

Parish of Jefferson Davis, State of Louisiana

Jefferson Davis Parish Police Jury

Regular Voting Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday, April 8, 2026

Time: 5:00 P.M.

Location: Jefferson Davis Parish Police Jury Meeting Room, Jennings, Louisiana

Call to Order

The Regular Voting Meeting of the Jefferson Davis Parish Police Jury was called to order at 5:00 P.M.

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

The Invocation was delivered by Dodie Huval Richie. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by Chad Woods

Roll Call

Members Present: Donald Woods, Chad Woods, Marcus Peterson, Kori Myers, Tim McKnight, Steve Eastman, Wayne Fruge, Byron Buller, William LaBouve, David LeJeune

Members Absent: Scotty Cormier, Melvin Adams

Staff Present: Dodie Huval Richie, Karlee Taylor, Ben Boudreaux, Randy Ringuet, Lance Pearson

A quorum was present.

Finance Committee Report

Mr LaFargue reported that the Finance Committee met on Monday, April 06, 2026, at 7:00 am.

Kori Myers made a motion to pay all bills presented, seconded by Tim McKnight. Motion Carried Unanimously.

GENERAL FUND	\$303,108.18
AMERICAN RESCUE FUND	\$550,468.27
BNSF FUNDS	\$979.00
COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SERVICE	\$209,925.75
COOPERATIVE EXT - CASH RESERVE	\$876,016.15
E-911 & 911 WIRELESS FEES	\$320,768.87
CRIMINAL COURT	\$298,156.27
PARISH ROAD	\$176,878.84
SUB ROAD NO. 1	\$353,836.54
WASTE FUND	\$41,713.79
COURTHOUSE & JAIL MAINT	\$937,598.88
CIB-INVESTMENTS	\$667,785.66
SPECIAL REVENUE	\$656,655.17
SP REV INVESTMENTS	\$513,434.73
FIRE DIST. No. 1	\$75,909.58
FIRE DIST. No. 2	\$1,771,406.72
F D # 2 INVESTMENTS	\$570,405.83
FIRE DIST. No. 3	\$1,438,876.54
F D # 3 INVESTMENTS	\$144,857.35
FIRE DIST. No. 4	\$281,576.27
FIRE DIST. No. 5	\$778,372.61

FIRE DIST. No. 6	\$193,652.20
FIRE DIST. No. 7	\$101,496.54
SPL WD RD &BDGE (Div I)	\$897,396.01
SPL WD RD &BDGE (Div II)	\$42,323.51
SPL WD RD & BDGE (Div III)	\$763,657.69
FIRE DIST No. 7 SINKING (SPENDABLE)	\$1,950.38
SECTION 8 HOUSING	\$127,132.64
FIRE DISTRICT NO 6 SINKING	\$1.91
ROAD SALES TAX DIST 1 SALES TAX	\$2,680,067.54
RST- INV- BOND RESERVE (NON-SPENDABLE)	\$1,778,989.67
ROAD SALES TAX DIST 1 SINKING FUND	(\$273,839.19)
REGIONAL CON. JAIL MAINTENANCE	\$1,327,324.02
LCDBG DISASTER RECOVERY	\$67.23
OPIOID ABATEMENT	\$6,318.70

Kori Myers made a motion to accept the Committee's recommendation to Approve insulating ductwork in the Jail office area and kitchen for \$10,263.00 to be paid out of Jail Funds seconded by Bill Labouve; motion Carried Unanimously.

Kori Myers made a motion to accept the quote from KT Construction, LLC for the Jail enclosure/sallyport area for \$6,560.00 to be paid out of Jail Funds seconded by Steve Eastman; motion carried unanimously.

Kori Myers made a motion to approve the quote from Cornerstone Detention Products to repair seven (7) gang releases at the Jail, in the amount of \$14,698.00 to be paid out of Jail Funds, seconded by Tim McKnight; motion carried unanimously.

The Finance Committee discussed the appropriate Action on Acadiana Watershed invoice, it was the committee's recommendation to defer this item until we speak with the drainage boards.

Kori Myers made a motion to accept the Committee's recommendation, seconded by Marcus Peterson.

