RAPIDES PARISH POLICE JURY REGULAR SESSION MAY 13, 2024

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, May 13, 2024, at three (3:00) o'clock p.m. (Central Standard Time).

There were present: Joseph "Joe" Bishop, President and Police Jurors: Davron "Bubba" Moreau, Craig Smith, Ernest Nelson, Danny Bordelon, Oliver "Ollie" Overton, Jr., Sean McGlothlin, Parrish Giles and Jay Scott.

Absent: None

Also present were: Ms. Theresa Pacholik, Secretary/Treasurer; Mr. Cory Ashmore, Public Works Director; Chief Jody Glorioso, FD#2; Ms. Sharon Neal, WOD/OEWD Executive Director; Ms. Betty Jo Bourgeois, Sales Tax Administrator; Ms. Linda Sanders, Civil Service Director; Hon. Phillip Terrell; Hon. Greg Beard; Mr. Rick Reno, Rapides Parish Coliseum Director; Mr. Rhett Desselle, Pan American Engineers; Mr. Matt Johns, RAPC Executive Director; Ms. Marla West, Purchasing Agent; and Greg Jones, Legal Counsel.

The invocation was given by Mr. Ernest Nelson.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Jay Scott.

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.

Honorable Phillip Terrell welcomed Ms. Laura Seabaugh, Outreach Liaison for Honorable Liz Murrell office. Ms. Seabaugh introduced herself and stated she is available for any assistance the Police Jury may need.

On motion by Mr. Bubba Moreau, seconded by Mr. Craig Smith to adopt the minutes of the Rapides Parish Police Jury held in Regular Session on April 8, 2024, as published in the Official Journal. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Craig Smith, seconded by Mr. Danny Bordelon that approved bills be paid. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Ollie Overton, seconded by Mr. Craig Smith to adopt an "In Memoriam" for the late Mr. Clyde D. Linzay, Jr., former Police Juror of the Rapides Parish Police Jury. The following was presented and unanimously adopted:

IN MEMORIAM

WHERAS, Mr. Clyde D. Linzay, Jr. was called by his Creator on Saturday, March 30, 2024; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Linzay was born in Cheneyville, LA, to the late Clyde Daniel Linzay, Sr., and Clara Rush Linzay; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Linzay was a devoted husband, loving father, grandfather, and

great-grandfather, leaving behind a legacy of love and memories; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Linzay was a graduate of Poland High School and attended Repperts Auctioneer School in Decatur, Indiana; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Linzay served in the Army from 1951 to 1953, achieving the rank of CPL; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Linzay gave twenty-one (21) years of dedicated services to the Rapides Parish Police Jury where he was instrumental in starting the Buckeye Recreation Complex and in building the first field; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Linzay was also an Executive Board Member of the Louisiana Police Jury Association; and

WHEREAS, the Rapides Parish Police Jury does hereby recognize Mr. Clyde D. Linzay, Jr. for having served as a Juror of the Rapides Parish Police Jury and for his dedication in serving the citizens of Rapides Parish;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Rapides Parish Police Jury does hereby order that this formal expression of honor for the late Clyde D. Linzay, Jr., and sympathy for his family be spread upon the minutes of this meeting;

PRESENTED to the family of Clyde D. Linzay, Jr. on this 13th day of May, 2024.

On motion by Mr. Ollie Overton, seconded by Mr. Ernest Nelson to waive the thirty (30) day announcement rule and reappoint Mr. Tommy Milo on the Air Installation Compatible Use Zone (AICUZ) for a three (3) year term, new term will expire May 9, 2027. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Parrish Giles, seconded by Mr. Ollie Overton to waive the thirty (30) day announcement rule and reappoint Bill Poole on the Cheneyville Recreation District for a five (5) year term, new term will expire June 14, 2029. On vote the motion carried

