

Parish Of Jefferson Davis, State of Louisiana
Jefferson Davis Parish Police Jury

Regular Voting Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday, May 13, 2026 Time: 5:00 P.M.
Location: Police Jury Meeting Room, Sidney E. Briscoe, Jr. Building, Jennings, Louisiana

Call to Order

The 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 Mr. Peterson

Roll Call

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

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

A Quorum was present

Special Presentation – Disaster Recovery (DCMC)

A representative from **DCMC** provided updates regarding FEMA funding, disaster recovery, and grant activity. Key updates included:

- FEMA funding secured through September 30, 2026
- Approximately \$198,000 reimbursement from a Katrina HMGP grant pending payment
- Progress on Welsh generator projects
- Status of FEMA Public Assistance and mitigation projects
- Updates on CDBG-DR projects and EPA drinking water grant

Finance Committee Report and Motion to Pay Bills

Finance Committee Chair **Kori Myers** reported that the Committee met on May 11, 2026.

Payment of Bills; Motion: Kori Myers **Second:** Tim McKnight **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously

GENERAL FUND	(\$263,944.84)
AMERICAN RESCUE FUND	\$550,468.27
BNSF FUNDS	\$979.00
LAMP	\$4,188,616.43
COOPERATIVE EXT SERVICE	\$204,414.40
COOPERATIVE EXT – CASH RESERVE	\$876,016.15
E-911 & 911 WIRELESS FEES	\$302,789.13
CRIMINAL COURT	\$322,167.68
PARISH ROAD	\$221,536.32
SUB ROAD NO. 1	\$305,320.67
WASTE FUND	\$41,713.79
COURTHOUSE & JAIL MAINT	\$903,489.25
CIB-INVESTMENTS	\$667,785.66
SPECIAL REVENUE	\$570,485.03
SP REV INVESTMENTS	\$513,434.73
FIRE DIST. No. 1	\$76,866.28
FIRE DIST. No. 2	\$1,754,943.70
F D # 2 INVESTMENTS	\$570,405.83
FIRE DIST. No. 3	\$1,359,216.52
F D # 3 INVESTMENTS	\$144,857.35
FIRE DIST. No. 4	\$242,497.53
FIRE DIST. No. 5	\$760,772.63
FIRE DIST. No. 6	\$155,468.11
FIRE DIST. No. 7	\$101,742.11
SPL WD RD &BDGE (Div I)	\$837,198.89
SPL WD RD &BDGE (Div II)	\$28,084.62
SPL WD RD & BDGE (Div III)	\$689,961.16
FIRE DIST No. 7 SINK (SPENDABLE)	\$1,950.38

SECTION 8 HOUSING	\$216,448.18
FIRE DISTRICT NO 6 SINKING	\$1.91
ROAD SALES TAX DIST 1 SALES TAX	\$2,977,174.52
RST- INV- BOND RES (NON-SPENDABLE)	\$1,778,989.67
R SALES TAX DIST 1 SINKING FUND	(\$273,839.19)
REGIONAL CON. JAIL MAINTENANCE	\$1,213,699.02
LCDBG DISASTER RECOVERY	\$67.23
OPIOID ABATEMENT	(\$2,878.20)

Motion by Kori Myers made a motion to accept the Committee’s recommendation to approve signing up with the Capital One Card Program for Fire Districts, OEP, LSU Ag Center, and 911 Office with oversight requirements. The committee will require the Fire District Boards to sign off allowing the Chief to have a credit card for purchases, approving a limit for the credit card, and monitoring all purchases and sign off on the statement for payment. **Second:** David LeJeune **Vote:** Motion carried

Motion by Kori Myers: To approve a three-year CourtCall agreement for the jail at \$7,560 annually. **Second:** Bill LaBouve **Vote:** Motion carried

Motion by Kori Myers: To approve a one year agreement with KDM Sales & Service for Generator Maintenance for the Courthouse Annex (Police Jury Office), William E. Broussard Event Center, Courthouse, and the Registrar of Voters Office. **Second:** Chad Woods **Vote:** Motion carried

Motion by Kori Myers: To approve purchase of three flail mowers for \$48,000 **Second:** Wayne Fruge **Vote:** Motion carried

Motion by Kori Myers: To approve May payment of \$1,325.10 for SWLA Regional Planning Commission District Dues. **Second:** Chad Woods **Vote:** Motion carried.