Kori Myers made a motion to ratify the Administrator's approval of proprietary locks necessary for the Jail Fence Extension Project 2025005, in the amount of \$8,862.00 seconded by Bill LaBouve; motion carried unanimously.

Kori Myers made a motion to authorize the Administrator to move forward with construction of the New Jennings yard on Ardoin Road, as approved in the 2026 Budget, to be paid out of Division 1 Funds, seconded by Wayne Fruge; motion carried unanimously.

The Finance Committee confirmed that other District Funds are not used to supplement the use of Parish Road Funds, the Administrator explained, specifically, for Elton Road District, funds cannot be used from other areas to supplement this district. There was a suggestion made to get the reclaimed materials from the state for the parish roads when they do work on road in the parish. We can receive a fraction.

--- No action was taken

Kori Myers made a motion to move funds from the Jail account to a CDARS investment account through The Bank. (5) million dollars, for six (6) months, at 3.90% & (5) million dollars, for one (1) year, at 3.70%, seconded by Steve Eastman; motion carried unanimously.

Kori Myers made a motion to approve the purchase of two (2) 8ft ½ rail car culverts for \$36,400 for the 2026003 Potter Road Bridge replacement project and to rescind approval of purchase of single 10 ft ½ culvert, seconded by Chad Woods; motion carried unanimously.

Regular Agenda Items

Motion by Mr. LaBouve to approve Regular Meeting Minutes of March 11, 2026 as written and submitted, seconded by Mr. Peterson; motion carried unanimously.

The Zoning Commission held a public hearing on April 1, 2026, regarding a request from Jeff Davis Water District No. 4 for a Class A-1 zoning exception for a water tower located at

4029 Bryan Road, Jennings, Louisiana.

Motion made by Butch LaFargue to accept the Zoning Commission Report, seconded by Mr Labouve; motion carried unanimously.

A Public hearing was held to receive additional public comments regarding the zoning request; no public comments were received.

Zoning Decision

ATTESTATION OF ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Motion to approve the Class A-1 zoning exception for Jeff Davis Water District No. 4 for a water tower located at 4029 Bryan Road, Jennings, Louisiana made by Wayne Fruge, seconded by Byron Buller.

Roll Call Vote: Donald Woods – Approve; Chad Woods – Approve; Marcus Peterson – Approve; Kori Myers – Approve; Tim McKnight – Approve; Steve Eastman – Approve; Wayne Fruge – Approve; Byron Buller – Approve; William LaBouve – Approve; David LeJeune – Approve.

Absent: Scotty Cormier, Melvin Adams

Result: Motion carried unanimously of members present and voting.

That the foregoing action was duly recorded in the official minutes of the April 08, 2026 Police Jury Voting Meeting.

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

CERTIFIED this 8th day of April, 2026.

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

The following Ordinance was moved for adoption by Mr. Fruge and seconded by Mr. Buller.

ORDINANCE NO. 2476

An Ordinance granting a Class A-1 Zoning Exception for the Jeff Davis Water District No. 4 for the construction of a water tower located at 4029 Bryan Road, Jennings, Louisiana following duly advertised public hearings and recommendations of the Zoning Commission.

WHEREAS, the Zoning Commission of Jefferson Davis Parish conducted a duly advertised public hearing on April 1, 2026, to consider a request from Jeff Davis Water District No. 4 for a Class A-1 zoning exception for the purpose of construction a water tower; and

WHEREAS, the property subject to the request is located outside of a municipality and is described as follows:

A part of portion of the Northeast Quarter (NE/4) of Section Three (3), Tract 1, containing 1.00 acre, more or less, located in the Northeast Quarter of Section Thirty-Three (33), Township Eight (8) South, Range Three (3) West, Jefferson Davis Parish, Louisiana, as per the Jefferson Davis Parish Waterworks District No. 4 Plat of Survey prepared by Paul N. Fontenot, recorded under Conveyance File Number 444782, records of Jefferson Davis Parish, Louisiana, being more particularly described as follows:
Beginning at the Northeast Corner of Section Thirty-Three (33), Township Eight (8) South, Range Three (3) West;

thence North 85° 00' 00" West 209.00 feet;
thence South 02' 00' 00" West 209.00 feet;
thence South 85° 00' 00" East 209.00 feet;
thence North 02' 00' 00" East 209.00 feet to the point of beginning.
Municipal Address: 4029 Bryan Road, Jennings, Louisiana 70546

