

RAPIDES PARISH POLICE JURY
REGULAR SESSION
APRIL 10, 2023

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, April 10, 2023, at three (3:00) o'clock p.m. (Central Standard Time).

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

Absent: None

Also present were: Ms. Theresa Pacholik, Secretary/Treasurer; Mr. Shane Trapp, Courthouse Building Superintendent; Ms. Donna Andries, Sales & Use Tax Administrator; Ms. Sharon Neal, OEWD Director; Chief Jody Glorioso, Fire District No. 2; Judge Greg Beard; Ms. Angie Branton, 911Communications & OEP Director and Greg Jones, Legal Counsel.

Mr. Joe Bishop asked for a moment of silence due to the recent passing of Mr. Jack Dewitt.

The invocation was given by Mr. David Johnson.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Craig Smith.

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

President Joe Bishop asked if there were any Juror comments, to which Mr. Jay Scott thanked Ms. Celise Harper-Reech on the successful Easter egg hunt held at the Rapides Parish Library.

President Joe Bishop asked if there were any public comments on any agenda items, to which there was no response.

Mr. Bradley K. Smith with Huddleston Smith Wealth Management gave an update on the investments for the Rapides Parish Police Jury.

Mr. Rusty Wilder and Mr. Ollie Overton presented plaques to the Northwood Gators Boys Basketball team for winning the 2022-2023 State Championship.

Mr. Ollie Overton recognized Coach Alfred Rachal and Ms. Shay Hardison with the Sickie Cell Anemia Research Foundation (SCARF). Ms. Shay Hardison, SCARF Executive Director, invited everyone to join them on April 29, 2023 for the Sickie Cell Run/Walk at Willow Glen Park.

On motion by Mr. Bubba Moreau, seconded by Mr. Jay Scott, to adopt the minutes of the Rapides Parish Police Jury held in Regular Session on March 13, 2023, as published in the Official Journal. On vote the motion carried.

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

On motion by Mr. Jay Scott, seconded by Mr. Bubba Moreau, to delete from the Rapides Parish Police Jury Administration Office the equipment listed below as it is no longer suitable for public use.

| Asset Number | Description | Disposal |
|---------------------|--------------------|-----------------|
| 10259 | Laser Printer | To be auctioned |

On vote the motion carried.

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

Resolution

WHEREAS, the Rapides Parish Police Jury received the following bids on Thursday, March 23, 2023 for the Echo-Poland Volunteer Fire Department, Rapides Parish Fire District No. 9, New Fire Station; and,

| CONTRACTOR | BASE BID |
|------------------------------------|-----------------|
| 1. The Migues Deloach Company, LLC | \$1,241,000.00 |
| 2. Tudor, Inc. (of Delaware) | \$1,257,000.00 |
| 3. M.D. Descant, LLC | \$1,319,000.00 |
| 4. Bayou Rapides Corporation | \$1,332,245.00 |

5. Womack and Sons Construction Group, LLC \$1,384,500.00

WHEREAS, the bids have been checked and tabulated by Pan American Engineers, LLC, with a recommendation of award being made to the low bidder; and,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the contract for said construction project is hereby awarded to the low Bidder, The Migues Deloach Company, LLC. for the Base Bid of \$1,241,000.00, contingent upon the following:

1. A contemporaneously negotiated deductive Change Order be executed between the Rapides Parish Police Jury and The Migues Deloach Company, LLC., to deduct certain work to within funds available.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the President is hereby authorized to execute contracts and change orders between the Rapides Parish Police Jury and the successful Bidder.

Passed, approved and adopted by the President and Police Jury of Rapides Parish, Louisiana, on this 10th day of April, 2023.

The following resolution was offered by Mr. Ollie Overton and seconded by Mr. Jay Scott:

RESOLUTION

A resolution authorizing the incurring of debt and issuance of One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) of General Obligation Bonds, Series 2023, of Fire Protection District Number 9 of the Parish of Rapides, State of Louisiana; and providing for other matters in connection therewith.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Police Jury of the Parish of Rapides, State of Louisiana (the "Governing Authority"), acting as the governing authority of Fire Protection District Number 9 of the Parish of Rapides, State of Louisiana (the "Issuer"), that:

Definitions. As used herein, the following terms shall have the following meanings, unless the context otherwise requires:

"Act" means, collectively, Article VI, Section 33 of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana of 1974, Part II of Chapter 4 of Subtitle II of Title 39 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, and other constitutional and statutory authority.

"Agreement" means the agreement to be entered into between the Issuer and the Paying Agent pursuant to this Resolution, if required.

"Bond" or **"Bonds"** means the Issuer's General Obligation Bonds, Series 2023, authorized to be issued by this Resolution in the maximum principal amount of One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000), and any Bond of said issue, whether initially delivered or issued in exchange for, upon transfer of, or in lieu of any Bond previously issued.

"Bond Register" means the registration books of the Paying Agents in which registration of the Bonds and transfers of the Bonds shall be made as provided herein.

"Code" means the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

"Executive Officers" means, collectively, the President and Secretary/Treasurer of the Governing Authority.

"Governing Authority" means the Police Jury of the Parish of Rapides, State of Louisiana.

"Government Securities" means direct obligations of, or obligations the principal of and interest on which are unconditionally guaranteed by the United States of America, which are non-callable prior to their maturity, may be United States Treasury obligations such as the State and Local Government Series and may be in book-entry form.

"Interest Payment Date" means March 1 and September 1 of each year in which the Bonds are Outstanding, commencing September 1, 2023.

"Issuer" means Fire Protection District Number 9 of the Parish of Rapides, State of Louisiana.

"Outstanding" when used with respect to Bonds means, as of the date of determination, all Bonds theretofore issued and delivered under this Resolution, except:

1. Bonds theretofore canceled by the Paying Agent or delivered to the Paying Agent for cancellation;
2. Bonds for which payment or redemption sufficient funds have been theretofore deposited in trust for the owners of such Bonds, provided that if such Bonds are to be redeemed, irrevocable notice of such redemption has been duly given or provided for pursuant to this Resolution or waived;
3. Bonds in exchange for or in lieu of which other Bonds have been registered and delivered pursuant to this Resolution;
4. Bonds alleged to have been mutilated, destroyed, lost or stolen which have been paid as provided in this Resolution or by law; and
5. Bonds for the payment of the principal (or redemption price, if any) of and interest on which money or Government Securities or both are held in trust with the effect specified in this Resolution.

