81,570.00, seconded by Tim McKnight. Motion carried unanimously. Both Mr. LaFargue and Mr. Eastman abstained from the vote.

Kori Myers made a Motion to approve Sheriff's Warming Shelter invoice with cost-sharing by the City of Jennings, seconded by Mr. Peterson. Motion carried unanimously.

Kori Myers made a Motion authorizing Parish Administrator to coordinate with Sheriff regarding payroll reimbursement credits, seconded by Mr. Eastman. Motion carried unanimously.

Kori Myers made a Motion to approve purchase of a rail car culvert for Potter Road Bridge in the amount of \$19,500.00, seconded by Chad Woods. Motion carried unanimously.

Kori Myers made a Motion to approve purchase of a nearly new 7-foot Peruzzo 2200 flail mower for \$10,000.00 pending further testing, seconded by Mr. Fruge. Motion carried unanimously. Mr. Eastman abstained from this vote.

Kori Myers made a Motion to approve payment of LAPA membership and conference fees for the OEP Director, seconded by Mr. McKnight. Motion carried unanimously. Finance Committee Chair reported monthly budget review completed and in order.

Regular Agenda Items

Motion by Mr. Adams to approve Regular Meeting Minutes of February 11, 2026, as written, seconded by Mr. McKnight. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Mr. LaBouve to approve lease renewal for the South Louisiana Rail Facility Industrial Park sublease, seconded by Mr. Buller. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Mr. McKnight to approve minor subdivision for Mr. Romero, seconded by Mr. LaBouve. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Mr. LaBouve to accept lowest responsible bid of \$146,780.00 for Jail Fence Expansion Project and authorize change orders up to 10%, seconded by Mr. Buller. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Mr. McKnight to accept Office of Emergency Preparedness Committee recommendations, seconded by Mr. Eastman. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Mr. Adams to approve use of the William E. Broussard Event Center for SNAP education and training by the Calcasieu Parish Police Jury, seconded by Mr. Peterson. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Mr. Fruge to reappoint Will Hetzel to the Economic Development Commission through December 31, 2029, seconded by Mr. Adams. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Mr. Chad Woods to correct term expiration for Greg Bordelon on Water & Sewer Commission No. 1, seconded by Mr. LaBouve. Motion carried unanimously.

A Roll-call vote appointing Judy Petri to Water & Sewer Commission No. 1 with a letter of appreciation authorized for Raymond Brown.

**ATTESTATION OF ROLL CALL VOTE
JEFFERSON DAVIS PARISH POLICE JURY**

I, Dodie H. Richie, serving as Secretary-Treasurer of the Jefferson Davis Parish Police Jury, do hereby attest and certify the following:

That on March 11, 2026, during a duly called and properly noticed Police Jury Voting Meeting, the Jefferson Davis Parish Police Jury considered a motion to appoint Raymond Brown or Judy Petry to fill a vacancy on the Water and Sewer Commission Board #1, due to the expiration of the prior board member's term on February 28, 2026.

That the appointment made by the Police Jury shall be for a term expiring on February 28, 2029.

That the Police Jury conducted a roll call vote on said motion, with the following votes recorded:

Donald Woods — Raymond Brown
Chad Woods — Raymond Brown
Marcus Peterson — Judy Petry
Kori Myers — Raymond Brown
Tim McKnight — Judy Petry
Melvin Adams — Raymond Brown
William LaBouve — Raymond Brown
Byron Buller — Judy Petry
Wayne Fruge — Judy Petry
Steve Eastman — Judy Petry

The following jurors did not cast a vote:

Scotty Cormier — Recused himself from the vote
David LeJeune — Absent

That the roll call vote resulted in a tie.

Pursuant to applicable procedures, Police Jury President Butch LaFargue cast the tie-breaking vote in favor of Judy Petry.

As a result of the tie-breaking vote, Judy Petry was duly appointed to the Water and Sewer Commission Board #1 for a term expiring February 28, 2029.

That the foregoing action was duly recorded in the official minutes of the March 11, 2026 Police Jury Voting Meeting.

This attestation is executed to formally certify the official action of the Jefferson Davis Parish Police Jury.

CERTIFIED this 11th day of March, 2026.

Dodie H. Richie
Secretary-Treasurer
Jefferson Davis Parish Police Jury

Mr. McKnight made a Motion to recognize Carl Guillory as Town of Elton representative to Fire Protection District No. 6, seconded by Mr. Eastman. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Mr. Peterson & seconded by Mr. Adams to roll forward 2025 tax millages. Motion carried unanimously.

A Motion to ratify participation in Acadiana Regional Juvenile Justice District. Motion made by Mr. LaBouve, seconded by Mr. Donald Woods. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Mr. Chad Woods, seconded by Mr. Donald Woods to renew Entergy Louisiana right-of-way agreement along LA 26. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to ratify receipt of Economic Development Committee Report. Motion by Mr. Peterson, seconded by Ms. Myers. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to ratify FY2027 Community Project Funding request submission. Motion made by Mr. Eastman, seconded by Mr. Fruge. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Tim McKnight to authorize advertisement for parish wide overlay project, seconded by Ms. Myers. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Chad Woods made a Motion to reject all bids and re-advertise Potter Road Bridge Project #2026001, seconded by Ms. Myers. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Mr. Chad Woods, seconded by Mr. McKnight to accept Insurance Committee recommendations. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Mr. Adams to approve William E Broussard Event Center use for CO₂ Committee public meeting, seconded by Mr. McKnight. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to reappoint Neal Briscoe and Reagan Watkins to Welsh Gravity Drainage District No. 1 was made by Mr. Fruge and seconded by Ms. Myers. Motion carried unanimously.

Reports

President's Report: None.

Administrator's Report: Provided updates on road projects, animal shelter, insurance, and grants.

Engineer's Report: Provided updates on jail, courthouse renovations, and infrastructure projects.

Items of Information

Weekly Rig Count for Jefferson Davis Parish for February and March 2026 was provided.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

Butch LaFargue, President

Dodie Richie, Secretary-Treasurer