On motion by Mr. Craig Smith, seconded by Mr. Ollie Overton to waive the thirty (30) day announcement rule and reappoint Mr. Cade Strong on the Ruby-Wise Recreation District for a five (5) year term, new term will expire June 14, 2029. 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. Ramond Lane Lavespere on the Water Works District No. 3 Board for a five (5) year term, new term will expire on June 14, 2029. 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. D. Walton Williams on the Water Works District No. 3 Board for a five (5) year term, new term will expire on June 14, 2029. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Parrish Giles, seconded by Mr. Craig Smith to authorize Rapides Parish Fire District No. 10 to sell various pieces of diving equipment to Allen Parish

Fire District No. 6 for \$12,500.00, as approved by both entities. The Fire District no longer has a use for these items and no longer has a dive team. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Bubba Moreau, seconded by Mr. Ollie Overton to authorize the Rapides Parish Fire District No. 17 to purchase a Fire Truck from State Contract No. 4400017741, not to exceed \$530,000.00, as requested by the Fire District Board. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Ollie Overton, seconded by Mr. Ernest Nelson to delete from the Rapides Parish OHSEP Asset Inventory program the items listed below:

Asset No.	Description	Disposal
125-OEP	Microsoft 32gb Tablet	Scrap
126-OEP	Microsoft 32gb Tablet	Scrap

On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Parrish Giles, seconded by Mr. Bubba Moreau to authorize the purchase of a truck off of Louisiana State Contract NO. 4400023795, for the Town of Cheneyville Public Works Department, to be paid from Town's portion, Road District 3A funds, as recommended by the Mayor. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Craig Smith, seconded by Mr. Danny Bordelon to accept the Public Works Directors annual review of the Rapides Parish Police Jury Stormwater Ordinance, as required by the Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan and LDEQ Permit. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Parrish Giles, seconded by Mr. Craig Smith to grant property owner, Hubert Melder, on Bounds Road access to property through Parish Road Servitude and authorize the Parish President to sign all necessary documents. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Craig Smith, seconded by Mr. Danny Bordelon to authorize the purchase of a Cold Planer, Louisiana State Contract No. 4400026637, cost not to exceed \$27,000.00, as recommended by the Public Works Director. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Craig Smith, seconded by Mr. Jay Scott to hold public hearing on Monday, June 10, 2024 at 3:00 p.m., for the development of Front Sight Shooting Range, 5645 Old Boyce Road. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Bubba Moreau, seconded by Mr. Parrish Giles to award Bid No. 3264 – Various Road Materials, to the lowest bidder, based on availability of materials, as recommended by the Purchasing Agent. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Craig Smith, seconded by Mr. Parrish Giles to discuss and authorize the Purchasing Agent to advertise and receive proposals on leasing a Grapple Truck for Public Works. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Parrish Giles, seconded by Mr. Ernest Nelson to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Village of Forest Hill, and for the Rapides Parish Public Works Department to assist and repair potholes on Earl Linzay Road

and Stokes Lane, to be paid out of Road District 1A, District H. Discussion ensued. On vote the motion carried.

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

ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND REENACT SECTION 18-4.2 (B) SPEED LIMIT SO AS TO SET A 50 MPH SPEED LIMIT ON CHENEYVILLE-ECHO ROAD, DISTRICT H

BE IT ORDAINED by the Rapides Parish Police Jury in Regular Session convened on this 13th day of May, 2024, that Section 18-4.2 (b) of the Rapides Parish Code of Ordinances is hereby amended and reenacted to set a 50 mph speed limit on Cheneyville-Echo Road, District H as follows:

Chapter 18. MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC

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

(b) Fifty 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 fifty (50) miles per hour.

Cheneyville-Echo Road, District H

. . .

(b). 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 this13th day of May, 2024.

