

RAPIDES PARISH POLICE JURY
REGULAR SESSION
SEPTEMBER 12, 2022

The Police Jury of the Parish of Rapides, State of Louisiana, met in Regular Session at its regular meeting place, the Police Jury Room of the Parish Courthouse, 701 Murray Street, Alexandria, Louisiana, on Monday, September 12, 2022, at three (3:00) o'clock p.m. (Central Standard Time).

There were present: Craig Smith, President, Oliver "Ollie" Overton, Jr., Vice President and Police Jurors: Joe Bishop, Davron "Bubba" Moreau, Theodore Fountaine, III, Rusty Wilder, Sean McGlothlin, David Johnson and Jay Scott.

Also present were Theresa Pacholik, Treasurer; Shane Trapp, Courthouse Building Superintendent; Donna Andries, Sales and Use Tax Director; Cory Ashmore, Public Works Director; Elaine Morace, WIA Operations Director; Linda Sanders, Civil Service Director; Greg Jones, Legal Counsel and Laurel Smith, Secretary.

The invocation was given by Mr. Oliver "Ollie" Overton.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Greg Jones.

The Police Jury of the Parish of Rapides, State of Louisiana, was duly convened as the governing authority of said Parish by Hon. Craig Smith, President, who welcomed all present and then stated that the Police Jury was ready for the first item of business.

The President asked if there was any public comment on any agenda item, to which there was no response.

The first item on the agenda was to recognize Shalon Latour, Candidate for Public Service Commissioner for District No. 4.

Mr. Shalon Latour gave a brief statement of his candidacy for Public Service Commission in District No. 4 and asked the Jury for their support.

The next item was to recognize Mr. Chris Roy, President of Red River, Atchafalaya & Bayou Boeuf to give an update on the Red River, Atchafalaya & Bayou Boeuf Levee District Board.

Mr. Chris Roy, President of Red River Atchafalaya & Bayou Boeuf introduced Mr. Ryan Ingalls, Executive Director. Mr. Roy gave a brief overview of the creation and responsibilities of RRABB to operate and maintain flood protection levees within its jurisdictional boundaries. Mr. Roy spoke of the numerous jobs that are being done by RRABB in Avoyelles Parish and about the difference in Tax Revenue St. Landry, Avoyelles and Rapides Parish contribute. Mr. Roy passed out a resolution he would like for the Jurors to seek support from their representatives to increase the number of commissioners on the board at RRABB and to include Grant Parish in the boundary.

On motion by Mr. Ollie Overton, seconded by Mr. David Johnson, to adopt the minutes of the Rapides Parish Police Jury held in Regular Session on August 8,

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2022, as published in the Official Journal. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. David Johnson, seconded by Mr. Ollie Overton, that approved bills be paid. On vote the motion carried.

The following appointments were announced to be at the next meeting:

- ***Henry Blake on the Rapides Housing Authority Board for a six (6) year term. Term will expire October 9, 2022.
- ***Christopher Caffery on the Rapides Finance Authority Board for a six (6) year term. Term will expire October 11, 2022. Representing District D.
- ***Sam DeBona on the Rapides Finance Authority Board for a six (6) year term. Term will expire October 11, 2022. Representing District C.
- ***Rodney McNeal on the Sewerage District No. 1 Board for a four (4) year term. Term will expire October 12, 2022.
- ***Cecil Perry on the Sewerage District No. 2 Board for a four (4) year term. Term will expire October 12, 2022.
- ***Jimmy Cockrell on the Sewerage District No. 2 Board for a four (4) year term. Term will expire October 12, 2022.
- ***T.J. Speir on the Sewerage District No. 2 Board for a four (4) year term. Term will expire October 12, 2022.
- ***Elizabeth Lindsay on the Waterworks District No. 3 Board for a five (5) year term. Term will expire October 14, 2022.