"Owner" or **"Owners"** when used with respect to any Bond means the Person in whose name such Bond is registered in the appropriate Bond Register.

"Paying Agent" means Patterson State Bank, in Patterson, Louisiana, for the Bonds purchased by said Bank, and the Secretary/Treasurer for the Bonds purchased by the Louisiana Public Facilities Authority, or such successor Paying Agents which may be named by this Governing Authority.

"Person" means any individual, corporation, partnership, joint venture, association, joint-stock company, trust, unincorporated organization or government or any agency or political subdivision thereof.

"Purchaser" means Patterson State Bank, in Patterson, Louisiana, for Bond R-1 and the Louisiana Public Facilities Authority, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, for Bond R-2.

"Record Date" for the interest payable on any Interest Payment Date means the 15th calendar day of the month next preceding such Interest Payment Date.

"Resolution" means this resolution authorizing the issuance of the Bonds, as it may be supplemented and amended.

Authorization of Bonds; Denominations, Dates, Maturities and Interest. In compliance with the terms and provisions of the Act, there is hereby authorized the incurring of an indebtedness of One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) for, on behalf of, and in the name of the Issuer, for the purpose of acquiring, constructing and improving buildings, machinery and equipment, to be used in giving fire protection to the property in the District, title to which shall be in the public, and paying the costs of issuance of the Bonds, and to represent said indebtedness, this Governing Authority does hereby authorize the issuance of One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) of General Obligation Bonds, Series 2023, of the Issuer.

The Bonds shall be issued in the form of two, fully registered term bonds numbered R-1 and R-2 and shall be dated the date of delivery thereof. The unpaid principal of the Bonds shall bear interest from the date thereof or from the most recent Interest Payment Date to which interest has been paid or duly provided for, payable semiannually on March 1 and September 1 of each year, commencing September 1, 2023, calculated on the basis of a 360-day year consisting of twelve 30-day months.

Bond R-1 shall bear interest at the rate of 5.59% per annum, shall be in the denomination of \$750,000, and shall mature in installments on March 1 of each year as follows:

| <u>Year</u> <u>(March 1)</u> | <u>Principal</u> <u>Amount</u> |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 2024 | \$25,000 |
| 2025 | 28,000 |
| 2026 | 29,000 |
| 2027 | 30,000 |
| 2028 | 32,000 |
| 2029 | 34,000 |
| 2030 | 36,000 |
| 2031 | 38,000 |
| 2032 | 40,000 |
| 2033 | 42,000 |

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| 2034 | 74,000 |
| 2035 | 78,000 |
| 2036 | 83,000 |
| 2037 | 88,000 |
| 2038* | 93,000 |

*Final Maturity

Bond R-2 shall bear interest at the rate of 2.795% per annum, shall be in the denomination of \$250,000, and shall mature in installments on March 1 of each year as follows:

| <u>Year</u> <u>(March 1)</u> | <u>Principal</u> <u>Amount</u> |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 2024 | \$22,000 |
| 2025 | 22,000 |
| 2026 | 23,000 |
| 2027 | 24,000 |
| 2028 | 25,000 |
| 2029 | 25,000 |
| 2030 | 26,000 |
| 2031 | 27,000 |
| 2032 | 27,000 |
| 2033* | 29,000 |

*Final Maturity

The principal of the Bonds, upon maturity or prepayment, shall be payable at the principal office of the appropriate Paying Agent, upon presentation and surrender thereof, and interest on the Bonds shall be payable by check mailed by the appropriate Paying Agent to the Owner (determined as of the close of business on the Record Date) at the address shown on the appropriate Bond Register. Each Bond delivered under this Resolution upon transfer of, in exchange for or in lieu of any other Bond shall carry all the rights to interest accrued and unpaid, and to accrue, which were carried by such other Bond, and each such Bond shall bear interest (as herein set forth) so neither gain nor loss in interest shall result from such transfer, exchange or substitution.

No Bond shall be entitled to any right or benefit under this Resolution, or be valid or obligatory for any purpose, unless there appears on such Bond a certificate of registration, substantially in the form provided in this Resolution, executed by the Paying Agent by manual signature.

Prepayment Provisions. Installments of principal of the Bonds are callable for prepayment at the option of the Issuer in full or in part at any time on or after March 1, 2033, at the principal amount to be prepaid, plus accrued interest on the amount to be prepaid from the most recent Interest Payment Date to which interest has been paid or duly provided for. The Issuer may designate the principal installments to be prepaid in the event of prepayment of less than all of the outstanding principal of the Bonds. Any Bond which is to be prepaid only in part shall be surrendered at the designated office of the Paying Agent and such prepayment shall be noted on the prepayment schedule attached thereto.

Official notice of such call of any portion of the Bonds for prepayment shall be given by means of first-class mail, postage prepaid, by notice deposited in the United States mails or via acceptable means of electronic communication not less than twenty (20) days prior to the redemption date, addressed to the Owner of such Bond to be prepaid at his address as shown on the Bond Register.

Registration and Transfer. The Issuer shall cause a Bond Register to be kept by each Paying Agent. The Bonds may be transferred, registered and assigned only on the appropriate Bond Register, and such registration shall be at the expense of the Issuer. A Bond may be assigned by the execution of an assignment form on the Bond. A new Bond will be delivered by the appropriate Paying Agent to the last assignee (the new Owner) in exchange for such transferred and assigned Bond after receipt of the Bond to be transferred in proper form. Such new Bond shall be in proper denomination. The Paying Agent shall not be required to issue, register, transfer or exchange any Bond during a period beginning (i) at the opening of business on a Record Date and ending at the close of business on the Interest Payment Date or (ii) with respect to Bonds to be redeemed, at the opening of business fifteen (15) days before the date of the mailing of a notice of redemption of such Bonds and ending on the date of such redemption.