On motion by Mr. Parrish Giles, seconded by Mr. Danny Bordelon to authorize Rapides Parish Fire District No. 14 to submit application for the 2024 Forestry Grant not to exceed \$20,000.00, as requested by the Fire Chief and authorize the President to sign all necessary documents. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Ollie Overton, seconded by Mr. Ernest Nelson for the Workforce Operations Department to hire (1) temporary part-time teacher, up to 32 hours per week, beginning May 14, 2024, until August 30, 2024, to facilitate the Summer Youth Employment Program, \$25 hourly, to be paid out of WIOA funds. This

instructor will also facilitate the academic component required by the program. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Ollie Overton, seconded by Mr. Craig Smith to authorize the Rapides Parish Jury President to sign the Memorandum of Agreement with the Rapides Parish School Board for the purpose of engaging out of school youth. The 2024-2026 Memorandum of Agreement would be effective July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2026. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Jay Scott, seconded by Mr. Craig Smith to confirm boat racing events for 2024, hosted by CLEAN with Southern 3 Cylinder Outlaw Drag Club on Cotile Lake, event dates as follows (weather permitting): June 1-2, July 20-21, August 24-25, boat landing within the park to be closed on event dates, pending legal counsel approval and authorize the President to sign all necessary documents. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Craig Smith, seconded by Mr. Ollie Overton to grant 2% annual longevity pay increase mandated by the State for eligible Rapides Parish Fire Protection District No. 4 employees effective July 28, 2024, as recommended by Holiday Village Volunteer Fire Department Board of Directors, to be paid out of Fire Protection District No. 4 funds. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Ollie Overton, seconded by Mr. Parrish Giles to grant 2% annual longevity pay increase mandated by the State for eligible Rapides Parish Fire Protection District No. 2 employees effective July 28, 2024, to be paid out of Fire Protection District No. 2 funds. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Parrish Giles, seconded by Mr. Ollie Overton to receive the required report from Acadian Ambulance under the Contract for March, 2024:

Response		Number of	Required	Compliance
Zone		Responses	%	%
Alexandria -	8 minute	482	80%	87.14%
Pineville -	8 minute	160	80%	80.63%
Rapides -	12 minute	203	80%	89.16%
Rapides -	20 minute	193	80%	84.97%
vote the motion	carried			

On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Bubba Moreau, seconded by Mr. Craig Smith 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, Jr., Craig Smith, Danny Bordelon, Parrish Giles, Ernest Nelson, Jay Scott, Davron "Bubba" Moreau, Sean McGlothlin and Joe Bishop
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None
On roll call vote the motion carried 9-0.

On motion by Mr. Parrish Giles, seconded by Mr. Bubba Moreau, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

RESOLUTION

A resolution ordering and calling a special election to be held in Road District No. 5A Sales Tax District of the Parish of Rapides, State of Louisiana, to authorize the levy of a sales and use tax therein, making application to the State Bond Commission, and providing for other matters in connection therewith.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Police Jury of the Parish of Rapides, State of Louisiana (the "Governing Authority"), acting as the governing authority of Road District No. 5A Sales Tax District of the Parish of Rapides, State of Louisiana (the "District"), that:

SECTION 1. <u>Election Call</u>. Subject to the approval of the State Bond Commission and under the authority conferred by the Constitution of the State of Louisiana of 1974, including Article VI, Section 30 thereof, the applicable provisions of the Louisiana Election Code, and other constitutional and statutory authority, a special election is hereby called and ordered to be held in the District on **TUESDAY**, **NOVEMBER 5, 2024**, between the hours of six o'clock (6:00) a.m. and eight o'clock (8:00) p.m., in accordance with the provisions of La. R.S. 18:541, and at the said election there shall be submitted to all registered voters qualified and entitled to vote at the said election under the Constitution and laws of this State and the Constitution of the United States, the following proposition, to-wit:

PROPOSITION (SALES TAX)

Shall Road District No. 5A Sales Tax District of the Parish of Rapides, State of Louisiana (the "District"), be authorized to levy and collect a tax of 2% (the "Tax") in accordance with Louisiana law (an estimated \$376,000 reasonably expected at this time to be collected from the levy of the Tax for an entire year), in perpetuity, commencing January 1, 2025, with the avails and proceeds of the Tax (after paying reasonable and necessary costs and expenses of collecting and administering the Tax) to be dedicated and used for the purpose of constructing, improving, maintaining and keeping in repair the public roads, highways, bridges and related drainage facilities in the District?