On motion by Mr. Craig Smith, seconded by Mr. Ollie Overton, to waive the thirty (30) day announcement rule and reappoint Mr. Sam DeBona to the Rapides Finance Authority Board for a six (6) year term, representing District C. Term will expire October 11, 2028. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Ollie Overton, seconded by Mr. Sean McGlothlin, to waive the thirty (30) day announcement rule and reappoint Mr. Rodney McNeal to the Sewerage District No. 1 Board for a four (4) year term. Term will expire October 12, 2026. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Bubba Moreau, seconded by Mr. Ollie Overton, to waive the thirty (30) day announcement rule and reappoint Mr. Cecil Perry to the Sewerage District No. 2 Board for a four (4) year term. Term will expire October 12, 2026. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Bubba Moreau, seconded by Mr. Craig Smith, to waive the thirty (30) day announcement rule and reappoint Mr. Jimmy Cockrell to the Sewerage District No. 2 Board for a four (4) year term. Term will expire October 12, 2026. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Bubba Moreau, seconded by Mr. Ollie Overton, to waive the thirty (30) day announcement rule and reappoint Ms. Elizabeth Lindsay to the Waterworks District No. 3 Board for a five (5) year term. Term will expire October 14, 2027. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Bubba Moreau, seconded by Mr. David Johnson, to increase Fire Protection District No. 3 Firefighter/Operator and Records Clerk base pay from \$9.75 per hour to \$11.00 per hour, to be paid out of Fire District No. 3

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Funds, effective September 25, 2022. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Bubba Moreau, seconded by Mr. David Johnson, to increase Fire Protection District No. 3 Certification Incentive Plan pay from \$7.50 per certification, per pay period to \$10.00 per certification, per pay period, to be paid out of Fire District No. 3 Funds, effective September 25, 2022. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Bubba Moreau, seconded by Mr. Joe Bishop, to amend Fire Protection District No. 3 pay scale so that instead of getting step increases at years 1, 2 & 3, total amount of \$1.63 is given upon completion of year one (1), to be paid out of Fire District No. 3 Funds, effective September 25, 2022. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Ollie Overton, seconded by Mr. David Johnson, to increase Fire Protection District No. 3 EMT Incentive Plan for Advanced EMT from \$100 per pay period, to \$150 per pay period and Paramedic from \$150 per pay period, to \$250 per pay period, to be paid out of Fire District No. 3 Funds, effective September 25, 2022. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Ollie Overton, seconded by Mr. Joe Bishop, to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between the Rapides Parish Police Jury and the Louisiana Department of Treasury related to Act 170 of 2022 Regular Legislative Session – State Aid to Local Government Entities State General Fund Direct, for the purchase of a mini excavator with mower attachment, as recommended by the Parish Engineer and authorize the President to sign same. Authorize the President to send a letter of thanks to Senator Jay Luneau for his help in securing funds for this project. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Ollie Overton, seconded by Mr. Bubba Moreau, to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between the Rapides Parish Police Jury and the Louisiana Department of Treasury related to Act 170 of 2022 Regular Legislative Session – State Aid to Local Government Entities State General Fund Direct, for drainage improvements and equipment, as recommended by the Parish Engineer and authorize the President to sign same. Authorize the President to send a letter of thanks to Senator Glen Womack for his help in securing funds for this project. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Ollie Overton, seconded by Mr. Joe Bishop, to rescind a certain motion allowing Rapides Parish Fire District No. 8 to purchase three (3) Ford Utility All Wheel Drive vehicles off State Contract No. 4400016601 (August 2022) and to allow the vehicles to be purchased utilizing a City of Alexandria Contract, Bid #2381, Ordinance No. 127-2022. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Jay Scott, to authorize the purchase of a remote-control slope mower to be paid from Rapides Parish Public Works fund, as requested by the Public Works Director. Motion died for lack of a second.

On motion by Mr. Ollie Overton, seconded by Mr. David Johnson, to authorize participation in an upcoming auction to be held on October 22, 2022. On vote the motion carried.

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On motion by Mr. Joe Bishop, seconded by Mr. David Johnson, to renew Humana Insurance Plan for Medicare Primary Retirees for 2023 and authorize the President to sign. Rate increased from \$351.71 per month to \$361.42 per month. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Ollie Overton, seconded by Mr. David Johnson, the following ordinance was presented and unanimously adopted:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND REENACT CHAPTER 2 –
ADMINISTRATION; ARTICLE 1. – IN GENERAL; SECTION 2-
3.4 - EXPENSE ALLOWANCE FOR POLICE JURORS(e)

Chapter 2 – ADMINISTRATION

ARTICLE 1. – IN GENERAL

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Sec. 2-3.4. - Expense allowance for police jurors.

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~~(e) The monthly expense allowance shall be paid upon the approval of the Rapides Parish Police Jury after having previously submitted to the Parish Treasurer and the Finance Committee.~~

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that this ordinance is to be effective immediately.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED in all other respects Section 2 of the Rapides Parish Code of Ordinances shall remain unchanged.

THUS DONE AND SIGNED on this 12th day of September, 2022.