Form of Bonds. The Bonds and the endorsements to appear thereon shall be in the form acceptable to the Executive Officers, upon advice of bond counsel, and the Purchasers.

Execution of Bonds. The Bonds shall be signed by the Executive Officers for, on behalf of, in the name of and under the corporate seal of the Issuer, which signatures and corporate seal may be either manual or facsimile.

Pledge of Full Faith and Credit. The Bonds shall constitute general obligations of the Issuer, and the full faith and credit of the Issuer is hereby pledged for their payment. This Governing Authority does hereby obligate itself and is bound under the terms and provisions of law to impose and collect annually in excess of all other taxes a tax on all of the property subject to taxation within the territorial limits of the Issuer sufficient to pay the principal of and the interest on the Bonds falling due each year, said tax to be levied and collected by the same officers, in the same manner and at the same time as other taxes are levied and collected within the territorial limits of the Issuer.

Sinking Fund. For the payment of the principal of and the interest on the Bonds, the Issuer will establish a special fund, to be held by the regularly designated fiscal agent of the Issuer (the "Sinking Fund"), into which the Issuer will deposit the proceeds of the aforesaid special tax and no other moneys whatsoever. The depository for the Sinking Fund shall transfer from the Sinking Fund to the Paying Agent at least one (1) day in advance of each Interest Payment Date, funds fully sufficient to pay promptly the principal and interest falling due on such date.

All moneys deposited with the regularly designated fiscal agent bank or banks of the Issuer or the Paying Agent under the terms of this Resolution shall constitute sacred funds for the benefit of the Owners of the Bonds, and shall be secured by said fiduciaries at all times to the full extent thereof in the manner required by law for the securing of deposits of public funds.

All or any part of the moneys in the Sinking Fund shall, at the written request of the Issuer, be invested in accordance with the provisions of the laws of the State of Louisiana, in which event all income derived from such investments shall be added only to the Sinking Fund.

Application of Proceeds. The Executive Officers are hereby empowered, authorized and directed to do any and all things necessary and incidental to carry out all of the provisions of this Resolution, to cause the necessary Bonds to be printed, to issue, execute and seal the Bonds, and to effect delivery thereof as hereinafter provided. The proceeds derived from the sale of the Bonds, except accrued interest, shall be deposited by the Issuer with its fiscal agent bank or banks to be used solely for the purposes set forth herein.

Bonds Legal Obligations. The Bonds shall constitute legal, binding and valid obligations of the Issuer and shall be the only representations of the indebtedness as herein authorized and created.

Resolution a Contract. The provisions of this Resolution shall constitute a contract between the Issuer, or its successor, and the Owner or Owners from time to time of the Bonds and any such Owner or Owners may at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other proceedings, enforce and compel the performance of all duties required to be performed by this Governing Authority or the Issuer as a result of issuing the Bonds.

No material modification or amendment of this Resolution, or of any resolution amendatory hereof or supplemental hereto, may be made without the consent in writing of the Owners of two-thirds (2/3) of the aggregate principal amount of the Bonds then outstanding; provided, however, that no modification or amendment shall permit a change in the maturity or redemption provisions of the Bonds, or a reduction in the rate of interest thereon, or in the amount of the principal obligation thereof, or affecting the obligation of the Issuer to pay the principal of and the interest on the Bonds as the same shall come due from the taxes pledged and dedicated to the payment thereof by this Resolution, or reduce the percentage of the Owners required to consent to any material modification or amendment of this Resolution, without the consent of all of the Owners of the Bonds.

Severability; Application of Subsequently Enacted Laws. In case any one or more of the provisions of this Resolution or of the Bonds shall for any reason be held to be illegal or invalid, such illegality or invalidity shall not affect any other provisions of this Resolution or of the Bonds, but this Resolution and the Bonds shall be construed and enforced as if such illegal or invalid provisions had not been contained therein. Any constitutional or statutory provisions enacted after the date of this Resolution which validate or make legal any provision of this Resolution and/or the Bonds which would not otherwise be valid or legal, shall be deemed to apply to this Resolution and to the Bonds.

Recital of Regularity. This Governing Authority having investigated the regularity of the proceedings had in connection with the Bonds herein authorized and having determined the same to be regular, the Bonds shall contain the following recital, to-wit:

"It is certified that this Bond is authorized by and is issued in conformity with the requirements of the Constitution and statutes of Louisiana."

Effect of Registration. The Issuer, the Paying Agent, and any agent of either of them may treat the Owner in whose name any Bond is registered as the Owner of such Bond for the purpose of receiving payment of the principal (and redemption price) of and interest on such Bond and for all other purposes whatsoever, and to the extent permitted by law, neither the Issuer, the Paying Agent, nor any agent of either of them shall be affected by notice to the contrary.

Notices to Owners. Wherever this Resolution provides for notice to Owners of Bonds of any event, such notice shall be sufficiently given (unless otherwise herein expressly provided) if in writing and mailed, first-class postage prepaid, to each Owner of such Bonds, at the address of such Owner as it appears in the Bond Register. In any case where notice to Owners of Bonds is given by mail, neither the failure to mail such notice to any particular Owner of Bonds, nor any defect in any notice so mailed, shall affect the sufficiency of such notice with respect to all other Bonds. Where this Resolution provides for notice in any manner, such notice may be waived in writing by the Owner or Owners entitled to receive such notice, either before or after the event, and such waiver shall be the equivalent of such notice. Waivers of notice by Owners shall be filed with the Paying Agent, but such filing shall not be a condition precedent to the validity of any action taken in reliance upon such waiver.

Cancellation of Bonds. All Bonds surrendered for payment, redemption, transfer, exchange or replacement, if surrendered to the Paying Agent, shall be promptly canceled by it and, if surrendered to the Issuer, shall be delivered to the Paying Agent and, if not already canceled, shall be promptly canceled by the Paying Agent. The Issuer may at any time deliver to the Paying Agent for cancellation any Bonds previously registered and delivered which the Issuer may have acquired in any manner whatsoever, and all Bonds so delivered shall be promptly canceled by the Paying Agent. All canceled Bonds held by the Paying Agent shall be disposed of as directed in writing by the Issuer.