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

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

SECTION 3. <u>Canvass</u>. This Governing Authority shall meet at its regular meeting place, the Police Jury Room of the Rapides Parish Courthouse, 701 Murray Street, 2nd Floor, Alexandria, Louisiana, on **TUESDAY**, **NOVEMBER 12**, 2024, at **THREE O'CLOCK (3:00) P.M.**, and shall then and there in open and public session proceed to examine and canvass the returns and declare the result of the said special election.

SECTION 4. <u>Polling Places</u>. The polling places for the precincts set forth in the aforesaid Notice of Special Election are hereby designated as the polling places at which to hold the said election, and the Commissioners-in-Charge and Commissioners, respectively, will be the same persons as those designated in accordance with law.

SECTION 5. <u>Election Commissioners; Voting Machines</u>. The officers designated to serve as Commissioners-in-Charge and Commissioners pursuant to Section 4 hereof, or such substitutes therefor as may be selected and designated in accordance with La. R.S. 18:1287, shall hold the said special election as herein provided, and shall make due returns of said election for the meeting of the Governing Authority to be held as provided in Section 3 hereof. All registered voters in the District will be entitled to vote at the special election, and voting machines shall be used.

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

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

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

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

YEAS: Oliver "Ollie" Overton, Jr., Craig Smith, Danny Bordelon, Parrish Giles, Ernest Nelson, Jay Scott, Davron "Bubba" Moreau, Sean McGlothlin and Joe Bishop

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

And the resolution was declared adopted on this, the 13th day of May, 2024.

/s/ Theresa Pachholik

Secretary

/s/ Joseph "Joe" Bishop President

EXHIBIT "A"

NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION

Pursuant to the provisions of a resolution adopted by the Police Jury of the Parish of Rapides, State of Louisiana (the "Governing Authority"), acting as the governing authority of Road District No. 5A Sales Tax District of the Parish of Rapides, State of Louisiana (the "District"), on May 13, 2024, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a special election will be held within the District on **TUESDAY**, **NOVEMBER 5**, **2024**, and that at the said election there will be submitted to all registered voters in the District qualified and entitled to vote at the said election under the Constitution and Laws of the State of Louisiana and the Constitution of the United States, the following proposition, to-wit:

PROPOSITION (SALES TAX)

Shall Road District No. 5A Sales Tax District of the Parish of Rapides, State of Louisiana (the "District"), be authorized to levy and collect a tax of 2% (the "Tax") in accordance with Louisiana law (an estimated \$376,000 reasonably expected at this time to be collected from the levy of the Tax for an entire year), in perpetuity, commencing January 1, 2025, with the avails and proceeds of the Tax (after paying reasonable and necessary costs and expenses of collecting and administering the Tax) to be dedicated and used for the purpose of constructing, improving, maintaining and keeping in repair the public roads, highways, bridges and related drainage facilities in the District?

The said special election will be held at the polling places at the following precincts of the District which polls will open at six o'clock (6:00) a.m. and close at eight o'clock (8:00) p.m., in accordance with the provisions of La. R.S. 18:541, to wit:

PRECINCTS
C23(PART)
C37A(PART)
C37B(PART)
S07(PART)
S08(PART)
S10AK(PART)
S10LZ(PART)
S11(PART)
S27(PART)
S28(PART)

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

The estimated cost of the election as determined by the Secretary of State based upon the provisions of Chapter 8-A of Title 18 and actual costs of similar elections is \$1,800.