On motion by Mr. Rusty Wilder, seconded by Mr. Ollie Overton, to accept the Public Works Director's Report. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Bubba Moreau, seconded by Mr. Ollie Overton, to adjust salary plan for Equipment Operator I, under Rapides Civil Service, to-wit:

- Equipment Operator I (Basic – No CDL) Labor Grade 12
Entry Level Hourly Rate: \$12.3999 per hour (\$25,791.92 annually)
Operates: Basic Equipment – tractors and implements. Not eligible to promote to Equipment Operator II.
- Equipment Operator I (Class B CDL) Labor Grade 13
Hourly Rate: \$.62 per hour more than Equipment Operator I (Basic- No CDL) or \$13.0199 per hour - \$27,081.51 annually
Operates: Basic Equipment – tractors, implements and Dump Truck. Not eligible to promote to Equipment Operator II.
- Equipment Operator I (Class A CDL) Labor Grade 14
Hourly Rate: \$1.27 per hour more than Equipment Operator I (Basic – No CDL) and \$.65 per hour more than Equipment Operator I (Class B CDL). \$13.6709 per hour - \$28,435.59 annually
Operates: Basic Equipment – tractors, implements, Dump Truck and

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tows equipment. Eligible to promote to Equipment Operator II.
On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. David Johnson, seconded by Mr. Bubba Moreau, to authorize Ms. Mary C. Smith, 788 Highway 1206, Deville, Louisiana, as a Hardship Case. Proper certification already received. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. David Johnson, seconded by Mr. Rusty Wilder, the following ordinance was presented and on vote unanimously adopted:

ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND REENACT SECTION 18-4.2 (J) SPEED LIMITS SO AS TO SET A 10 MPH SPEED LIMIT ON HUMBLE CHURCH ROAD, WARD 6, DISTRICT H

BE IT ORDAINED by the Rapides Parish Police Jury in Regular Session convened on this 12th day of September, 2022, that Section 18-4.2 (j) of the Rapides Parish Code of Ordinances is hereby amended and reenacted to set a 10 mph speed limit on the following road as follows:

Chapter 18. MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC

Section 18-4.2. Speed limits designated on certain streets:

...

(j) Ten miles per hour. It shall be unlawful for any person to drive or operate a vehicle upon the following parish road in Rapides Parish in excess of ten (10) miles per hour.

...

Humble Church Road, Ward 6, District H

...

(l). Whoever violates the provisions of this section shall be punished by a fine not to exceed one hundred dollars (\$100.00) or imprisoned in the Rapides Parish Jail for a period not to exceed thirty (30) days, or both.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that this ordinance is to be effective immediately.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED in all other respects Section 18-4.2 of the Rapides Parish Code of Ordinances shall remain unchanged.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the Parish Highway Department is hereby authorized to erect the speed limit signs on the Road and a copy of this ordinance sent to the Rapides Parish Sheriff Office.

THUS DONE AND SIGNED on this 12th day of September, 2022.

On motion by Mr. Ollie Overton, seconded by Rusty Wilder, to adopt the following resolution:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Code of Federal regulations as enacted by the United States

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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 be maintained by each State; and,

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

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the governing authority of Rapides Parish (herein referred to as the Parish) that the Parish in regular meeting assembled does hereby certify to the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (herein referred to as the DOTD) that for the period October 1, 2021 through September 30, 2022:

1. The Parish has performed all interim inspections on all Parish owned or maintained bridges in accordance with the National Bridge Inspection Standards.

2. All bridges owned or maintained by the Parish have been structurally analyzed and rated by the Parish as to the safe load capacity in accordance with AASHTO Manual for Maintenance Inspection of Bridges. The load posting information that has been determined by the LA 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 been critically reviewed by the Parish. Load posting information has been updated by the Parish to reflect all structural changes, any obsolete structural ratings or any missing structural ratings.

3. All Parish owned or maintained bridges which require load posting or closing are load posted or closed in accordance with the table in the DOTD Engineering Directives and Standards Manual Directive No. 1.1.1.8. 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 LA DOTD are noted.

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

THUS, DONE AND ADOPTED this 12th day of September, 2022.