Mutilated, Destroyed, Lost or Stolen Bonds. If (1) any mutilated Bond is surrendered to the Paying Agent, or the Issuer and the Paying Agent receive evidence to their satisfaction of the destruction, loss or theft of any Bond, and (2) there is delivered to the Issuer and the Paying Agent such security or indemnity as may be required by them to save each of them harmless, then, in the absence of notice to the Issuer or the Paying Agent that such Bond has been acquired by a bona fide purchaser, the Issuer shall execute, and upon its request the Paying Agent shall register and deliver, in exchange for or in lieu of any such mutilated, destroyed, lost, or stolen Bond, a new Bond of the same maturity and of like tenor,

interest rate and principal amount, bearing a number not contemporaneously outstanding. In case any such mutilated, destroyed, lost or stolen Bond has become or is about to become due and payable, the Issuer in its discretion may, instead of issuing a new Bond, pay such Bond. Upon the issuance of any new Bond under this Section, the Issuer may require the payment by the Owner of a sum sufficient to cover any tax or other governmental charge that may be imposed in relation thereto and any other expenses (including the fees and expenses of the Paying Agent) connected therewith. Every new Bond issued pursuant to this Section in lieu of any mutilated, destroyed, lost or stolen Bond shall constitute a replacement of the prior obligation of the Issuer, whether or not the mutilated, destroyed, lost or stolen Bond shall be at any time enforceable by anyone and shall be entitled to all the benefits of this Resolution equally and ratably with all other Outstanding Bonds. Any additional procedures set forth in the Agreement, authorized in this Resolution, shall also be available with respect to mutilated, destroyed, lost or stolen Bonds. The provisions of this Section are exclusive and shall preclude (to the extent lawful) all other rights and remedies with respect to the replacement and payment of mutilated, destroyed, lost or stolen Bonds.

Discharge of Resolution; Defeasance. If the Issuer shall pay or cause to be paid, or there shall otherwise be paid to the Owners, the principal of and interest on the Bonds, at the times and in the manner stipulated in this Resolution, then the pledge of the money, securities, and funds pledged under this Resolution and all covenants, agreements, and other obligations of the Issuer to the Owners of the Bonds shall thereupon cease, terminate, and become void and be discharged and satisfied, and the Paying Agent shall pay over or deliver all money held by it under this Resolution to the Issuer.

Bonds or interest installments for the payment or redemption of which money shall have been set aside and shall be held in trust (through deposit by the Issuer of funds for such payment or redemption or otherwise) at the maturity or redemption date thereof shall be deemed to have been paid within the meaning and with the effect expressed above in this Section, if they have been defeased pursuant to Chapter 14 of Title 39 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, or any successor provisions thereto.

Successor Paying Agent; Paying Agent Agreement. The Issuer will at all times maintain a Paying Agent meeting the qualifications hereinafter described for the performance of the duties hereunder for the Bonds. The designation of the initial Paying Agents in this Resolution is hereby confirmed and approved. The Issuer reserves the right to appoint a successor Paying Agent by (a) filing with the Person

then performing such function a certified copy of a resolution or ordinance giving notice of the termination of the Agreement and appointing a successor and (b) causing notice to be given to each Owner. Every Paying Agent appointed hereunder shall at all times be a bank organized and doing business under the laws of the United States of America or of any state, authorized under such laws to serve as Paying Agent, and subject to supervision or examination by Federal or State authority. The Executive Officers are hereby authorized and directed to execute an appropriate Agreement with the Paying Agent for and on behalf of the Issuer in such form as may be satisfactory to said officers, the signatures of said officers on such Agreement to be conclusive evidence of the due exercise of the authority granted hereunder. No resignation or removal of the Paying Agent shall become effective until a successor has been appointed and has accepted the duties of Paying Agent.

Arbitrage. The Issuer covenants and agrees that, to the extent permitted by the laws of the State of Louisiana, it will comply with the requirements of the Code in order to establish, maintain and preserve the exclusion from "gross income" of interest on the Bonds under the Code. The Issuer further covenants and agrees that it will not take any action, fail to take any action, or permit any action within its control to be taken, or permit at any time or times any of the proceeds of the Bonds or any other funds of the Issuer to be used directly or indirectly in any manner, the effect of which would be to cause the Bonds to be "arbitrage bonds" or would result in the inclusion of the interest on any of the Bonds in gross income under the Code, including, without limitation, (i) the failure to comply with the limitation on investment of Bond proceeds or (ii) the failure to pay any required rebate of arbitrage earnings to the United States of America or (iii) the use of the proceeds of the Bonds in a manner which would cause the Bonds to be "private activity bonds".

The Executive Officers are hereby empowered, authorized and directed to take any and all action and to execute and deliver any instrument, document or certificate necessary to effectuate the purposes of this Section.

Bonds "Qualified Tax-Exempt Obligations." The Bonds are designated as "qualified tax-exempt obligations" within the meaning of Section 265(b)(3) of the Code. In making this designation, the Issuer finds and determines that:

- (a) the Bonds are not "private activity bonds" within the meaning of the Code; and
- (b) the reasonably anticipated amount of qualified tax-exempt obligations

which will be issued by the Issuer and all subordinate entities in calendar year 2023 does not exceed \$10,000,000.

Disclosure Under SEC Rule 15c2-12. The Issuer will not be required to comply with the continuing disclosure requirements described in Rule 15c2-12 of the Securities and Exchange Commission [17 CFR 240.15c2-12].

Post-Issuance Compliance. The Executive Officers and/or their designees are directed to establish, continue and/or amend, as applicable, written procedures to assist the Issuer in complying with various State and Federal statutes, rules and regulations applicable to the Bonds and are further authorized to take any and all actions as may be required by said written procedures to ensure continued compliance with such statutes, rules and regulations throughout the term of the Bonds.

Award of Bonds. The Issuer hereby accepts the offers of the Purchasers, which offers are attached as **Exhibit A-1 and A-2** hereto, and any Executive Officer is hereby authorized to execute said offers on behalf of the Issuer. As a condition to the delivery of the Bonds to the Purchasers, the Purchasers will execute a standard letter, acceptable to them and the Issuer, indicating they have conducted their own analysis with respect to the Bonds and are extending credit in the form of the Bonds as a vehicle for making a commercial loan to the Issuer.

