

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE POLICE JURY, PARISH OF OUACHITA,  
STATE OF LOUISIANA, TAKEN AT A REGULAR MEETING HELD ON,  
MONDAY, MAY 1, 2017 AT 5:40 P.M.**

The Police Jury of the Parish of Ouachita, State of Louisiana met in a regular session in the Ouachita Parish Police Jury Meeting Room, Courthouse Building, Monroe, Louisiana on Monday, May 1, 2017 at 5:40 p.m., and was duly convened by Mr. Scotty Robinson, President.

The invocation was given by Ms. Moore. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Ms. Moore.

<b><u>Members Present</u></b>	<b>(6)</b>
<b>Scotty Robinson</b>	<b>District A</b>
<b>Jack Clampit</b>	<b>District B</b>
<b>Walt Caldwell</b>	<b>District C</b>
<b>Ollibeth Reddix</b>	<b>District D</b>
<b>Shane Smiley</b>	<b>District E</b>
<b>Pat Moore</b>	<b>District F</b>
<b><u>Members Absent</u></b>	<b>(0)</b>

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

The president asked if there were any additions or amendments to the agenda. Mr. Cammack asked to add an item to contract for ground-leveling J. S. Clark Cemetery. Mr. Cammack stated that he received the item after the agenda was published and action was needed before the next meeting. Motion offered by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Mr. Smiley to approve the agenda as amended. Motion passed without opposition.

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:**

The president asked for public comments on the agenda as approved. No one appeared or came forth to speak during this time.

**ADOPTION OF MINUTES:**

A motion to adopt the minutes of the regular Police Jury meeting including the committee meetings held on May 1, 2017, was offered by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Ms. Moore. Motion passed without opposition.

**SERVICE AWARDS FOR THE MONTH OF MAY:**

**PUBLIC WORKS**

Brian Terry – 15 Years  
Carolyn Thomas – 10 Years

**FIRE DEPARTMENT**

Jodi Wages – 10 Years

**GREEN OAKS**

Tarquin Smart – 5 Years

**VISITORS:**

The president recognized Madison Nelson. Mr. Smiley presented the following proclamation to Ms. Nelson.

**PROCLAMATION**

**A PROCLAMATION COMMENDING AND RECONIZING MISS MADISON ELISE NELSON FOR BEING NAMED AS “*THE MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENT OF THE YEAR*” FOR THE STATE OF LOUISIANA; AND, FURTHER PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.**

**WHEREAS**, Madison Elise Nelson is an eighth-grader at Ouachita Junior High School where she has found success in the classroom and in many extra-curricular activities. Madison has maintained a 4.0 GPA in the honors program, while serving as president of the Student Council, the Junior Honor Society, and the 4-H Club. Madison is also a member of the National Junior Honor Society, the Fellowship of Christian Students and Beta Club;

**WHEREAS**, Madison is also involved in the community, including many youth-group activities at True Vine Baptist Church and dancing with the Delta Academy Dance Studio;

**WHEREAS**, in view of her outstanding academic achievements, leadership skills, character, and service to her school and community, the Louisiana Department of Education has named Madison Elise Nelson as the 2016-2017 “*Middle School Student of the Year*” for the State of Louisiana; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Ouachita Parish Police Jury finds that Madison Elise Nelson is a young lady whose outstanding accomplishments serve as an inspiration to all students and adults in our community;

**NOW, THEREFORE:**

**BE IT PROCLAIMED** that, by these presents, the Ouachita Parish Police Jury does hereby congratulate Miss Madison Elise Nelson for being named Louisiana’s “Middle School Student of the Year” and wish her continued success in all her endeavors;

**BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED** that the Ouachita Parish Police Jury hereby commends Madison’s family and teachers for their significant contributions to her success.

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Thereafter, Ms. Moore presented Madison Nelson with a scholarship from the foundation Ms. Moore’s family established in memory of her daughter, Victoria.

The president recognized Don Plunk with the Cheniere Lake Advisory Committee. Mr. Plunk advised the Police Jury that an aerial inspection had revealed that an additional lowering of Cheniere Lake was needed for the timber-thinning operation approved by the Police Jury. Mr. Crosby also recommended an additional lowering of Cheniere Lake in order to complete the timber-thinning project. Mr. Mitchell added that given the drawdown required for highway, bridge and spillway construction an additional drawdown should have minimal impact on the current use of the lake. Mike Wood, member of the Cheniere Lake Advisory Committee and retired fisheries biologist with the Louisiana Department of Wildlife & Fisheries, advised that the additional drawdown and timber-thinning would in the long-term be very beneficial to those who fish in Cheniere Lake.

Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Ms. Moore offered the following resolution for adoption.

### **RESOLUTION NO. 17-33**

#### **A RESOLUTION REGARDING TIMBER-THINNING OPERATIONS IN CHENIERE LAKE DURING LA. DOTD'S REPLACEMENT OF THE BRIDGE AND SPILLWAY OF LA. HWY. 3033; AND FURTHER PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.**

**WHEREAS**, the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development has indicated that a 6 ft. drawdown of Cheniere Lake would greatly facilitate the inspection and repair of damage to La. Hwy. 3033 as well as the required replacement of the bridge and spillway spanning Cheniere Creek;

**WHEREAS**, the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries has indicated that drawdowns are beneficial to improving the quality of fishing on Cheniere Lake by allowing the accumulated leaf-litter on the lake bottom to deteriorate which improves habitat for spawning;

**WHEREAS**, the Cheniere Lake Citizens Advisory Committee has recommended that the OPPJ take advantage of the drawdown necessitated by the Hwy. 3033 project by thinning the timber in Cheniere Lake, which will improve habitat, improve accessibility, and reduce the impact should giant salvinia be introduced to the lake;

**WHEREAS**, inspection of the lake has indicated that an additional drawdown is required to allow for sufficient timber-thinning to be undertaken to facilitate these improvements of Cheniere Lake;

**WHEREAS**, an additional drawdown will have minimal impact on the current use of the lake, but will be of significant benefit for the future quality of Cheniere Lake and its fishery.

#### **NOW, THEREFORE:**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Ouachita Parish Public Works Department is hereby directed to immediately institute a further drawdown of Cheniere Lake, said drawdown to be accomplished by lowering the water level at a slow rate in accordance with the capabilities of the

control structure and to coordinate such drawdown to with La. DOTD's repair of La. Hwy. 3033 as well as the required replacement of the bridge and spillway spanning Cheniere Creek

The above resolution was adopted the 1<sup>st</sup> day of May, 2017.

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## **DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:**

The following department heads presented monthly reports.

### **ANIMAL CONTROL: Ms. Stephanie Mullins, Director**

Ms. Mullins stated that the Animal Shelter Citizens Advisory Committee has recommended that cat carriers be required for all cats being adopted. Mr. Cammack stated that the board has also requested that a notice shall be posted at Animal Control that no cat will leave the facility without being in a carrier. Motion offered by Ms. Moore, seconded by Mr. Caldwell to accept the recommendation of the Animal Shelter Citizens Advisory Committee to require that all cats leaving the facility to be contained in a carrier and that a notice of the new requirement be posted at the facility. Motion passed without opposition.

### **FIRE DEPARTMENT: Chief Patrick Hemphill**

Chief Hemphill presented the bid results for the thermal imagers and recommended accepting the lowest conforming bid from BGS for \$30,496. Motion offered by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Dr. Reddix to accept the lowest conforming bid from BGS. Motion passed without opposition.

### **GREEN OAKS: Mr. Lamar Anderson, Director**

Mr. Anderson presented the bid results for the second quarter food and food products and recommended accepting the lowest conforming bid from Lamm Food Service for \$24,374.57. Motion offered by Ms. Moore, seconded by Mr. Caldwell to accept the low bid from Lamm Food Service. Motion passed without opposition.

### **HOMELAND SECURITY & EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS: Mr. Neal Brown, Director**

Mr. Brown stated that he did not have anything to add to his written report.

### **MOSQUITO CONTROL: Ms. Shannon Rider, Director**

Ms. Rider stated that all mosquito pools are negative for disease at this time.

### **PRE-TRIAL DETAINEES: Ms. Julia Kirby, Coordinator**

Ms. Kirby stated that she did not have anything to add to her written report.

### **911 OFFICE: Mr. Craig Lott, Director**

Mr. Lott stated there was a network outage earlier in the day due to the installation of new routers. Mr. Lott stated that it did not interfere with any calls.