On motion by Mr. Bubba Moreau, seconded by Mr. Joe Bishop, the following resolution was presented and unanimously adopted:

RESOLUTION TO SUBMIT FY 2023-2027
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM APPLICATION
FOR THE ESLER REGIONAL AIRPORT
BY
THE RAPIDES PARISH POLICE JURY

WHEREAS, Title 2 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950 provides that cities,

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towns, parishes, and other political subdivisions of this State may separately or jointly acquire, establish, construct, expand, own, lease, control, equip, improve, maintain, operate, regulate, and police airports and landing fields for the use of aircraft; and,

WHEREAS, the State of Louisiana, Department of Transportation and Development, Division of Aviation (formerly the LA DOTD-OAPT) is charged by Title 2 with the responsibility for the development of aviation facilities within the State to foster air commerce and to safeguard the interests of those engaged in all phases of the aviation industry and of the general public; and,

WHEREAS, the Rapides Parish Police Jury hereinafter referred to as "Sponsor", has completed an FAA and DOTD approved Master Plan, Action Plan, and/or Airport Layout Plan which outlines the specific future development of the Esler Regional Airport; and, the Sponsor is desirous of implementing a portion of the approved Plan recommendations which provide for the critically needed improvements as stated below to substantially improve the safety and usability of the Airport, but does not have sufficient funds of its own required for completing the needed improvements; and,

WHEREAS, the LA DOTD, Division of Aviation is authorized by Title 2 to expend funds for the construction or enlargement of airports for the safety and advancement of aeronautics;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

SECTION I

That the Sponsor does hereby formally request that the LA DOTD, Division of Aviation provide funds required to complete the airport improvements at the Esler Regional Airport specifically as described in the Capital Improvement Program Application for State Financial Assistance to be dated September 2022.

SECTION II

That the said LA DOTD, Division of Aviation be and is hereby assured that all necessary servitudes, rights-of-way, rights of ingress and egress and means thereof will be furnished by the Sponsor and the titles thereto will be valid and indefeasible, and that the Sponsor will assume ownership, financial reporting, and complete responsibility for the maintenance and upkeep of the airport after completion of said improvement.

SECTION III

That the Sponsor will save and hold the said LA DOTD, Division of Aviation, its officers, agents, and employees harmless from any liability or claim for damages arising out of the project, including death or injuries to third parties including, but not limited to, liability or claim for damages out of the negligence of said LA DOTD, Division of Aviation, its officers, agents, or employees, and expressly agrees to defend any suit of any nature brought against the LA DOTD, Division of Aviation as a result of this project.

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SECTION IV

That the President of the Sponsor be and is hereby authorized and directed to evidence this agreement by affixing his signature at the place provided therefore on this resolution and on subsequent related documents/agreements as required by the rules and regulations of the Federal Aviation Administration and the State of Louisiana and the Secretary is hereby authorized to attest said execution.

SECTION V

That this resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its adoption.

YEAS: Rusty Wilder, David Johnson, Sean McGlothlin, Theodore Fountaine, III, Jay Scott, Joe Bishop, Davron “Bubba” Moreau, Oliver “Ollie” Overton, Jr. and Craig Smith

NAYS: none

ABSENT: none

The resolution was declared duly adopted September 12th, 2022.

On motion by Mr. Bubba Moreau, seconded by Mr. Jay Scott, the following ordinance was presented and on vote unanimously adopted:

ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND REENACT SECTION 18-4.2 (C), (E) AND (G) SPEED LIMITS SO AS TO REDUCE THE 45 MPH SPEED LIMIT TO 35 MPH AND CORRECT REFERENCES TO HOOPER ROAD, WARD 10 IN MULTIPLE SECTIONS OF ORDINANCES

BE IT ORDAINED by the Rapides Parish Police Jury in Regular Session convened on this 12th day of September, 2022, that Section 18-4.2 (c), (e) and (g) of the Rapides Parish Code of Ordinances is hereby amended and reenacted to include a 35 mph speed limit on Hooper Road and correct references to Hooper Road in multiple sections, as follows:

Chapter 18. MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC

Section 18-4.2. Speed limits designated on certain streets:

...

(c) Forty-five miles per hour. It shall be unlawful for any person to drive or operate a vehicle upon the following parish roads in Rapides Parish in excess of forty-five (45) miles per hour. (delete out of forty-five)

...

~~Hooper Road, Ward 10~~

...

(e) Thirty-five miles per hour. It shall be unlawful for any person to drive or operate a vehicle upon the following parish roads in Rapides Parish in excess of thirty-five (35) miles per hour. (delete 2nd reference to Hooper Road, from U.S. 71 to Grant Parish Line and leave Hooper Road, Ward 10)

...

Hooper Road, Ward 10

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~~Hooper Road, from U.S. 71 to Grant Parish Line.~~

...