Execution of Documents. In connection with the issuance and sale of the Bonds, the Executive Officers are each authorized, empowered and directed to execute on behalf of the Issuer such documents, certificates and instruments as they may deem necessary, upon the advice of bond counsel, to effect the transactions contemplated by this Resolution, the signatures of such persons on such documents, certificates and instruments to be conclusive evidence of the due exercise of the authority granted hereunder.

Publication. A copy of this Resolution shall be published immediately after its adoption in one issue of the official journal of the Issuer.

Section Headings. The headings of the various sections hereof are inserted for convenience of reference only and shall not control or affect the meaning or construction of any of the provisions hereof.

Effective Date. This Resolution shall become effective immediately.

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, Bubba Moreau, Oliver "Ollie" Overton, Jr., and Craig Smith

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

And the resolution was declared adopted on this, the 10th day of April, 2023.

 /s/ Theresa Pacholik
Secretary/Treasurer

 /s/ Joseph Bishop
President

Commitment Letter of Patterson State Bank

COMMITMENT LETTER

March 23, 2023

Hon. Police Jury of the
Parish of Rapides, State of Louisiana

Re: \$750,000 portion of \$1,000,000 of
General Obligation Bonds, Series 2023,
of Fire Protection District Number 9 of
the Parish of Rapides, State of Louisiana

Please accept this letter as the commitment of the undersigned to purchase the captioned Bonds upon the terms and conditions outlined below:

- (1) **Issuer and Amount:** \$1,000,000 aggregate principal amount of General Obligation Bonds, Series 2023 (the "Bonds"), of Fire Protection District Number 9 of the Parish of Rapides, State of Louisiana (the "Issuer"). \$250,000 of the Bonds will be purchased by the Louisiana Public Facilities Authority.
- (2) **Authority for Issue:** La. R.S. 39:521 and other applicable provisions of Part II of Chapter 4 of Subtitle II of Title 39 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, and an election held in the Issuer on April 30, 2022.
- (3) **Purpose of Issue:** (i) Acquiring, constructing and improving buildings, machinery and equipment, to be used in giving fire protection to the property in the Issuer, title to which shall be in the public, and (ii) paying the costs of issuance of the Bonds.
- (4) **Dated Date of Bonds:** Date of delivery, which is anticipated to be April 13, 2023 (the "Closing Date").
- (5) **Form of Bonds:** he Bonds to be purchased by the undersigned will be issued (check one):

_____ in fully registered form with one Bond maturing per annum;

X as a single term Bond subject to mandatory sinking fund redemptions (only available if the interest rate is the same on all maturities).

- (6) **Interest Payment Dates:** Each March 1 and September 1, commencing September 1, 2023, based on a 30/360 day year.
- (7) **Principal Payments and Interest Rates:** The Bonds will bear interest (not to exceed 6%), and principal will be payable on March 1 of each year in the principal amounts as follows:

| MATURITY (March 1) | PRINCIPAL AMOUNT DUE* | INTEREST RATE |
|-----------------------|-----------------------------|------------------|
| 2024 | \$25,000 | 5.59% |
| 2025 | 28,000 | 5.59 |
| 2026 | 29,000 | 5.59 |
| 2027 | 30,000 | 5.59 |
| 2028 | 32,000 | 5.59 |
| 2029 | 34,000 | 5.59 |
| 2030 | 36,000 | 5.59 |
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| 2038 | 93,000 | 5.59 |

**The foregoing principal amounts are preliminary. The Issuer is permitted to increase or decrease the principal amount in each maturity as necessary to achieve level debt service.*

- (8) **Prepayment Provisions:** Check one):

_____The principal installments of the Bonds will be callable for prepayment at the option of the Issuer in full or in part at any time.

X The principal installments of the Bonds are callable for prepayment at the option of the Issuer in full or in part at any time on and after March 1, 2033, at the principal amount thereof, plus accrued interest to the date of prepayment.

- (9) **Security**: The Bonds are general obligations of the Issuer payable from the annual levy and collection of an unlimited *ad valorem* tax on all taxable property within the boundaries of the Issuer sufficient to pay the Bonds in principal and interest.
- (10) **Legal Opinion**: The legal opinion of Foley & Judell, L.L.P., as to the due authorization, validity and federal and state tax-exemption of interest on the Bonds will be required.
- (11) **Bank Eligibility**: The Bonds will be designated as "qualified tax-exempt obligations" under Section 265(b) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.
- (12) **Closing**: All documents shall be delivered to the undersigned on or before the Closing Date.
- (13) **Purchaser Letter**: The undersigned will execute an investment letter indicating that it has made a full investigation of the security for the issue and has not relied upon or requested that any disclosure document be prepared by or on behalf of the Issuer, and that it is purchasing the Bonds without any intention to sell any portion thereof to any person other than another financial institution.
- (14) **Paying Agent**: Patterson State Bank, of Patterson, Louisiana. Fees ___will/ X will not be due to the Paying Agent for serving in this capacity. (If fees are to be due Paying Agent, schedule of fees is to be attached hereto and form a part of the proposal).
- (15) **Bank Counsel**: N/A will serve as Bank Counsel to the undersigned, at a fee not to exceed \$_____. The fee of Bank Counsel will be paid by ___ the Issuer/___ the undersigned.

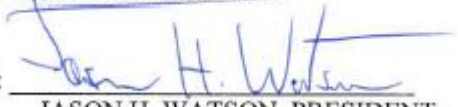
- (16) **Continuing Disclosure**: It is understood that, with respect to the Bond, the Issuer will not be required to comply with the continuing disclosure requirements of SEC Rule 15c2-12(b).

If the foregoing meets with your approval, please sign one copy of this offer in the space provided below and return it to the undersigned.