Motion by Kori Myers: To ratify approval of repairs in the amount of \$6,292.50 Able Road Bridge Repairs. **Second:** Bill LaBouve **Vote:** Motion Carried

Motion by Kori Myers: to Approve the installation of a fence at the Welsh Maintenance yard to be completed by the Parish Road Crews, using the quotes proved by Tractor Supply. **Second:** Chad Woods **Vote:** Motion Carried

Motion by Kori Myers to approve the Renewal of Calcasieu Mechanical Maintenance Agreements & alternatively Preventive Maintenance. **Second:** Marcus Peterson **Vote:** Motion carried

Monthly Budget was reviewed as required.

Motion by Melvin Adams to Approve the April 8, 2026, Meeting Minutes. **Second:** William LaBouve **Vote:** Motion carried

The Zoning Commission met on May 6, 2026, and held a public hearing regarding a request from Mazen Hijazi for a zoning change from A-1 to I-1. Public opposition and applicant responses were presented. The application was withdrawn, and no recommendation was made. No action taken.

Motion to approve Minor Subdivision request for Maria Isabel Martinez **Motion:** William LaBouve **Second:** Chad Woods **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously

The following resolution was offered by Melvin Adams and seconded by Tim McKnight:

RESOLUTION

A resolution ordering and calling special elections to be held in (i) the Parish of Jefferson Davis, State of Louisiana, to authorize the extension and rededication of a sales and use tax therein, and (ii) Road Sales Tax District No. 1 of the Parish of Jefferson Davis, State of Louisiana, to authorize the renewal of a sales and use tax therein, making application to the State Bond Commission, and providing for other matters in connection therewith.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Police Jury of the Parish of Jefferson Davis, State of Louisiana (the "Governing Authority"), acting as the governing authority of (i) the Parish of Jefferson Davis, State of

Louisiana and (ii) Road Sales Tax District No. 1 of the Parish of Jefferson Davis, State of Louisiana (the "Parish and District"), that:

SECTION 1. Election Call. Subject to the approval of the State Bond Commission, and under the authority conferred by the Constitution of the State of Louisiana of 1974, including Article VI, Section 29 thereof, the applicable provisions of the Louisiana Election Code, and other constitutional and statutory authority, special elections are hereby called and ordered to be held in the Parish and District on **TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2026**, between the hours of six o'clock (6:00) a.m. and eight o'clock (8:00) p.m., in accordance with the provisions of La. R.S. 18:541, and at the said elections there shall be submitted to all registered voters qualified and entitled to vote at the said elections under the Constitution and laws of this State and the Constitution of the United States, the following propositions, to-wit:

PROPOSITION

(SALES TAX EXTENSION & REDEDICATION)

Shall the Parish of Jefferson Davis, State of Louisiana (the "Parish"), be authorized to continue to levy and collect a 1/2% sales and use tax (the "Tax") in accordance with Louisiana law (an estimated \$3,300,000 reasonably expected at this time to be collected from the levy of the Tax for an entire year), for a period of 10 years from and after July 1, 2034, with the proceeds of the Tax hereafter collected to be used for the purposes of acquiring, constructing, improving, operating, and maintaining jail facilities and animal shelter facilities for the Parish, and for providing additional support for animal control operations in the Parish, provided that no more than 10% of the proceeds of the Tax received in any year may be used for animal shelter or animal control purposes?

PROPOSITION

(SALES TAX RENEWAL)

Shall Road Sales Tax District No. 1 of the Parish of Jefferson Davis, State of Louisiana (the "District"), be authorized to continue to levy and collect a 2% sales and use tax (the "Tax") in accordance with Louisiana law (an estimated \$3,900,000 reasonably expected at this time to be collected from the levy of the Tax for an entire year), for a period of 20 years from and after January 1, 2027, with the proceeds of the Tax (after paying the reasonable and necessary costs and expenses of collecting and administering the Tax) to be dedicated and used by the District for the purpose of constructing, improving, maintaining and resurfacing Parish roads within the District (but specifically excluding employees' salaries, wages and benefits)?