(g) Twenty-five miles per hour. It shall be unlawful for any person to drive or operate a vehicle upon the following parish roads in Rapides Parish in excess of twenty-five (25) miles per hour. (delete Hooper Road, from U.S. 71 to the Grant/Rapides Parish Line.)

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~~Hooper Road, from U.S. 71 to the Grant/Rapides Parish Line.~~

...

(l). Whoever violates the provisions of this section shall be punished by a fine not to exceed one hundred dollars (\$100.00) or imprisoned in the Rapides Parish Jail for a period not to exceed thirty (30) days, or both.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that this ordinance is to be effective immediately.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED in all other respects Section 18-4.2 of the Rapides Parish Code of Ordinances shall remain unchanged.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the Parish Highway Department is hereby authorized to erect speed limit signs.

THUS DONE AND SIGNED on this 12th day of September, 2022.

On motion by Mr. Rusty Wilder, seconded by Mr. Ollie Overton, to repair electrical connections at Cotile Recreation Area, not to exceed \$89,500, due to damage received from Hurricane Laura. Reimbursement request to be submitted to FEMA.

Mr. Joe Bishop stated his concerns of spending money at the Cotile Recreation Area and the money that had been spent over the years.

Mr. Rusty Wilder stated as the Rapides Parish Police Jury is the owner of the Cotile Recreation Park, if the Jury is not going to take care of it, who is. The Jury is the owners and it's up to us to take care of it.

Discussion ensued.

On vote the motion carried. Mr. Joe Bishop voted nay.

On motion by Mr. David Johnson, seconded by Mr. Rusty Wilder, to authorize Cotile Trade Days be turn into a St. Jude event. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Ollie Overton, seconded by Mr. Joe Bishop, the following resolution was presented and unanimously adopted:

RESOLUTION
BY
RAPIDES PARISH POLICE JURY

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WHEREAS, the Rapides Parish Police Jury intends to submit a FY 2023 Application for funding under the LCDBG Program for Street Improvements; and,

WHEREAS, the LCDBG regulations provide that two (2) additional ranking points can be secured if an applicant agrees to pay for all related non-construction fees; including topographical surveys, geotechnical investigations, engineering services, observation of construction, etc.; and,

WHEREAS, because of the competitive nature of the LCDBG Program, it is believed that as a strategy to improve the Police Jury's rating for grant funds it is advisable to make the financial commitment to locally provide the funds for these costs and thereby utilizing LCDBG grant funds, if awarded, only for construction costs; and,

WHEREAS, it is estimated that the expenses that are non-construction and related to the technical services required for a LCDBG grant would total approximately 15% of the amount of grant funds awarded; excluding grant administration and technical assistance services, which are considered as a separate category in the LCDBG Program.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Police Jury hereby obligates and commits, as part of the LCDBG application process, to pay for engineering, observation of construction, topographic survey, geotechnical investigations, and miscellaneous related costs all in an effort to raise the competitiveness of the Police Jury's LCDBG application by securing two (2) additional points in the rating process; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Pan American Engineers, LLC is hereby selected to provide the required engineering services for fees in accordance with LCDBG guidelines; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Parish President is hereby directed to include a copy of this resolution in the project file related to the LCDBG application to serve as documentation as to the Police Jury's commitment to obligate itself to pay for all related non-construction fees; including topographical surveys, geotechnical investigations, engineering services, observation of construction, etc. utilizing local funds, when and if the LCDBG Grant Application is awarded.

Passed, approved and adopted on this 12th day of September, 2022.

On motion by Mr. Jay Scott, seconded by Mr. Ollie Overton, to authorize the President to reappoint to the Rapides Workforce Development Board the following list of members for additional terms.

Members (Reappointments)	New Term Dates
Connie Baker	10/1/2022 – 10/1/2025
Cynthia Baker	10/1/2022 – 10/1/2025
Marianne Dore'	10/1/2022 – 10/1/2025
Bill Higgins	10/1/2022 – 10/1/2025
Paula Johnson	10/1/2022 – 10/1/2025
Toni Johnson	10/1/2022 – 10/1/2025

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Kashaswna Jones	10/1/2022 – 10/1/2025
Lloyd Price	10/1/2022 – 10/1/2025
Deborah Randolph	10/1/2022 – 10/1/2025
Jimmy Sawtelle	10/1/2022 – 10/1/2025
Steve Bryant	10/1/2022 – 10/1/2025
Rose Killion	10/1/2022 – 10/1/2025
Cyndi Szczepanski	10/1/2022 – 10/1/2025
Leona Venson	10/1/2022 – 10/1/2025

On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Jay Scott, seconded by Mr. Bubba Moreau, to authorize the President to sign nomination forms for the Rapides Workforce Development Board for Donald Lacombe, Coordinator of Organizational Development at AFCO replacing Julia Bonial and Charlie Dupont, Human Resource Manager at Plastipak Packaging, replacing Justin Giallonardo.