The said special election will be held in accordance with the applicable provisions of Chapter 5 and Chapter 6-A of Title 18 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, and other constitutional and statutory authority, and the officers appointed to hold the said election, as provided in this Notice of Special Election, or such substitutes therefor as may be selected and designated in accordance with La. R.S. 18:1287, will make due returns thereof to said Governing Authority, and NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that the Governing Authority will meet at its regular meeting place, the Police Jury Room of the Rapides Parish Courthouse, 701 Murray Street, 2nd Floor, Alexandria, Louisiana, on **TUESDAY**, **NOVEMBER 12, 2024**, at **THREE O'CLOCK (3:00) P.M.**, and shall then and there in open and public session proceed to examine and canvass the returns and declare the result of the said special election. All registered voters of the District are entitled to vote at said special election and voting machines will be used.

On motion by Mr. Bubba Moreau, seconded by Mr. Parrish Giles, the following resolution was unanimously adopted

RESOLUTION

A resolution providing for canvassing the returns and declaring the results of the special election held in Road District No. 1A of the Parish of Rapides, State of Louisiana, on Saturday, April 27, 2024, to authorize the renewal of a special tax therein.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Police Jury of the Parish of Rapides, State of Louisiana (the "Governing Authority"), acting as the governing authority of Road District No. 1A of the Parish of Rapides, State of Louisiana (the "District"), that:

SECTION 1. Canvass. This Governing Authority does now proceed in open and public session to examine the official tabulations of votes cast at the special election held in the District on SATURDAY, APRIL27, 2024 (the "Election"), to authorize the renewal of a special tax therein pursuant to the following proposition (the "Proposition"):

ROAD DISTRICT NO. 1A PROPOSITION (MILLAGE RENEWAL)

Shall Road District No. 1A of the Parish of Rapides, State of Louisiana (the "District"), continue to levy and collect a special ad valorem tax of 25.03 mills on all the property subject to taxation in the District (an estimated \$544,600 reasonably expected at this time to be collected from the levy of the tax for an entire year), for a period of 10 years, beginning with the year 2025 and ending with the year 2034,

for the purpose of constructing, maintaining, and keeping in repair the public roads, highways, and bridges within the District?

This Governing Authority does further proceed to examine and canvass the returns of the Election thereof.

SECTION 2. Election Results. According to the official certified tabulation of votes cast at said Election, there was a total of **243** votes cast **IN FAVOR OF** the Proposition and a total of **97** votes cast **AGAINST** the Proposition, resulting in a majority of **146** votes cast **IN FAVOR OF** the Proposition. The Proposition was therefore duly **CARRIED** by a majority of the votes cast by the qualified electors voting at the Election.

SECTION 3. Promulgation of Election Result. The results of said election shall be promulgated by publication in the manner provided by law, after receipt from the Secretary of State's office of the actual costs of the election, as required by §18:1292 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended.

SECTION 4. Declaration. The foregoing results of the Election are hereby declared by this Governing Authority and shall be published as required by law.

SECTION 5. Procès Verbal. A *Procès Verbal* of the canvass of the returns of the Election shall be made and a certified copy thereof shall be forwarded to the Secretary of State, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, who

shall record the same in her office; another certified copy thereof shall be forwarded to the Clerk of Court and *Ex-Officio* Recorder of Mortgages in and for the Parish of Rapides, who shall record the same in the Mortgage Records of said Parish; and another copy thereof shall be retained in the archives of this Governing Authority.

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

- YEAS: Oliver "Ollie" Overton, Jr., Craig Smith, Danny Bordelon, Parrish Giles, Ernest Nelson, Jay Scott, Davron "Bubba" Moreau, Sean McGlothlin and Joe Bishop
 NAYS: None
- ABSENT: None

And the resolution was declared adopted on this, the 13th day of May, 2024.

/s/ Theresa Pachholik	/s/ Joseph "Joe" Bishop
Secretary	President

PROCÈS VERBAL OF THE CANVASS OF THE VOTES CAST AT THE SPECIAL ELECTION HELD IN ROAD DISTRICT NO. 1A OF THE PARISH OF RAPIDES, STATE OF LOUISIANA, ON SATURDAY, APRIL 27, 2024.