WHEREAS, a duly advertised public hearing was conducted by the Zoning Commission at 5:15 P.M. on Wednesday, April 1, 2026, in the Police Jury Meeting Room of the Sidney E. Briscoe, Jr. Building, 304 North State Street, Jennings, Louisiana, after legal notice was published in the Jennings Daily News on March 15, March 18, March 20, March 22, and March 25, 2026; and

WHEREAS, after receiving public comments, the Zoning Commission recommended approval of the requested Class A-1 zoning exception; and

WHEREAS the Jefferson Davis Parish Police Jury conducted its own public hearing at 5:00 P.M. on Wednesday, April 8, 2026, received no additional public comments, and thereafter conducted a roll-call vote, approving the zoning exception unanimously of members present and voting;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED
by the Jefferson Davis Parish Police Jury, that:

Section 1. Approval of Zoning Exception

A Class A-1 zoning exception is hereby GRANTED to Jeff Davis Water District No. 4 for the purpose of constructing a water tower on the property located at 4029 Bryan Road, Jennings, Louisiana, as described herein.

Section 2. Use Limitation

This zoning exception shall apply only to the use described in the approved application and shall not extend to any other use without further zoning approval.

Section 3. Compliance

All construction and use of the property shall comply with:

Applicable parish ordinances
State of Louisiana laws and regulations
Applicable federal requirements
All required permits and safety standards

Section 4. Severability

If any provision of this Ordinance is declared invalid, such invalidity shall not affect the remaining provisions, which shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 5. Effective Date

This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon adoption.

ADOPTED

this 8th day of April, 2026, after a roll-call vote, by the Jefferson Davis Parish Police Jury.

APPROVED:

Butch LaFargue
President

ATTEST:

Dodie Huval Richie Secretary-Treasurer

A motion was made by Wayne Fruge to approve the 2026 Multi-Jurisdictional Agreement, seconded by David LeJeune

A motion was made by Chad Woods to approve professional services agreement with Meyer & Associates for Plantation Road drainage project, seconded by Mr. Donald Woods; motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Steve Eastman to Adopt a Resolution approving the CDBG-DR Core Documents list below in connection with 27LDRC7701 JDP Topsy Drainage:

- Section 3 Plan
- 504 Assurance Policy
- Contract Administration Policy
- Fair Housing Policy
- Language Access Plan
- Monitor Plan
- Record Management
- Residential Anti-Displacement Plan
- Residential Anti-Displacement Certification

Seconded by Tim McKnight; motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Byron Buller to Adopt a Resolution approving the CDBG-DR Core Documents list below in connection with 27LDRC7702 JDP Fire District #5 Reconstruction:

- Section 3 Plan
- 504 Assurance Policy
- Contract Administration Policy
- Fair Housing Policy
- Language Access Plan
- Monitor Plan
- Record Management
- Residential Anti-Displacement Plan
- Residential Anti-Displacement Certification

Seconded by David LeJeune; motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Chad Woods, seconded by Donald Woods to approve the Red Cross to hold a mock shelter exercise at the William E. Broussard Event Center on Saturday April 11th from 9am to 5pm; motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Tim McKnight, seconded by Chad Woods to Accept the resignation of Tony Trahan and receive nominations to appoint a board member to the Economic Development Board for a term ending on December 31, 2028. Steve Eastman nominated Roger Mallet. Tim McKnight nominated John Marceaux. A Roll Call Vote took place.

ATTESTATION OF ROLL CALL VOTE

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

That on April 08, 2026, during a duly called and properly noticed Police Jury Voting Meeting, the Jefferson Davis Parish Police Jury considered a motion to appoint Roger Mallet or John Marceaux to fill a vacancy on the Economic Development Board due to the resignation of Tony Trahan. The appointment made by the Police Jury shall be for a term expiring on December 31, 2028.