Members (New Appointments)	Term Dates
Donald Lacombe	10/1/2022 – 10/1/2025
Charlie Dupont	10/1/2022 – 10/1/2025

On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Jay Scott, seconded by Mr. Ollie Overton, to authorize the President to sign a letter addressed to the Louisiana Workforce Commission for new members, Donald Lacombe and Charlie Dupont, and for reappointments stated above, whose existing term dates will expire October 2022. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Bubba Moreau, seconded by Mr. Joe Bishop, to approve Change Order No. 3 to the construction contract with Progressive Construction Co., LLC, for the Red River Levee Recertification, Aloha Rigolette North Bank Project, 40 PARA 3301, for an increase of \$15,953.02 adjusting final contract quantities, upgraded security fencing and additional components at the Bayou Darrow Flow Control Structure, as recommended by Meyer, Meyer, LaCroix & Hixson, Engineers and approved by the State of Louisiana Office of Community Development and authorize the President to sign same. The increase will be paid with grant funds. The final contract price is \$16,014.28 less than the original bid amount. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Jay Scott, seconded by Mr. Ollie Overton, to authorize the Rapides Parish Police Jury to continue the annual lease agreement with Human Learning Systems, formally Shreveport Job Corps, for 211 square feet of office space in the Rapides American Job Center at a rate of \$18.8945 per square foot (\$332.23 per month) with proceeds appropriated to the Office of Economic and Workforce Development and authorize the President to sign the lease. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Jay Scott, seconded by Mr. Bubba Moreau, to authorize the President to sign the Memorandum of Understanding with Human Learning Systems effective September 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023, this entity bought out the former Shreveport Job Corp. The terms of the MOU will remain the same. On vote the motion carried.

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On motion by Mr. Jay Scott, seconded by Mr. Ollie Overton, to adopt a resolution to opt in to the Temporary Housing and Shelter Assistance Program in accordance with LA R.S. 726 (F)(3)(b) and LA R.S. 726 (F)(4)(Act 526,2022), as recommended by RAPC and Legal Counsel and authorize the Parish President to sign any necessary documents. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Bubba Moreau, seconded by Mr. Joe Bishop, to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Pineville for Asphalt Roadway Improvements on Pinecrest Drive and Lofton Drive, \$225,000 to be paid out of Road District A – 10A Maintenance Funds, City of Pineville to pay the balance and authorize the President to sign necessary documents. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. David Johnson, seconded by Mr. Jay Scott, to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Town of Glenmora for the Rapides Parish Public Works Department for assistance paving Dillon Loop in Glenmora from the first turn on the left from Turkey Creek Road to 1302 Dillon Loop, as requested by the Town of Glenmora, to be paid out of the town's portion of Road District No. 1A funds and authorize the President to sign same. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Jay Scott, seconded by Mr. David Johnson, to waive the thirty (30) day announcement rule and reappoint Mr. Harry Hayes to the Rapides Finance Authority Board, representing District I, for a six (6) year term. Term will expire September 30, 2022. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. David Johnson, seconded by Mr. Joe Bishop, the following resolution was presented and unanimously adopted:

RESOLUTION

A resolution canceling an election called by a resolution adopted on May 9, 2022, to authorize the levy of a special tax in Road District No. 5A of Rapides Parish, State of Louisiana, and providing for other matters in connection therewith.

WHEREAS, the Police Jury of the Parish of Rapides, State of Louisiana (the "Governing Authority"), adopted a resolution on May 9, 2022 ordering and calling a special election to be held in Road District No. 5A of Rapides Parish, State of Louisiana (the "District"), on Tuesday, November 8, 2022 to authorize the levy of a special tax therein (the "Election Resolution"); and

WHEREAS, it is now the desire of the Governing Authority to cancel the election to be held in the District on said date;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Authority, acting as the governing authority of the District, that:

SECTION 1. The election to be held in Road District No. 5A of Rapides Parish, State of Louisiana, on November 8, 2022 for the purpose set forth above is hereby canceled.

SECTION 2. The Election Resolution is hereby rescinded.

