

Jennings, Louisiana
February 11, 2026

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:

	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
TIM MCKNIGHT	District 5	SCOTTY CORMIER	District 12
MELVIN ADAMS	District 6	BILL LABOUE	District 13
STEVE EASTMAN	District 7		

BEN BOUDREAUX, Administrator; LANCE PERSON, Legal Counsel

Absent: DONALD WOODS, District 1; BILL LABOUE, District 13

The meeting was called to order by President Butch LaFargue. Ms. Richie gave the Invocation and Mr. Eastman said the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ms. Myers reported the Finance Committee met on February 4, 2026, at 7:00AM.

The Finance Committee reviewed all bills presented for payment. All bills were in order with the Committee recommending payment. Ms. Myers made the motion; it was seconded by Mr. McKnight and carried to approve the recommendation.

GENERAL FUND	\$255,834.89
COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SERVICE	2,211.72
911	16,729.94
CRIMINAL COURT	13,364.92
COURTHOUSE MAINTENANCE	20,794.54
SPECIAL REVENUE	257,475.66
SECTION 8	321.67
PARISH ROAD	400.00
SUB ROAD DISTRICT #1	30,353.83
SPECIAL WARD, ROAD & BRIDGE	36,240.94
ROAD SALES TAX DISTRICT #1	68,616.61
REGIONAL CONSOLIDATED JAIL	165,824.51

The Finance Committee recommended approving the payment of Pay App 11 to Trahan Construction in the amount of \$ 60,239.62, in connection with the Animal Shelter. To be paid out of General Fund (ARPA). Ms. Myers made the motion; it was seconded by Mr. Eastman and carried to approve the recommendation.

The Finance Committee recommended approving the payment of Pay App 12 to Trahan Construction in the amount of \$110,341.55, in connection with the Animal Shelter. To be paid out of General Fund (ARPA). Ms. Myers made the motion; it was seconded by Mr. Fruge and carried to approve the recommendation.

The Finance Committee recommended Approving the Purchase of business cards for all Jurors. Ms. Myers made the motion; it was seconded by Mr. Adams and carried to approve the recommendation.

The Finance Committee recommended reappropriating 100K of the appropriations of Act 461 of 2025 RLS to Buildings and Equipment. Ms. Myers made the motion; it was seconded by Mr. Eastman and carried to approve the recommendation.

The Finance Committee also had a discussion on acting on Bids for Project 2026001, Potter Road Bridge repair. No action taken, pending the drainage report from Bluewing.

The Finance Committee recommends the Purchase of a 2020 John Deer Backhoe in the amount of \$59,900.00. To be paid out of Special Revenue Fund. Ms. Myers made the motion; it was seconded by Mr. Fruge and carried to approve the recommendation.

The Finance Committee discussed the Purchase of the ASTRO SYSTEM ESSENTIAL PLUS PACKAGE for E911 dispatchers. To be Paid out of E911 Funds. No Action was taken on the matter, pending explanations from Ben and Marcus Peterson.

The Finance Committee recommends Approving Bluewing Task Order to Develop report with hydraulic analysis and recommendations for channel crossing on Potter Road. Ms. Myers made the motion; it was seconded by Mr. Chad Woods and carried to approve the recommendation.

Ms. Myers noted that the Finance Committee reviewed the monthly budget report as required.

It was moved by Mr. Adams, seconded by Mr. Fruge, and carried, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on January 14, 2026, as written and submitted.

A motion was made by Mr. Chad Woods, seconded by Mr. Adams, and carried, to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting held on January 22, 2026. During the time Mr. McKnight noted that the wording was changed in these minutes to reflect that he recuses himself from the vote.

The motion was made by Mr. Buller, seconded by Mr. LeJeune, and carried, to Ratify Approving a minor subdivision for Mr. Doxey

A motion was made by Mr. McKnight , seconded by Mr. Eastman, and carried, to move the March Agenda meeting to March 3, 2026 at 5:00PM due to the Police Jury Association Conference.

There was a motion by Mr. Chad Woods, seconded by Mr. LeJeune, and carried, to send letter of appreciation to Cattleman's Association.

Mr. Peterson reported the Ambulance Committee met on Wednesday, February 4, 2026 at 5:30PM.

A motion was made by Mr. Peterson and seconded by Mr. Chad Woods to accept the recommendation of the committee to send the Second Notice of Non-Compliance and Assessment of Fine letter to MedExpress via certified mail. Should MedExpress have any objections to the notice the proper steps to follow can be found within the letter. Mr. McKnight recused himself from this vote.