Yours very truly,

PATTERSON STATE BANK

BY:


JASON H. WATSON, PRESIDENT

ACCEPTED BY FIRE PROTECTION
DISTRICT NUMBER 9 OF THE PARISH
OF RAPIDES, STATE OF LOUISIANA

BY: _____

DATE: _____

cc: Mr. Lucius McGehee, Argent Advisors, Inc., Municipal Advisor
Mr. Brennan K. Black, Foley & Judell, L.L.P., Bond Counsel

Commitment Letter of LPFA

OFFER TO PURCHASE

March 27, 2023

Fire Protection District No. 9 of the
Parish of Rapides, State of Louisiana

Re: \$1,000,000 of General Obligation Bonds,
Series 2023, of Fire Protection District Number
9 of the Parish of Rapides, State of Louisiana

We hereby agree to purchase \$250,000 of the above captioned issue of Bonds, which
Bonds are payable as set forth in the attached resolution to be adopted on April 10, 2023, and
which will bear interest at the rates set forth therein.

LOUISIANA PUBLIC FACILITIES AUTHORITY

By: 
Martin Walke, Vice President

On motion by Mr. Rusty Wilder, seconded by Mr. David Johnson, to authorize the purchase of twenty-two (22) SCBA's and forty-four (44) cylinders in the amount of \$226,596.07 and authorize the Purchasing Agent to secure financing for a five (5) year term for Rapides Parish Fire District No. 8, as recommended by the Fire Chief and Cotile VFD Board. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Jay Scott, seconded by Mr. Bubba Moreau, to allow Rapides Parish Fire District No. 14 to apply for the 2023 Forestry Grant, not to exceed \$20,000.00, as requested by the department. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. David Johnson, seconded by Mr. Rusty Wilder, to accept the donation of two (2) shipping containers from CLEAN to be used at Cotile Recreation Park for storage of equipment subject to legal counsel approval and completion of Act of Donation. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Jay Scott, seconded by Mr. Rusty Wilder, to authorize site improvements to Cotile Recreation Park for the placement of the donated shipping containers. Cost not to exceed \$16,000.00. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. David Johnson, seconded by Mr. Jay Scott, the following ordinance was presented, to set a 25 mph speed limit Occupy No. 1 Road, Ward 6, District H, and authorize the Parish Public Works Department to erect speed limit signs, and on vote unanimously adopted:

ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND REENACT SECTIONS 18-4.2 (G) SPEED LIMITS SO AS TO SET A 25 MPH SPEED LIMIT ON OCCUPY NO. 1 ROAD, WARD 6, DISTRICT H

BE IT ORDAINED by the Rapides Parish Police Jury in Regular Session

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convened on this 10th day of April, 2023, that Section 18-4.2 (g) of the Rapides Parish Code of Ordinances is hereby amended and reenacted to include a 25 mph speed limit on Occupy No. Road, Ward 6, District H, as follows:

Chapter 18. MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC

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

(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:

...

Occupy No. 1 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 Public Works Department is hereby authorized to erect the speed limit signs on the Road.

THUS DONE AND SIGNED on this 10th day of April, 2023.

On motion by Mr. Jay Scott, seconded by Mr. Ollie Overton, to authorize the Purchasing Agent to receive price quotes and award to the lowest bidder for asphalt overlay to certain sections of four (4) roads: Brannon Road, Booner Miller Road, Varvarosky Road and Denny Road in Road District 2B – Subdistrict 2, due to failures over six (6) tankcar culvert cross drains. Cost not to exceed \$130,000.00. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Craig Smith, seconded by Mr. Bubba Moreau, to award an asphalt overlay project to the lowest bidder on the following roads: Hooper Road, Brannon Road, Newsome Road, Woodson Landing, Nation Road, Hickory Grove Road. Project to be funded by Road District 2B-1 and Road District 2B-2, District C. Cost not to exceed \$195,000.00. On vote the motion carried.

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

RAPIDES PARISH POLICE JURY RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, funding was awarded for the Rapides American Job Center Youth Empowerment Services (Y.E.S.) project as part of the Rapides Foundation Reconnecting Cenla Program Grant in the amount of \$300,000.00 over three years.

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WHEREAS, the Rapides American Job Center Youth Empowerment Services (Y.E.S.) project will be administered by Sharon Neal, Executive Director.

RESOLVED, that the Rapides Parish Police Jury is hereby authorized and approved to authorize and empower Joseph “Joe” Bishop, Parish President, to negotiate acceptable terms and conditions for a grant from The Rapides Foundation, to execute any and all documentation necessary to implement, maintain, amend or renew said documents. Furthermore, we authorize Sharon Neal to manage the checking account at Chase Bank as the operation account for this project, review all financial records associated with this account and authorize payment of invoices.

PASSED AND APPROVED on this, the 27th day of March, 2023.

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

RESOLUTION
BY
RAPIDES PARISH POLICE JURY

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PRESIDENT TO SOLICIT REQUESTS FOR QUALIFICATIONS FROM QUALIFIED CONSULTANTS FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES AT THE ESLER REGIONAL AIRPORT TERMINAL REPAIRS.

WHEREAS, the Rapides Parish Police Jury has been notified by the Federal Aviation Administration and State of Louisiana, Department of Transportation and Development that funding has been allocated for the Esler Regional Airport Terminal Building Repairs; and

WHEREAS, funding through the Federal Aviation Administration and Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development for airport improvements requires that the Rapides Parish Police Jury comply with the Federal and State requirements in the procurement of professional services; and

WHEREAS, the “Louisiana Airport Manager’s Handbook” describes a selection system developed and recommended by the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development Aviation section for use by airport sponsors in selecting an airport consultant for airport development projects; and

WHEREAS, the Rapides Parish Police Jury has determined that improvements to the Esler Regional Airport are critical for progress in the Parish.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the President is hereby authorized to advertise for requests for qualification statements from consultants interested in performing engineering services for the Esler Regional Airport Terminal Building Repairs.

Passed, approved and adopted this 10th day of April, 2023.

