

AVOYELLES PARISH POLICE JURY
REGULAR SESSION
Tuesday, March 9, 2021

The Police Jury of the Parish of Avoyelles, State of Louisiana, met in Regular Session, in the Meeting Room of the Parish Courthouse, on Tuesday, March 9, 2021, at 5:00 p.m. at the LSU Ag Center in Mansura

There were present: Kirby Roy, Mark Borrel, Glenn McKinley, Bobby Bordelon, Jacob Coco, McKinley Keller, and Tracey Bryant

Also present were: Kevin Bordelon, Civil Works Director; Ron Bordelon, Pan American Engineers; Jonathan Gaspard, Assistant District Attorney; Joseph Frank, Director of Homeland Alizza Piazza Tassin, Attorney for Med Express; Amy Guidry, Acadian Ambulance; Jeff Pogve, Acadian Ambulance, Mayor Leslie Draper, Jenny Fauls, Natalie Bryant, Chrissie Jeansonne Legislative Aide to Rep, Daryl Deshotel, Mayor Terryl St.Romain, Mayor Bruce Coulon, Rev. Augustine, Allen Holmes, Rev. Guillory, Heather Urena, Kisatchie Delta, Tessa Bordelon, Tomas Hammons, Johnny Rogers, Glenn Gremillion, Jimmy Landry, and Byron Cammack, La. Department of Wildlife and Fisheries

Absent were: John Earles and Charles Jones

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America by McKinley Keller, and opening prayer, led by Rev. Guillory.

Roll call by Secretary-Treasurer.

President Roy asked for public comments. None offered, none taken.

On motion by Bobby Bordelon, seconded by Jacob Coco, to adopt the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on February 9, 2021, 2020 as printed in the "Weekly News" and mailed to all Jurors. On vote, the motion carried.

On motion by Glenn McKinley, seconded by Tracey Bryant, to accept the minutes of the Avoyelles Commission of Tourism minutes held on February 22, 2021. On vote, the motion carried.

On motion by Mark Borrel, seconded by Glenn McKinley to accept the financial report offered by the Secretary-Treasurer which displayed budgeted to actual. On vote, the motion carried.

DELEGATES:

- 1.) Heather Urena- Kisatchie Delta provided an updated on Region 2 Louisiana Watershed Initiative. Following the Great Floods of 2016, the state launched the LWI, which is a \$1.2 billion HUD funded effort to reduce flood risks within subsequent watershed regions. Currently Region 2 applications include Spring Bayou Floodplain Restoration and Preservation Project Bayou Des Glasie for possible funding.
- 2.) Alissa Piazza Tassin- Attorney for Med Express- Discussed a time frame in which the jury would meet with Sheriff Dauzat to determine a rotation pf ambulance service.
- 3.) Allen Holmes- Spoke to the Jury about the health and well-being of residents during the pandemic. He also discussed a project brought before the Jury by Juror Charles Jones to build a Health Unit in Simmesport. Mr. Holmes stressed the need for the Health Unit to serve citizens young and old. Dr. Holcombe presented to several ministers of the parish that poor people and people of color, elderly over 65 years of age are dying at a higher rate due to COVID. Mr. Holmes pointed out that previous administration was always concerned with the well-being of the people. He also asked that the Jurors

work together for the betterment of the parish. A discussion ensued by Rev. Augustine, Rev. Guillory, Mayor Draper, Jurors Bobby Bordelon and Jacob Coco. Followed by rebuttal from Juror Bordelon

On motion by Mark Borrel, seconded by Tracey Bryant to reappoint John Lemoine to the Airport Authority Board. On vote, the motion carried.

On motion by Jacob Coco, seconded by McKinley Keller to declare April as Fair Housing Month. On vote, the motion carried.

On motion by Mark Borrel, seconded by Bobby Bordelon, calling for a public hearing to hear any objection to installing two gates on a portion of Little River Road. On vote, the motion carried.

On motion by McKinley Keller, seconded by Jacob Coco granting authority to Cleco the right to place, construct, repair, replace, add, modify, relocate, change the size and capacity of, operate, maintain, inspect, and/or remove underground and/or overhead electrical line(s) and/or systems. On vote, the motion carried.

On motion by Bobby Bordelon, seconded by Mark Borrel, calling for a public hearing on April 13, 2021 at 4:45 p.m. to hear any objections to installing two gates on a portion of Levi Gremillion Road. On vote, the motion carried.

On motion by McKinley Keller, seconded by Bobby Bordelon, to accept the completion of Phase III of J.B. Luke Road. On vote, the motion carried.

On motion by Jacob Coco, seconded Bobby Bordelon, to table the acceptance of Work Order 6 bids based upon the deductive change order. On vote, the motion carried.

With unanimous consent to add to the agenda new business, on motion by Jacob Coco, seconded by Bobby Bordelon, to increase Work Order 6 budget. On vote, the motion carried.

On motion by Glenn McKinley Keller, seconded by Mark Borrel, the Avoyelles Parish Police Jury does hereby grant authority to the Secretary-Treasurer to pay all bills and to waive a reading of the whole. Motion carried.

There being no further business, on motion by Jacob Coco, seconded Bobby Bordelon, the meeting adjourned at 6:29 p.m.

s/Kirby Roy
President

s/Jamey M. Wiley
Secretary-Treasurer

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