Mr. Fruge reported the Jail Committee met on Wednesday, February 4, 2026, at 5:45PM

A motion was made by Mr. Fruge, seconded by Mr. Buller, and carried out, to accept the committee's recommendation to move forward with repainting 59 door jams in the jail. This will be done with heavy-duty epoxy paint. This work will be done at night at the rate of two doors per night, this will allow for appropriate ventilation and security during the project. The total cost for the project is estimated to be just over \$18,000.00. There will be no need to send this to the Finance Committee.

Mr. Fruge made a motion, seconded by Mr. Adams, and carried, to accept the recommendation of the committee to move forward with hiring an engineering firm to estimate the integrating cameras and installing new cameras in the jail. The committee requested information on the warranties, life-span, and maintenance requirements for the new equipment.

A motion was made by Mr. Fruge, seconded by Ms. Myers, and carried, to Ratify Approving Change Order 1 in connection with the Jail Sealing Project #2024006 in the amount of \$10,330 and the addition of 17 Calendar Days.

Ms. Myers made a motion, seconded by Mr. McKnight, and carried, to Authorize Administrator to approve change orders in connection with the Jail Sealing Project #2024006, not to exceed 10% of original total project cost and time.

Ms. Myers made a motion, seconded by Mr. LeJeune and carried to Adopt Resolution to Appoint Dodie Richie as the Secretary Treasurer and Executive Director of Section 8 for Jefferson Davis Parish Police Jury.

RESOLUTION

A Resolution granting Dodie Richie, Secretary Treasurer of the Jefferson Davis Parish Police Jury, the authority to sign all checks and documents.

WHEREAS, the Jefferson Davis Parish Police Jury recognizes the need to appoint a qualified individual to serve as the Secretary-Treasurer / Executive Director of Section 8 for Jefferson Davis Parish; and

WHEREAS, the duties of this position are essential to the proper administration, financial management, and oversight of the Section 8 Housing Program and related operations within the Parish; and

WHEREAS, the Police Jury has reviewed and considered the qualifications and experience of Ms. Dodie Richie, and finds her to be well-suited to fulfill the responsibilities of this role;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Jefferson Davis Parish Police Jury hereby appoints Dodie Richie as the Secretary-Treasurer / Executive Director of Section 8, effective February 10, 2026; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Ms. Richie shall perform all duties associated with the position in accordance with Parish policies, state and federal regulations, and directives of the Jefferson Davis Parish Police Jury.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 11th day of February 2026, by the Jefferson Davis Parish Police Jury.

A Motion was made by Mr. LeJeune, seconded by Mr. Buller, and carried adopt the resolution approving the Consolidated Gravity Drainage District Number One to hold an election on Saturday, June 27, 2026, to authorize the renewal of a special tax therein.

RESOLUTION

A resolution approving the holding of an election in Consolidated Gravity Drainage District Number One (1) of the Parish of Jefferson Davis, Louisiana, on Saturday, June 27, 2026, to authorize the renewal of a special tax therein.

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Consolidated Gravity Drainage District Number One (1) of the Parish of Jefferson Davis, Louisiana (the "Governing Authority"), acting as the governing authority of Consolidated Gravity Drainage District Number One (1) of the Parish of Jefferson Davis, Louisiana (the "District"), adopted a resolution on January 21, 2026, calling a special election in the District on Saturday, June 27, 2026, to authorize the renewal of a special tax therein; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Authority has requested that this Police Jury, acting as the governing authority of the Parish of Jefferson Davis, State of Louisiana, give its consent and authority for the District to hold the aforesaid election, and in the event that the election carries, to continue to levy and collect the special tax provided for therein; and

WHEREAS, as required by Article VI, Section 15 of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana of 1974, it is now the desire of this Police Jury to give its consent and authority for the District to hold the said election, and in the event that the election carries, to authorize the District to continue to levy and collect the special tax provided for therein;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Police Jury of the Parish of Jefferson Davis, State of Louisiana, acting as the governing authority of said Parish, that:

SECTION 1. In compliance with the provisions of Article VI, Section 15 of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana of 1974, and in accordance with the request of the Board of Commissioners of Consolidated Gravity Drainage District Number One (1) of the Parish of Jefferson Davis, Louisiana, this Police Jury hereby approves the holding of an election in the District, on Saturday, June 27, 2026, at which election there will be submitted the following proposition, to-wit:

PROPOSITION

(MILLAGE RENEWAL)

Shall Consolidated Gravity Drainage District Number One (1) of the Parish of Jefferson Davis, Louisiana (the "District"), continue to levy a special tax of 7.62 mills on all property subject to taxation in the District (an estimated \$190,000 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 2027 and ending with the year 2036, for the purpose of constructing, improving and

maintaining gravity drainage works in the District?