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On motion by Mr. David Johnson, seconded by Mr. Jay Scott, to authorize a written request to the Louisiana Outdoors Forever Program to fund necessary improvements at the Cotile Recreation Park and authorize the President to sign all necessary documents. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Ollie Overton, seconded by Mr. Jay Scott, to authorize to participate in the Teva, Allergan, CVS, Walgreens and Walmart National Opioid Settlement, Reference No. CL-386036 and authorize the President to sign all necessary documents. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Bubba Moreau, seconded by Mr. Sean McGlothlin, to declare an Emergency for the storage of Parish public records due to the deplorable conditions at the current storage building at 1546 Jackson Street, Alexandria, LA.

Discussion ensued.

Mr. Greg Jones stated we have received one (1) quote for a temporary storage location and currently we are working on getting two (2) more. A special Jury meeting may need to be held to discuss and make a decision once all quotes are received.

On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Sean McGlothlin, seconded by Mr. Rusty Wilder, to deposit the \$71,000.00 check received from Rick Reno with ASM Global, into the Rapides Parish Coliseum Operating Fund and allocate the funds to be reinvested for the daily operations of the facility. On vote the motion carried.

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

**National Library Week 2023
Proclamation**

WHEREAS, libraries of all types are at the heart of their cities, towns, schools, and campuses, serving their communities, and our Rapides Parish Library is the heart of our community

WHEREAS, libraries are accessible and inclusive places that foster a sense of belonging and community;

WHEREAS, today's libraries and their services extend far beyond the four walls of a building and everyone is welcome to use their resources;

WHEREAS, for people lacking broadband at home, libraries provide access to computers and wi-fi, even checking out internet hotspots and laptops;

WHEREAS, libraries strive to develop and maintain programs and collections that are as diverse as the populations they serve and ensure equity of access for all;

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WHEREAS, in times of crisis, libraries, librarians, and library workers play an invaluable role in supporting their communities both in person and virtually; from producing PPE for healthcare personnel to promoting literacy to our youth, in dire circumstances, the Rapides Parish Library, in particular, has been attentive to the needs of its community.

WHEREAS, to adapt to our changing world, our Library is expanding their resources and continuing to meet the needs of their patrons;

WHEREAS, libraries are cornerstones of democracy, promoting the free exchange of information and ideas for all;

WHEREAS, libraries, librarians, and library workers are joining library supporters and advocates across the nation to celebrate National Library Week;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that I, Joseph “Joe” Bishop, President of the Rapides Parish Police Jury proclaim National Library Week, April 23-29, 2023. During National Library Week, I encourage all residents to visit their library online or at their local facilities to access resources and services. Because of our library, opportunities and resources are available for all.

THUS DONE AND ADOPTED this 10th day of April, 2023.

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

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the Community Development Block Grant Program has operated since 1974 to provide local governments with the resources required to primarily meet the needs of low and moderate income person; and

WHEREAS, the Community Development Block Grant Program is among the few remaining federal programs available to address the needs of low and moderate income persons and small cities; and

WHEREAS, the Community Development Block Grant Program has provided the state of Louisiana with important and flexible assistance to meet the needs of low and moderate income residents of small cities by funding sewer, water, and street improvements projects, economic development projects, and other public improvement projects; and

WHEREAS, Congress and the nation acknowledge the critical value of the Community Development Block Grant Program and the significant projects that rely on its funds for support; and

WHEREAS, the week of April 10-14, 2023 has been reserved for recognition and appreciation of the Community Development Block Grant Program.

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NOW, THEREFORE, I, Joseph “Joe” Bishop, President, on behalf of the Rapides Parish Police Jury do hereby proclaim the week of April 10-14, 2023, as Community Development Week in Rapides Parish.

THUS PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED on this 10th of April, 2023.

On motion by Mr. Rusty Wilder, seconded by Mr. Ollie Overton, the following Proclamation was presented and unanimously adopted:

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the 55th Anniversary of the National Fair Housing Law, Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968, during the month of April, is an occasion for all Americans-individually and collectively-to rededicate themselves to the principle of freedom from housing discrimination whenever it exist; and

WHEREAS, this law guarantees for each citizen the critical, personal element of freely choosing a home; and

WHEREAS, a fair housing law has been passed by the State of Louisiana, and implementation of the law requires the positive commitment, involvement, and support of each of our citizens; and

WHEREAS, the department and agencies of the State of Louisiana are to provide leadership in the effort to make fair housing not just an idea, but an ideal for all our citizens; and

WHEREAS, barriers that diminish the rights and limit the options of any citizen to freely choose a home will ultimately diminish the rights and limit the option of all.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Joseph “Joe” Bishop, President, on behalf of the Rapides Parish Police Jury do hereby proclaim the month of April 2023, as FAIR HOUSING MONTH in the Parish of Rapides.

THUS PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED on this 10th of April, 2023.

On motion by Mr. Bubba Moreau, seconded by Mr. Craig Smith, the following Proclamation was presented and unanimously adopted:

**PROCLAMATION
NATIONAL COUNTY GOVERNMENT MONTH**

WHEREAS, the nation’s 3,069 counties serve more than 300 million Americans by delivering essential and necessary services to create healthy, safe and vibrant communities; and

WHEREAS, counties foster economic opportunities, provide health services, administer justice and keep communities safe and much more; and

WHEREAS, Rapides Parish takes pride in our responsibility to protect and

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enhance the health, wellbeing and safety of our residents in cost-effective and efficient ways; and

WHEREAS, under National Association of Counties, NACo is demonstrating how “Counties Matter” especially during this challenging era of the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, each year since 1991 the National Association of Counties has encouraged counties across the country to raise awareness of county responsibilities, services and programs; and

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved, that the Rapides Parish Police Jury does hereby proclaim the month of April as “Nation County Government Month” in Rapides Parish;

THUS DONE AND SIGNED on this 10th day of April, 2023.