BE IT KNOWN AND REMEMBERED that on Monday, May 13, 2024, 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 (the "Governing Authority"), acting as the

governing authority of Road District No. 1A of the Parish of Rapides, State of Louisiana (the "District"), and being the authority ordering the special election held therein on Saturday, April 27, 2024, with a quorum being present, did examine the official certified tabulations of votes cast at the said election, and did examine and canvass the returns of said election, there having been submitted at said election the following proposition to wit:

ROAD DISTRICT NO. 1A PROPOSITION (MILLAGE RENEWAL)

Shall Road District No. 1A of the Parish of Rapides, State of Louisiana (the "District"), continue to levy and collect a special ad valorem tax of 25.03 mills on all the property subject to taxation in the District (an estimated \$544,600 reasonably expected at this time to be collected from the levy of the tax for an entire year), for a period of 10 years, beginning with the year 2025 and ending with the year 2034, for the purpose of constructing, maintaining, and keeping in repair the public roads, highways, and bridges within the District?

There was found by said count and canvass that there was a total of **243** votes cast **IN FAVOR OF** Proposition and a total of **97** votes cast **AGAINST** Proposition, as hereinabove set forth, and it was further found and determined that there was a majority of **146** votes cast **IN FAVOR OF** Proposition as hereinabove set forth.

Therefore, the Governing Authority did declare and proclaim and does hereby declare and proclaim in open and public session that the Proposition as hereinabove set forth was duly **CARRIED** by a majority of the votes cast by the qualified electors voting at the said special election held in the District on Saturday, April 27, 2024.

Results by precinct are available from the Secretary of this Governing Authority during regular business hours or via the Louisiana Secretary of State's website (voterportal.sos.la.gov).

Exhibit "A" attached hereto and made a part of this *Procès Verbal* is a copy of the Notice of Special Election and proof of publication thereof.

THUS DONE AND SIGNED at Alexandria, Louisiana, on this, the 13th day of May, 2024.

ATTEST:

/s/ Joseph "Joe" Bishop President

<u>/s/ Theresa Pachholik</u> Secretary

EXHIBIT "A"

NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION

Pursuant to the provisions of a resolution adopted by the Police Jury of the Parish of Rapides, State of Louisiana (the "Governing Authority"), acting as the governing authority of Road District No. 1A of the Parish of Rapides, State of Louisiana (the "District"), on February 12, 2024, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a special election will be held within the District on **SATURDAY**, **APRIL 27**, **2024**, and that

at the said election there will be submitted to all registered voters in the District qualified and entitled to vote at the said election under the Constitution and Laws of the State of Louisiana and the Constitution of the United States, the following proposition, to-wit:

ROAD DISTRICT NO. 1A PROPOSITION (MILLAGE RENEWAL)

Shall Road District No. 1A of the Parish of Rapides, State of Louisiana (the "District"), continue to levy and collect a special ad valorem tax of 25.03 mills on all the property subject to taxation in the District (an estimated \$544,600 reasonably expected at this time to be collected from the levy of the tax for an entire year), for a period of 10 years, beginning with the year 2025 and ending with the year 2034, for the purpose of constructing, maintaining, and keeping in repair the public roads, highways, and bridges within the District?

The said special election will be held at the polling places at the following precincts of the District which polls will open at seven o'clock (7:00) a.m. and close at eight o'clock (8:00) p.m., in accordance with the provisions of La. R.S. 18:541, to wit:

PRECINCTS S10AK(PART) S10LZ(PART) S21(PART) S22 (PART) S23 S24 S25 S26

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

The estimated cost of the election as determined by the Secretary of State based upon the provisions of Chapter 8-A of Title 18 and actual costs of similar elections is \$20,000.

Notice is further given that a portion of the monies collected from the tax described in the Proposition shall be remitted to certain state and statewide retirement systems in the manner required by law.