SECTION 2. In the event the election carries, this Police Jury does hereby further consent to and authorize the District to continue to levy and collect the special tax provided for therein.

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

YEAS:

NAYS:

ABSENT:

And the resolution was declared adopted on this, the 11th day of February 2026.

A motion was made by Mr. LeJeune, seconded by Mr. Buller, and carried to to Appoint Garrett Compton to Gravity Drainage District #5 to fulfill the term of Kirk Billeaudeaux, expiring on 12/31/2028.

Mr. Eastman made a motion, seconded by Mr. Fruge, and carried to authorize President to form Economic Development Committee.

Mr. Peterson made a motion, seconded by Eastman, and carried to approve a letter of support for SOWELA Technical Community College for the Jennings Campus expansion.

A motion was made by Mr. McKnight, seconded by Mr. Eastman, and carried to adopt Resolution to support House Bills No. 5 and No 7 of the 2026 Legislative Session.

Resolution of Support

In Support of House Bills No. 5 and No. 7 in the 2026 Legislative Session

WHEREAS, the Jefferson Davis Parish Police Jury is committed to ensuring the health, safety, and welfare of its residents and the preservation of its natural resources; and

WHEREAS, House Bill No. 5 authorizes parish governing authorities and citizens to determine the permitting of Class VI injection wells, carbon dioxide sequestration, and carbon dioxide pipelines within their respective parishes; and

WHEREAS, House Bill No. 7 enacts the Louisiana Landowners Protection Act, which prohibits the expropriation of land by private entities for carbon dioxide transport and sequestration without the property owner's consent; and

WHEREAS, House Bill No. 5 promotes local control by allowing parishes to make decisions regarding carbon dioxide-related projects, ensuring that the voices of local citizens are heard; and

WHEREAS, House Bill No. 7 safeguards landowners against unwanted expropriation, promoting fair treatment and respect for property rights; and

WHEREAS, both bills emphasize responsible management of natural resources and compliance with environmental laws, thus contributing to the overall safety and environmental health of the community; and

WHEREAS, the passage of these bills will enhance public confidence in local governance and environmental stewardship;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Jefferson Davis Parish Police Jury hereby expresses its full support for House Bill No. 5 and House Bill No. 7, emphasizing the necessity of safeguarding the health and safety of the parish's residents and their natural resources.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Jefferson Davis Parish Police Jury will actively monitor the developments related to these bills and ensure that the interests of the Jefferson Parish community are represented and protected throughout the legislative process.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Jefferson Davis Parish Administrator be authorized to transmit this resolution to:

- Brett Geymann, Chairman of the Natural Resources Committee
- Representative Mike Johnson, Author of these bills

ADOPTED THIS DAY, February 11, 2026, by the Jefferson Davis Parish Police Jury.

Mr. Peterson made a motion, seconded by Ms. Myers, and carried to adopt a resolution approving the submission of a 2025–2026 Local Government Assistance Program (LGAP) grant application in the amount of \$100,000 for the purpose of a dump truck.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Governor's Office of Community Development is making available to parish governments thru the Local Government Assistance Program (LGAP) for the 2025 – 2026 Fiscal Year Grant Program, funds for needed projects and equipment to enhance growth and benefit the lives of their citizens; and

WHEREAS, the Jefferson Davis Police Jury has a pressing need to maintain and upgrade road infrastructure in the parish and,

WHEREAS, the Jefferson Davis Parish Police Jury would find it to be a financial hardship to provide the initial funding for the purchase a Dump Truck to maintain and upgrade road infrastructure.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the JEFFERSON DAVIS PARISH POLICE JURY, acting in duly convened session at the Regular Meeting held on the 11th day of February, 2026, that a grant application be submitted under the 2025 -2026 LGAP Grant Program to apply for funds up to the allocated parish amount of \$100,000.00 to purchase a Dump Truck to maintain and upgrade road infrastructure.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 11th day of February 2026, by the Jefferson Davis Parish Police Jury.

Mr. McKnight made a motion, seconded by Mr. Eastman, and carried to Approve Resolution authorizing Dodie Richie, Secretary Treasurer, to sign all checks and documents.