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SECTION 3. The Governing Authority is hereby authorized and empowered to (i) furnish a copy of this resolution to all election officials and officers charged with conducting the November 8, 2022 election, and (ii) notify said election officials and officers that said election has been canceled.

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

YEAS: Rusty Wilder, David Johnson, Sean McGlothlin, Theodore Fountaine, III, Jay Scott, Joe Bishop, Davron “Bubba” Moreau, Oliver “Ollie” Overton, Jr. and Craig Smith

NAYS: none

ABSENT: none

And the resolution was declared adopted on this, the 12th day of September, 2022.

On motion by Mr. David Johnson, seconded by Mr. Ollie Overton, to receive the required report from Acadian Ambulance under the Contract for July 2022:

Response Zone	Number of Responses	Required %	Compliance %
Alexandria - 8 minute	445	80%	88.31%
Pineville - 8 minute	135	80%	85.93%
Rapides - 12 minute	180	80%	90.00%
Rapides - 20 minute	181	80%	87.29%

On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Bubba Moreau, seconded by Mr. Ollie Overton, to add the following motion(s) to the agenda, received after the Jury Meeting agenda was posted in compliance with the Public Meetings Law and are now confirmed as having been added to the agenda by unanimous vote:

YEAS: Rusty Wilder, David Johnson, Sean McGlothlin, Theodore Fountaine, III, Jay Scott, Joe Bishop, Davron “Bubba” Moreau, Oliver “Ollie” Overton, Jr. and Craig Smith

NAYS: none

ABSENT: none

On roll call vote the motion carried unanimously.

On motion by Mr. David Johnson, seconded by Mr. Bubba Moreau, to authorize to purchase an Excavator off State Contract No. 4400023710 for the amount of \$62,587.49 to be paid one-half (1/2) out of the Ward 1A Maintenance – Town of Glenmora Portion and the other one-half (1/2) to be paid directly by the Town, as requested by the Mayor of Glenmora and approved by Legal Counsel. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Ollie Overton, seconded by Mr. Jay Scott, to approve the creation of a full time temporary On-The-Job Training Specialist to recruit for business services. Funding for this position will be paid by WIOA recaptured funds. This position will be funded through the end of June 30, 2023. These funds are contingent upon Louisiana Workforce Commission’s approval. Authorize

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Treasurer to amend budget as necessary. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Sean McGlothlin, seconded by Mr. Ollie Overton, to accept Task Order A-5-2022 – Asphalt Roadway Improvements on Cooper Rd. and St. Clair Rd. as “Substantially Complete”, and authorize the Parish President to sign and record the “Substantial Completion” certificate, and authorize the Parish President to sign a Final Recap Task Order Change Order adjusting the final contract quantities and time period as necessary, as recommended by the Parish Engineer, Pan American Engineers, LLC. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Bubba Moreau, seconded by Mr. Ollie Overton, to accept Task Order A-7-2022 – District A – District Wide Asphalt Roadway Improvements 2022 as “Substantially Complete”, and authorize the Parish President to sign and record the “Substantial Completion” certificate, and authorize the Parish President to sign a Final Recap Task Order Change Order adjusting the final contract quantities and time period as necessary, as recommended by the Parish Engineer, Pan American Engineers, LLC. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Ollie Overton, seconded by Mr. Jay Scott, the following resolution was presented and unanimously adopted:

RESOLUTION
BY
THE PRESIDENT AND POLICE JURORS
RAPIDES PARISH POLICE JURY

WHEREAS, it is the intention of the Rapides Parish Police Jury (RPPJ) to continue participating in the Transportation Planning Process through the local Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO); and

WHEREAS, multiple governmental jurisdictions and various, diverse public and private groups share an interest in preservation of the non-interstate national highway system; and

WHEREAS, the Rapides Parish Police Jury recognizes that the requirements to obtain Surface Transportation Program (STP50-200K) funds from the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development include a local non-federal match of 20%; and

WHEREAS, the Rapides Parish Police Jury intends to serve as a conduit for local non-federal matching funds that will be provided by the England Authority to secure Surface Transportation Program (STP50-200K) funding; and

WHEREAS, the Jury has the authority by State statute to enter into inter-governmental agreements; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Rapides Parish Police Jury hereby authorizes the Jury President to enter into an Inter-governmental Agreement with the England Authority for their commitment of the twenty percent (20%) local non-federal match under the Surface Transportation Program 50-200K to construct the Vandenburg Drive Overlay Project.

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Passed and adopted by the President and Police Jurors of the Rapides Parish Police Jury, State of Louisiana, on this 12th day of September, 2022.