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

Donald Woods – John Marceaux
Chad Woods – John Marceaux
Marcus Peterson – John Marceaux
Kori Myers – John Marceaux
Tim McKnight -John Marceaux
Steve Eastman – Roger Mallett
Wayne Fruge – Roger Mallett
David LeJeune – Roger Mallett
Byron Buller – Roger Mallett
Bill LaBouve – Roger Mallett
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 Roger Mallett.

As a result of the tie-breaking vote, Roger Mallett was duly appointed to Economic Development Board for a term expiring December 31, 2028.

That the foregoing action was duly recorded in the official minutes of the April 08, 2026 Police Jury Voting Meeting.

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

CERTIFIED this 8th day of April, 2026.

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

Motion made by Chad Woods to receive nominations and appoint a board member to the Broadmoore Drainage Board for a 3-year term, beginning April 14, 2026 and ending April 1, 2029. It was noted that David Trahan was contacted and asked to be reappointed to this board. Motion was seconded by Donald Woods; motion carried unanimously

Motion made by Chad Woods to receive nominations and appoint a board member to the Broadmoore Drainage Board for a 3-year term, beginning April 14, 2026 and ending April 1, 2029. It was noted that Cory Conner was contacted and asked to be reappointed to this board. Motion was seconded by Donald Woods; motion carried unanimously

Motion made by Donald Woods to receive nominations and appoint a board member to the Gravity Drainage Board for a 3-year term, beginning April 14, 2026 and ending April 1, 2029. It was noted that Sidney Theriot was contacted and asked to be reappointed to this board. Motion was seconded by Chad Woods; motion carried unanimously

Motion Wayne Fruge to Announce Public Meetings for Tax Rededication and Road Sales Tax seconded by Steve Eastman; motion carried unanimously.

Motion to Ratify Authorizing Administrator to also submit grant application for the William E Broussard Event Center Improvements to Senator Cassidy's and Senator Kennedy's Office
Note: Approved on April 1, 2026. Motion made by Mr. Buller and Seconded by Mr. Lejeune.

Motion made by Marcus Peterson to pause advertising the 2025009 JDPPJ Overlay project, previously approved, to consider modifications to project scope, seconded by Bill LaBouve. Motion did not pass.

Motion made by Chad Woods to discuss and take action on approving Probation and Parole to hold an Opportunity Access Hub (Job Fair) at the William E. Broussard Event Center on Wednesday April 22, 2026 from 9am to 2pm. Seconded by Steve Eastman; motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Marcus Peterson to Approve the Special Meeting Minutes held on March 25, 2026, as written and submitted, seconded by Bill LaBouve; motion carried unanimously.

Fairground Committee Report –

Motion made by Chad Woods to authorize the administrator to submit the application for the Equine Grant to include upgrading Areana lighting. Second, Byron Buller, motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Chad Woods to purchase one 18 ft bull gate, two box pads, and 6 bow gates, seconded by David Lejeune; motion carried unanimously.

REPORTS:

Presidents Report:

- Special Election for District 12 called by the Governor's office
- Sign up for Police Jury Association of Louisiana (PJAL) Legislative Day Wednesday April 29, 2026 held at the Hilton of Baton Rouge Capital Center

Administrator's Report:

- Potter Road Bid's are now out
- Jail Fence will be mobilized within the next month

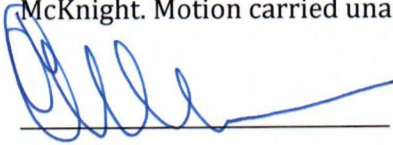
- Topsy Drainage and Fire District #5 Reconstruction RFQ's were scored, waiting for the submitters to be contacted
- Give an update on the Cassidy Funds

Project Report:

- Jail Sealing Project is complete
- Courthouse Renovations have started, when beginning the demolition there were findings that will require changes orders
- Topsy Street Improvements: updates were given on the status of the extension for environmental review.
- Jail Settlement: The jail foundation is holding and everything is looking great

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned upon motion by Mr. Donald Woods and seconded by Mr. McKnight. Motion carried unanimously.



Butch LaFargue, President

Jefferson Davis Parish Police Jury



Dodie Huval Richie, Secretary-Treasurer