The said special election will be held in accordance with the applicable provisions of Chapter 5 and Chapter 6-A of Title 18 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, and other constitutional and statutory authority, and the officers appointed to hold the said election, as provided in this Notice of Special Election, or such substitutes therefor as may be selected and designated in accordance with La. R.S. 18:1287, will make due returns thereof to said Governing Authority, and NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that the Governing Authority will meet at its regular meeting place, the Police Jury Room of the Rapides Parish Courthouse, 701 Murray Street, 2nd Floor, Alexandria, Louisiana, on **MONDAY, MAY 13**,

2024, at **THREEO'CLOCK (3:00) P.M.**, and shall then and there in open and public session proceed to examine and canvass the returns and declare the result of the said special election. All registered voters of the District are entitled to vote at said special election and voting machines will be used.

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PROCLAMATION

I, the undersigned President of the Police Jury of the Parish of Rapides, State of Louisiana, the governing authority of Road District No. 1A of the Parish of Rapides, State of Louisiana (the "District"), do hereby declare, proclaim and announce that the proposition submitted at the special election held in the District on Saturday, April 27, 2024, was CARRIED by a majority of the votes cast at the said special election, all as described and set out in the above *Procès Verbal*.

NICOLE JACOBS Notary Public State of Wisconsin

THUS DONE AND SIGNED at Alexandria, Louisiana, on this, the 13th day of May, 2024.

/s/ Joseph "Joe" Bishop President

On motion by Mr. Bubba Moreau, seconded by Mr. Ollie Overton on intent to sell the listed Abandoned/Adjudicated Property as presented by a private attorney:

Tax Debtor Monroe Reynolds C/O Tallic Reynolds

Description

Lot Fronting 84' on Highway 454 x 120' on Parish Road Bearing the municipal address of:

847 Highway 454, Pineville Parcel ID No. 0902752048003601

On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Parrish Giles, seconded by Mr. Ollie Overton to reappoint Mr. Lane Causey to the Cocodrie Game and Fish Commission for a four (4) year term, new term will expire 01/15/2028. On vote the motion carried.

Recognize Ms. Fran Phoenix to discuss code violations at 6014 Cavan Circle and within Kellyland Subdivision was laid over due to Ms. Phoenix being unable to attend the Jury Meeting.

On motion by Mr. Ollie Overton, seconded by Mr. Parrish Giles to authorize the cleaning and debris removal project of subsurface drainage in the Town of Lecompte, to be paid from the town's portion of Road District 3A, cost not to exceed \$75,000.00, as requested by signed Resolution No. 2024-008 passed by the Town of Lecompte in a meeting held on Monday, May 6, 2024. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Parrish Giles, seconded by Mr. Ollie Overton to authorize to execute an Engineering Agreement with Pan American Engineers, LLC. to develop bidding documents for road slope failure repairs to Lone Pine Road and authorize Pan American Engineers, LLC. to advertise and receive bids for the same. The estimated cost of the project is \$330,000.00. Project to be funded from Road District 3A, District H. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Danny Bordelon, seconded by Mr. Ollie Overton to authorize the payment for two (2) Rapides Parish Sheriff's Deputies for security detail at Cotile Lake Recreation for Memorial Day weekend, Saturday, May 25th, Sunday, May 26th and Mondy, May 27th, for the hours of 10:00 am – 8:00 pm. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Parrish Giles, seconded by Mr. Danny Bordelon to ratify authorization for the submission of two (2) forestry grants: one (1) Smokey Bear Fire Danger Sign Project and one (1) reimbursable Volunteer Fire Assistance Grant; for Fire District No. 5 - Oakhill VFD and authorize the Fire Chief and Parish President to sign all necessary documents. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Ollie Overton, seconded by Mr. Parrish Giles to accept the donation of used bunker gear from Westlake Chemical to Rapides Parish Fire District #5- Oakhill VFD, as recommended by the Fire Chief. The gear is no longer usable by Westlake Chemical but can be used by the Fire Department. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Bubba Moreau, seconded by Mr. Danny Bordelon to amend the FY2024 Police Jury travel budget from \$25,000.00 to \$45,000.00 for Police Juror travel expenses, for continuing education, said total to be divided equally between the nine (9) Police Jurors. Discussion ensued.