SECTION 2. Publication of Notice of Elections. A Notice of Special Elections shall be published in the official journal of the Parish and District once a week for four consecutive weeks, with the first publication to be made not less than forty-five (45) days nor more than ninety (90) days prior to the date of the elections, which Notice shall be substantially in the form attached hereto as "Exhibit A" and incorporated herein by reference the same as if it were set forth herein in full.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, prior to the publication of the Notice of Elections, the President is authorized and directed to make any amendments to the foregoing propositions that may be required to comply with any state or federal regulatory agencies.

SECTION 3. Canvass. This Governing Authority shall meet at its regular meeting place, the Police Jury Meeting Room of the Sidney Briscoe Building, 304 N. State Street, Jennings, Louisiana, on **WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2026, at 5:00 P.M.**, and shall then and there in open and public session proceed to examine and canvass the returns and declare the results of the said special elections.

SECTION 4. Polling Places. The polling places for the precincts in the Parish and District are hereby designated as the polling places at which to hold the said elections, and the Commissioners-in-Charge and Commissioners, respectively, will be the same persons as those designated in accordance with law.

SECTION 5. Election Commissioners; Voting Machines. The officers designated to serve as Commissioners-in-Charge and Commissioners pursuant to Section 4 hereof, or such substitutes therefor as may be selected and designated in accordance with La. R.S. 18:1287, shall hold the said special elections as herein provided, and shall make due returns of said elections for the meeting of the Governing

Authority to be held as provided in Section 3 hereof. All registered voters in the Parish and District will be entitled to vote at the special elections, and voting machines shall be used.

SECTION 6. Authorization of Officers. The Secretary-Treasurer of the Governing Authority is hereby empowered, authorized and directed to arrange for and to furnish to said election officers in ample time for the holding of said elections, the necessary equipment, forms and other paraphernalia essential to the proper holding of said elections and the President and/or Secretary-Treasurer of the Governing Authority are further authorized, empowered and directed to take any and all further action required by State and/or Federal law to arrange for the elections.

SECTION 7. Furnishing Election Call to Election Officials. Certified copies of this resolution shall be forwarded to the Secretary of State, the Clerk of Court and *Ex-Officio* Parish Custodian of Voting Machines of Jefferson Davis Parish and the Registrar of Voters of Jefferson Davis Parish, as notification of the special elections, in order that each may prepare for said elections and perform their respective functions as required by law.

SECTION 8. Application to State Bond Commission. Application is made to the State Bond Commission for consent and authority to hold the special elections as herein provided, and in the event said elections carry for further consent and authority to continue to levy the sales and use taxes provided for therein. A certified copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to the State Bond Commission on behalf of this Governing Authority, together with a letter requesting the prompt consideration and approval of this application.

SECTION 9. Employment of Counsel. This Governing Authority finds and determines that a real necessity exists for the employment of special counsel on matters related to the special elections, and accordingly, Foley & Judell, L.L.P., is hereby employed as special counsel for said purpose for a term not exceeding one (1) year from the date of this resolution. The fee to be paid said special counsel shall be an amount computed at hourly rate based on the Attorney General's then current Maximum Hourly Fee Schedule, not to exceed \$2,000 in the aggregate, together with reimbursement of out-of-pocket expenses, and payment for the work herein specified is hereby approved without further action of this Governing Authority as and when invoices are presented. The scope of this legal representation does not involve federal claims.

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

YEAS: 12

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 0

And the resolution was declared adopted on this, the 13th day of May, 2026.

/s/ Dodie Huval

Secretary-Treasurer

/s/ Butch LaFargue

President

EXHIBIT "A"

NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTIONS

Pursuant to the provisions of a resolution adopted by the Police Jury of the Parish of Jefferson Davis, State of Louisiana (the "Governing Authority"), acting as the governing authority of (i) the Parish of Jefferson Davis, State of Louisiana and (ii) Road Sales Tax District No. 1 of the Parish of Jefferson Davis, State of Louisiana (the "Parish and District"), on May 13, 2026, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that special elections will be held within the Parish and District on **TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2026**, and that at the said elections there will be submitted to all registered voters in the Parish and District qualified and entitled to vote at the said elections under the Constitution and Laws of the State of Louisiana and the Constitution of the United States, the following propositions, to-wit:

PROPOSITION
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Shall the Parish of Jefferson Davis, State of Louisiana (the "Parish"), be authorized to continue to levy and collect a 1/2% sales and use tax (the "Tax") in accordance with Louisiana law (an estimated \$3,300,000 reasonably expected at this time to be collected from the levy of the Tax for an entire year), for a period of 10 years from and after July 1, 2034, with the proceeds of the Tax hereafter collected to be used for the purposes of acquiring, constructing, improving, operating, and maintaining jail facilities and animal shelter facilities for the Parish, and for providing additional support for animal control operations in the Parish, provided that no more than 10% of the proceeds of the Tax received in any year may be used for animal shelter or animal control purposes?