RESOLUTION

A Resolution granting to Dodie Richie, Secretary Treasurer of the Jefferson Davis Parish Police Jury, the authority to sign all Police Jury checks and documents.

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Jefferson Davis Parish Police Jury, State of Louisiana, that Dodie Richie, Secretary Treasurer of the Jefferson Davis Parish Police Jury, be and is hereby granted full authority to sign all Police Jury checks and documents on behalf of the Police Jury.

BE IT RESOLVED, that this grant of authority is continuing in nature and shall not be revoked except by proper action taken by this Police Jury.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this grant of authority is intended to bestow the signing authority upon Dodie Richie, in order to maintain the Police Jury's ability to operate without interruption.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

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A motion was made by Mr. Peterson, seconded by Mr. McKnight, to Amend the Lacassine Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with K P Thind LLC/ Kool Construction to include the cost of engineering and cost of sewer system. After getting advice from Legal Counsel all Jurors opposed this motion.

Mr. Eastman made a motion, seconded by Mr. LeJeune, and carried to Discuss and take action on renaming the multi-purpose building the William E Broussard Event Center.

Mr. McKnight made a motion, seconded by Mr. Peterson, and carried to renew annual service agreement with Motorola Solutions in the amount of \$13,475.22 for 911.

Old Business: Crawfish Fields Cannon Guns

At the Agenda Meeting held February 04, 2026, the Jurors present heard comments from the

public on the current effects of the cannon guns on the residents surrounding the areas of crawfish farm. Cody Newman and Shannon Bertrand, both of Lake Arthur, presented concerns of mental health and fatigue caused by the cannon guns operating in a 24-hour schedule. Farmers from around the parish were also in attendance and explained the necessity of the cannons for their crops. Farmers that spoke during this time were Chris Krielow, Luke Doise, Eric Krielow, Adrian Augustine, and Joe Watkins. The Jury acknowledges that established agricultural operations are protected under Louisiana law regarding standard agriculture procedures. They encourage communication between residents and farmers.

Old Business: Steven Hill – Speak Sobriety

At the Agenda Meeting held on February 04, 2026, Steven Hill with Speak Sobriety provided an update on his third year in the parish. This program is funded by the Opioid Abatement Funds through District Attorney Lauren Heinen. The program targets junior high and high school students with prevention advice and aims to encourage students to seek help in the proper ways. Mr. Ben Oustalet, with Jeff Davis Parish School Board, shared the program has had a significant impact on student in the parish. The program emphasizes early prevention to keep youth out the criminal system.

The President had nothing to report.

Mr. Boudreaux reported the following:

The Jail settlement report is not showing anymore settling. The Jail Fence project is out for bid. Ariel flights have begun throughout the Parish. DCMC will be solidifying the Engineering Firm for the Topsy Drainage and Fire District 5 Projects. Fire Marshall completed one of the final inspections at the Animal Shelter, there is a small punch list to be completed, this project will be closing out soon. Lacassine Booster Station bid opening will be February 24th, this is something very great for the Lacassine area. Our insurance renewals are coming up and we will have an Insurance Committee Meeting soon. The Health Unit generator is starting any day they are getting concrete designs submitted.

Brady gave the engineer report. He reported that as of today we have three active projects. Topsy Road project: they received comments from Office of Community Development. All comments were minor and they would be able to turn around and revise by the end of the month. Everything is going smoothly with dialing back the scope of work. The project will consist of Briar Marsh Road, North Lane and South Lane. The environmental review showed there would be no significant impact, this has been advertised. OCD has a requirement that this must be advertised for a certain amount of time and this time frame has expired, they will submit the Release of Funds to OCD on the Police Jury's behalf. The Jail Sealing Project: They met with Childress and KT Construction; punch list items should be complete in Sally Port in the next two

weeks give or take. Change Order 1 was for unforeseen conditions, once they saw framing missing and other things that need to be done for the project to be successful. Jail Settlement: We are still within the warranty limits. There has been a decrease in the frequency of surveying twice a year. Courthouse Renovation Project: KT Construction is also the contractor they are waiting for on an ETA from Tina's flooring. The Judge had to pick out different flooring the originally selected is no longer available. Once they have an ETA on flooring they will have a start date for this project.

/s/ Butch LaFargue

PRESIDENT

ATTEST:

/s/ Karlee Taylor

ASST SECRETARY TREASURER

DATE APPROVED