On motion by Mr. Ollie Overton, seconded by Mr. David Johnson, to renew the lease for the Johnson Branch (Lecompte) Library with the LHS Corporation for a one (1) year period, beginning April 1, 2023 and ending March 31, 2024, as recommended by the Library Board of Control and authorize the President to sign same. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Sean McGlothlin, seconded by Mr. Craig Smith, to rescind the motion passed on October 10, 2022, for the addition of one (1) permanent Maintenance Technician position for Rapides Parish Police Jury Courthouse and Jail Maintenance Department under the Rapides Parish Civil Service. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Jay Scott, seconded by Mr. Craig Smith, to create one (1) permanent Painter position for Rapides Parish Police Jury Courthouse and Jail Maintenance Department under the Rapides Parish Civil Service, pending Civil Service approval. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Bubba Moreau, seconded by Mr. David Johnson, to receive the required report from Acadian Ambulance under the Contract for February, 2023:

| Response Zone | Number of Responses | Required % | Compliance % |
|-----------------------|---------------------|------------|--------------|
| Alexandria - 8 minute | 383 | 80% | 85.64% |
| Pineville - 8 minute | 130 | 80% | 83.85% |
| Rapides - 12 minute | 164 | 80% | 88.41% |
| Rapides - 20 minute | 145 | 80% | 82.76% |

On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. David Johnson, seconded by Mr. Sean McGlothlin, to waive the thirty (30) day announcement rule and reappoint Mr. Henry Corley on the Fire Protection District No. 12 Board for a two (2) year term. Term will expire January 14, 2025. On vote the motion carried.

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On motion by Mr. Sean McGlothlin, seconded by Mr. Ollie Overton, to waive the thirty (30) day announcement rule and appoint Mr. William Mattox on the Sewerage District No. 1 Board for a four (4) year term. Term will expire May 10, 2027. 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. Richard Bardwell on the Ward 10 Recreation Board for a five (5) year term. New Term will expire December 12, 2027. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Bubba Moreau, seconded by Mr. Craig Smith, that the following item(s) were placed on the Jury meeting after the agenda was posted and are now being added in compliance with the Public Meetings Law and are confirmed as having been added to the agenda by unanimous vote:

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

NAYS: none

ABSTAINED: none

ABSENT: none

On roll call vote the motion carried 9-0.

On motion by Mr. Bubba Moreau, seconded by Mr. Ollie Overton, notice is hereby given that at its meeting to be held on Monday, May 8, 2023 at 3:00 p.m. at its regular meeting place, the Police Jury Room of the Rapides Parish Courthouse, 701 Murray Street, 2nd Floor, Alexandria, Louisiana, the Police Jury of the Parish of Rapides, State of Louisiana, plans to consider adopting a resolution ordering and calling special elections to be held in (i) Fire Protection District Number 9 of the Parish of Rapides, State of Louisiana, (ii) Service Area No. 1 of Fire Protection District No. 11 of the Parish of Rapides, State of Louisiana, (iii) Road District Number 7A of Rapides Parish, State of Louisiana, (iv) Road District No. 10A of the Parish of Rapides, State of Louisiana and (v) Road District Number 36A of Rapides Parish, State of Louisiana, to authorize the renewal or rededication of ad valorem taxes therein. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Jay Scott, seconded by Mr. Ollie Overton, to create the temporary position of Service Navigator for the Youth Empowerment Services (Y.E.S.) Grant and authorize advertisement and hiring of one (1) full-time position and one (1) part-time position at an hourly rate of \$21.22 per hour. Funding for the positions will be paid 100% from the Y.E.S. grant and employable for the duration of the grant (April 3, 2023 – April 3, 2026). Discussion ensued. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. David Johnson, seconded by Mr. Bubba Moreau, to approve the creation of a salaried Fire Chief position for Rapides Parish Fire District No. 10 – Plainview, effective April 1, 2023 with an annual salary of \$9,000.00 as recommended by the Plainview Volunteer Fire Department Board of Directors. On vote the motion carried.

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On motion by Mr. Rusty Wilder, seconded by Mr. Ollie Overton, to authorize Rapides Parish Fire District No. 15 to purchase 4.992 acres located on Hwy 1, Lena, Louisiana as recommended by the Taylor Hill Volunteer Fire Department Board and authorize the Parish President to sign all necessary documents. Purchase price not to exceed \$5,500.00 per acre. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. David Johnson, seconded by Mr. Jay Scott, the following ordinance was presented, to set a ten (10) ton load limit and prohibit through truck traffic on Carlock Road in Ward 5, District H, Rapides Parish and authorize the Public Works Department to erect signs.

ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND REENACT SECTIONS 18-4.3 TRUCK LOAD LIMITS AND 18-4.4 THROUGH TRUCK TRAFFIC SO AS TO SET A TEN (10) TON LOAD LIMIT AND PROHIBIT THROUGH TRUCK ON CARLOCK ROAD IN WARD 5, DISTRICT H.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Rapides Parish Police Jury in Regular Session convened on this 10th day of April, 2023, that Sections 18-4.3 and 18-4.4 of the Rapides Parish Code of Ordinances are hereby amended and reenacted to include the following restrictions on Carlock Road as follows:

Chapter 18. MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC

Section 18-4.3. Truck Load Limits.

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(c) Ten-ton load limit.

The load limit on trucks shall be ten (10) tons on the following streets:

...

Carlock Road, Ward 5, District H

...

(d). Penalty. 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.

...

Section 18-4.4. Through truck traffic.

Through truck traffic is prohibited on the following streets and public ways:

...

Carlock Road, Ward 5, District H

...

Penalty. 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.

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

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the Public Works Department is hereby authorized to erect the signs on the Road.

THUS DONE AND SIGNED on this 10th day of April, 2023.

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NAYS: none

ABSTAINED: none

ABSENT: none

On roll call vote the motion carried 9-0.

On motion by Mr. Rusty Wilder, seconded by Mr. David Johnson, to authorize acceptance of the completion of Dixie Church and Setliff Bridges under State Project No. H.011531 and to authorize the President to execute any required documentation of such completion. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Sean McGlothlin, seconded by Mr. Craig Smith, to temporarily appoint the Highway Superintendent to Acting Public Works Director during the absence of the current Public Works Director, with an increase of \$125.00 to his biweekly salary, to be effective April 10, 2023. On vote the motion carried.

There being no further business, motion by Mr. Craig Smith, seconded by Mr. David Johnson, the meeting was adjourned at 3:36 p.m.

Theresa Pacholik, Secretary/Treasurer
Rapides Parish Police Jury

Joseph "Joe" Bishop, President
Rapides Parish Police Jury