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The said special election for the Parish of Jefferson Davis will be held at each and every polling place in the Parish, which polls will open at six o'clock (6:00) a.m. and close at eight o'clock (8:00) p.m., in accordance with the provisions of La. R.S. 18:541.

The said special election for Road Sales Tax District No. 1 will be held at the polling places at the following precincts of the District which polls will open at six o'clock (6:00) a.m. and close at eight o'clock (8:00) p.m., in accordance with the provisions of La. R.S. 18:541, to wit:

PRECINCTS

The polling places at the precincts in the Parish and District are hereby designated as the polling places at which to hold the said elections, and the Commissioners-in-Charge and Commissioners, respectively, shall be those persons designated according to law.

The estimated cost of the Parish of Jefferson Davis election as determined by the Secretary of State based upon the provisions of Chapter 8-A of Title 18 and actual costs of similar elections is \$8,700.

The estimated cost of Road Sales Tax District No. 1 election as determined by the Secretary of State based upon the provisions of Chapter 8-A of Title 18 and actual costs of similar elections is \$_____.

The said special elections will be held in accordance with the applicable provisions of Chapter 5 and Chapter 6-A of Title 18 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, and other constitutional and statutory authority, and the officers appointed to hold the said elections, as provided in this Notice of Special Elections, or such substitutes therefor as may be selected and designated in accordance with La. R.S. 18:1287, will make due returns thereof to said Governing Authority, and NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that the Governing Authority will meet at its regular meeting place, the Police Jury Meeting Room of the Sidney Briscoe Building, 304 N. State Street, Jennings, Louisiana, on **WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2026, at 5:00 P.M.**, and shall then and there in open and public session proceed to examine and canvass the returns and declare the results of the said special elections. All registered voters of the Parish and District are entitled to vote at said special elections and voting machines will be used.

STATE OF LOUISIANA

PARISH OF JEFFERSON DAVIS

I, the undersigned Secretary-Treasurer of the Police Jury of the Parish of Jefferson Davis, State of Louisiana (the "Governing Authority"), the governing authority of (i) the Parish of Jefferson Davis, State of Louisiana and (ii) Road Sales Tax District No. 1 of the Parish of Jefferson Davis, State of Louisiana (the "Parish and District"), do hereby certify that the foregoing pages constitute a true and correct copy of the proceedings taken by the Governing Authority on May 13, 2026, ordering and calling special elections to be held in (i) the Parish of Jefferson Davis, State of Louisiana, to authorize the extension and rededication of a sales and use tax therein, and (ii) Road Sales Tax District No. 1 of the Parish of Jefferson Davis, State of Louisiana, to authorize the renewal of a sales and use tax therein, making application to the State Bond Commission, and providing for other matters in connection therewith.

IN FAITH WHEREOF, witness my official signature at Jennings, Louisiana, on this, the 13th day of May, 2026.

/s/ Dodie Huval Richie

Secretary-Treasurer

Economic Development Committee met on May 6, 2026. A recommendation was made to authorize the Parish Administrator to identify and map additional parcels in the Lacassine & Roanoke economic development districts for long range infrastructure planning only.

Motion: Steve Eastman to accept the committee recommendation **Second:** Tim McKnight

Vote: Motion carried

Motion: by Marcus Peterson for Probation and Parole to host Opportunity Access Hub (job fairs) at the William E Broussard Event Center On May 20th, July 15th, September 16th, and bimonthly moving forward. **Second:** William LaBoue **Vote:** Motion carried

Extensive discussion was held on landfill operations and contract requirements.