On substitute motion by Mr. Jay Scott to amend the FY2024 Police Jury travel budget from \$25,000.00 to \$45,000.00 for Police Juror travel expenses, for continuing education. Motion died for lack of second.

On vote the original motion carried with a vote of 8-1. Mr. Scott voted nay.

On motion by Mr. Danny Bordelon, seconded by Mr. Ollie Overton to authorize the hosting of a Cotile Lake Vendor Festival on September 7, 2024 and Halloween Bash in October, hosted by the Cotile Event Association and authorize the President to sign any necessary documents, pending Legal Counsel approval. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Bubba Moreau, seconded by Mr. Craig Smith to grant 2% annual longevity pay increase mandated by the State for eligible Rapides Parish Fire Protection District No. 3 employees effective July 28, 2024 as recommended by Alpine Volunteer Fire Department Board of Directors, to be paid out of Fire Protection District No. 3 funds. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Parrish Giles, seconded by Mr. Bubba Moreau, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

RESOLUTION BY RAPIDES PARISH POLICE JURY

WHEREAS, the Rapides Parish Police Jury received the Bids on Wednesday, April 17, 2024 for the Blue Lake Roadway Improvements,

WHEREAS, the Bids have been reviewed and tabulated by Pan American Engineers, LLC, with a recommendation of rejection of all bids due to exceeding the previously approved budget and a request for additional road work,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that all bids received be rejected.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the budget for this project be increased to not exceed \$160,000.00; the scope of work be expanded; and the bid documents be revised and reissued.

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

YEAS:	Oliver "Ollie" Overton, Jr., Craig Smith, Danny Bordelon, Parrish
	Giles, Ernest Nelson, Jay Scott, Davron "Bubba" Moreau, Sean
	McGlothlin and Joe Bishop
NAYS:	None
ABSENT:	None

Passed, approved and adopted by the President and Police Jury of Rapides Parish, Louisiana, on this 13th day of May, 2024.

On motion by Mr. Ollie Overton, seconded by Mr. Bubba Moreau to create a fulltime Clerk position for the Rapides Parish Health Unit, starting hourly rate of \$16.00 per hour, position to be funded from the Rapides Parish Health Unit Maintenance Fund, as recommended by the Regional Medical Director. On vote the motion carried.

Mr. Sean McGlothlin recognized Mr. Rick Reno in the audience and asked if he would like to provide an update on the Coliseum and Exhibition Hall.

Mr. Reno spoke on past events and upcoming events this year held at the Coliseum and stated he is looking forward to the shows that will be held at the renovated Exhibition Hall.

On motion by Mr. Craig Smith, seconded by Mr. Ollie Overton to accept Project No. 3067 – Hurricane Laura Exhibition Hall Roof Replacement and Repairs as "Substantially Complete" with exception of punch list items and authorize the Parish President to sign the Substantial Completion certificate, as recommended by the Engineer, William Aldridge with Ballard CLC, Inc. On vote the motion the carried.

On motion by Mr. Craig Smith, seconded by Mr. Sean McGlothlin to accept Project No. 3066 – Hurricane Laura Coliseum Roof Replacement and Repairs as "Substantially Complete" with exception of punch list items and authorize the Parish President to sign the Substantial Completion certificate, as recommended by the Engineer, William Aldridge with Ballard CLC, Inc. On vote the motion carried.

There being no further business, motion by Mr. Craig Smith, seconded by Mr. Joe Bishop the meeting was adjourned at 3:40 p.m.

Theresa Pacholik, Secretary/Treasurer Rapides Parish Police Jury Joseph "Joe" Bishop, President Rapides Parish Police Jury