On motion by Mr. Rusty Wilder, seconded by Mr. Ollie Overton, that leased duck blinds on Cotile Lake for 2021 that are already paid for, be allowed to carry their leases over to 2022, due to the drawdown on the lake.

Mr. Joe Bishop questioned if this was for 2021, to which Mr. Rusty Wilder stated yes, they had already paid for this year and we will allow them to carry it over due to the drawdown on the lake.

Discussion ensued.

Amended motion by Mr. Sean McGlothlin, seconded by Mr. Rusty Wilder, that there will be no duck blind hunting allowed on Cotile Lake this year and leased duck blinds for 2022 hunting season, already paid, be allowed to carry over their lease payments for the 2022/2023 hunting season, due to the drawdown being done this year. On vote the amended motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Sean McGlothlin, seconded by Mr. Joe Bishop, to authorize to advertise for repairs to the Coliseum, Exhibition Hall, and Sales Tax Office as recommended by Pan American Engineering and Ballard CLC, Inc. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Joe Bishop, seconded by Mr. Bubba Moreau, to authorize the issuance of a quietus on the part of the Rapides Parish Police Jury in favor of the Sheriff and Tax Collector, and against any claim on the part of the Rapides Parish Police Jury for the ad valorem taxes of the year 2021, and authorize Theresa Pacholik, Treasurer, to issue said quietus.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Mark Wood, Tax Collector, has exhibited to the Rapides Parish Police Jury satisfactory evidence that all taxes due to the Parish governing authority shown on the ad valorem tax rolls of Rapides Parish for the year 2021 have been paid or accounted for, and

WHEREAS, the said Rapides Parish Police jury has by resolution, a copy of which is annexed hereto, authorized me to issue this quietus on behalf of the Rapides Parish Police Jury in favor of the said Mark Wood, Tax Collector, and against any claim on the part of the Rapides Parish Police Jury for the ad valorem taxes of the year 2021.

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

YEAS: Rusty Wilder, David Johnson, Sean McGlothlin, Theodore Fountaine, III, Jay Scott, Joe Bishop, Davron "Bubba" Moreau, Oliver "Ollie" Overton and Craig Smith

NAYS: none

ABSENT: none

And the resolution was declared adopted on this the 12th day of September, 2022.

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QUIETUS

WHEREAS, Mark Wood, Tax Collector, has exhibited to the Rapides Parish Police Jury satisfactory evidence that all taxes due to the Parish governing authority shown on the ad valorem tax rolls of Rapides Parish for the year 2021 have been paid or accounted for, and

WHEREAS, the said Rapides Parish Police jury has by resolution, a copy of which is annexed hereto, authorized me to issue this quietus on behalf of the Rapides Parish Police Jury in favor of the said Mark Wood, Tax Collector, and against any claim on the part of the Rapides Parish Police Jury for the ad valorem taxes of the year 2021.

Theresa Pacholik, Treasurer
Rapides Parish Police Jury

On motion by Mr. David Johnson, seconded by Mr. Bubba Moreau, to accept the purchase of the following equipment, as recommended by the Equipment Study Committee and amend budget to reflect.

5	John Deere 610E with 6' Diamond Cutter Side Mount	\$105,329.00 x 5
2	John Deere 6110M with 5' Diamond Boom Cutter 22'	\$169,757.00 x 2
1	John Deere 6110M with 5' Tiger Boom Cutter 12' long	\$161,338.89 x 1
1	John Deere Zero Turn Mower	\$10,500.00 x 1
	Total	<u>\$1,037,997.89</u>
2	22ft Cushion Tilt Trailer	\$9,915.00 x 2
2	Caterpillar 259D3 Skid Steer	\$77,322.41 x 2
2	Caterpillar 304 Trackhoe	\$73,365.60 x 2
	Total	<u>\$321,206.02</u>
	Equipment Total	<u>\$1,359,203.91</u>

On vote the amended motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Joe Bishop, seconded by Mr. Bubba Moreau, to authorize the Parish Attorney to request an Attorney General's Opinion in regard to Catahoula Lake. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Ollie Overton, seconded by Mr. Sean McGlothlin, to authorize Keiser Law Firm to respond to Hunter Freedom of Information Act request. On vote the motion carried.

There being no further business, motion by Mr. David Johnson, seconded by Mr. Ollie Overton, the meeting was adjourned at 4:18 p.m.

Laurel Smith, Secretary
Rapides Parish Police Jury

Craig Smith, President
Rapides Parish Police Jury