Topics included:

- Operational standards
- Public access improvements
- Safety and maintenance
- Long-term contract considerations

Motion: Steve Eastman to forward recommendations to Landfill Commission
Second: Chad Woods **Vote:** Motion carried

Motion: by Wayne Fruge to accept resignation of Marcia Pfeiffer Library Board Resignation for a term ending 6/3/2026 **Second:** Kori Myers **Vote:** Motion carried

Library Board Appointment (3-Year Term) to fill vacancy left by Marcia Pfeiffer for a 3 year term beginning 05/10/2026 ending 05/31/2029
Nominee: Naomi Benoit **Motion:** Wayne Fruge **Second:** Melvin Adams **Vote:** Motion carried

Library Board Reappointment for term beginning 6/4/2026 ending on 5/31/2028
Nominee: Frances Shroud **Motion:** David LeJeune **Second:** Tim McKnight **Vote:** Motion carried

Motion to accept advertising for a food service supplier for the Regional Consolidated Jail; discussion included service improvements.
Motion: Marcus Peterson **Second:** Donald Woods **Vote:** Motion carried

The Fairgrounds Committee met on May 6th, 2026, to discuss plans for short term camping spots at Houssiere Park to include both RV & tent sites with water and electricity. The committee recommended allowing the administrator to prepare a proposal for new rental rates for the William E Broussard Event Center. The committee also recommended moving forward with a third-party vendor to implement a self-service QR code system for reservations and payments at Fairgrounds and Houssiere Park.
Motion to accept the committee’s recommendation by: Chad Woods **Second:** Donald Woods **Vote:** Motion carried

Motion: Tim McKnight For Police Jury to purchase a 2021 John Deere backhoe for \$59,900, subject to verification of warranty and pricing. **Second:** Marcus Peterson **Vote:** Motion carried

A motion was made to establish staggered terms for the Landfill commission and to establish terms who are not presently defined, as well as revoke any prior appointments in conflict herewith. Discussion was held regarding the establishment of staggered terms and the appointment of members to the Landfill Commission.
During discussion, it was determined, upon advice of legal counsel, that the motion as presented required modification to properly separate the actions of establishing staggered terms and making appointments.
Counsel advised that:

- The Police Jury must first establish staggered terms and revoke any prior undefined appointments
- After adoption of that motion, the Jury must then proceed with separate nominations and appointments

A motion made by Tim McKnight to establish staggered terms for the Landfill Commission and revoke any prior appointments in conflict herewith. **Second:** Chad Woods **Vote:** Motion Carried

A motion was made to receive nominations for the 1st appointment, Tim McKnight nominated Ben Boudreaux, Marcus Peterson made a motion to close nominations, the motion was carried to make Ben Boudreaux the 1st appointment to the Landfill Commission, with an implied term expiring on December 31st, 2027, based on the date listed in the original motion of the official agenda.

A motion was made to receive nominations for the 2nd Landfill Commission appointment, both Mike Heinen and Leroy Fall were nominated with an implied term expiring on December 31st, 2028, based on the date listed in the original motion of the official agenda.

A Roll call vote was conducted with Leroy Fall receiving 7 votes and Mike Heinen receiving 5 votes, thus Leroy Fall was selected as the 2nd Landfill Commission Appointee. Below is summary of vote.

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| Donald Woods — Mike Heinen | Chad Woods — Mike Heinen |
| Marcus Peterson — Leroy Faul | Kori Myers — Leroy Faul |
| Tim McKnight — Mike Heinen | Melvin Adams — Leroy Faul |
| William LaBouve — Leroy Faul | Scotty Cormier - Leroy Faul |
| Byron Buller — Leroy Faul | David LeJeune - Leroy Faul |
| Wayne Fruge — Mike Heinen | Steve Eastman — Mike Heinen |

A motion to enter into Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with Water Districts participating in the Drinking Water Improvement project (2025007) funded through Senator Cassidy. This establishes that each water district shall reimburse grant administration costs & assume ownership, operation, and maintenance of improvements.

Motion: Marcus Peterson **Second:** William LaBouve **Vote:** Motion carried

Project Report

Topsy project bid opening (May 21)

Courthouse renovation nearing completion (within three weeks)

Administrator's Report

Jail fence project will begin hauling in materials

Overlay bids pending

Safe Streets initiative outreach

No President's Report

Adjournment **Motion:** Tim McKnight **Second:** Donald Woods **Vote:** Motion carried

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

CERTIFIED this 13th day of May, 2026.

/s/Dodie Huval Richie

Secretary-Treasurer

Jefferson Davis Parish Police Jury

/s/ Butch LaFargue

PRESIDENT

ATTEST:

Date Approved: June