Mr. Lott requested approval to attend the Tyler/New World Conference on May 7-10 in San Antonio. Motion offered by Ms. Moore, seconded by Mr. Smiley to approve the travel request. Motion passed without opposition.

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A motion to recess the regular meeting in favor of the Personnel Committee meeting was offered by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Mr. Smiley. Motion passed without opposition.

### **PERSONNEL COMMITTEE MEETING**

The chairperson, Dr. Reddix, called the Personnel Committee meeting to order at 6:09 p.m. The chair recognized Chief Hemphill, Fire Department.

Chief Hemphill recommended the following personnel actions for approval.

#### **SICK LEAVE**

Thomas, Fred	Termination of Extended Sick Leave	Effective 3/22/2017
Fowler, Dalton	Termination of Extended Sick Leave	Effective 5/1/2017
Harris, Dustin	Extended Sick Leave	Effective 4/6/2017

Motion offered by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Mr. Robinson to approve the sick leave as recommended by the chief. Motion passed without opposition.

The chair recognized Mr. Cammack, Treasurer. Mr. Cammack requested to hire Ashton Foust as administrative secretary. Motion offered by Ms. Moore, seconded by Mr. Smiley to hire Ashton Foust. Motion passed without opposition.

The chair recognized Mr. Anderson, Green Oaks. Mr. Anderson requested to re-hire Latwan Winston as Juvenile Detention Officer II full-time. Motion offered by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Mr. Robinson to re-hire Latwan Winston. Motion passed without opposition.

Mr. Anderson requested to promote Roberto Brown, Larry Wiley, Gary Thomas, and Marquise Chisley from Juvenile Detention Officer II part-time to Juvenile Detention Officer II full-time. Motion offered by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Mr. Smiley to approve the promotions. Motion passed without opposition.

The chair recognized Ms. Mullins, Animal Control. Ms. Mullins requested to hire Kimberlie Tumlinson as a kennel worker. Motion offered by Ms. Moore, seconded by Mr. Smiley to hire Kimberlie Tumlinson. Motion passed without opposition.

There being no other business to come before this committee, a motion to adjourn and enter into the Public Works Committee meeting was offered by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Ms. Moore. Motion passed without opposition.

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## **PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING**

The chairman, Mr. Smiley, called the Public Works Committee meeting to order at 6:13 p.m.

The chairman recognized Mr. Murray, Director. Mr. Murray spoke regarding preliminary subdivision approval for Belle Chasse Subdivision and recommended approval. Motion offered by Dr. Reddix, seconded by Mr. Caldwell to grant preliminary subdivision approval for Belle Chasse Subdivision subject to comments from the Public Works Department and parish engineer being adequately answered. Motion passed without opposition.

Mr. Murray spoke regarding the renewal of the emergency debris site at Smith Cemetery Road and recommended approval. Motion offered by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Ms. Moore to approve the renewal of the emergency debris site at Smith Cemetery Road. Motion passed without opposition.

The chairman recognized Mr. Crosby, Engineer. Mr. Crosby presented the bid results for Caples Road and stated that the lowest responsive bid was from D & J Construction for \$1,646,371.60. Motion offered by Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Caldwell to accept the bid from D & J Construction and to authorize the president to sign the contract and all necessary documents. Motion passed without opposition.

Mr. Crosby spoke regarding Change Order No. 2 for Slocum Road and stated that the change order allows the addition of fog lines and for the reconstruction of four concrete driveways on the high side of the roadway. The change order will increase the contract price by \$27,074.11. Motion offered by Dr. Reddix, seconded by Mr. Robinson to approve Change Order No. 2. Motion passed without opposition.

There being no other business to come before this committee, a motion to adjourn and reconvene the regular meeting was offered by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Mr. Robinson. Motion passed without opposition. The meeting was adjourned at 6:17 p.m.

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Motion offered by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Mr. Robinson to ratify and adopt all actions taken in the committee meetings. Motion passed without opposition.

### **MOTIONS \* ORDINANCES \* RESOLUTIONS:**

#### **MR. SCOTTY ROBINSON, DISTRICT A:**

Mr. Robinson introduced the following ordinance.

#### **ORDINANCE NO. 9136**

**AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE AN ACT OF SALE BY THE PARISH OF OUACHITA TO SELL ADJUDICATED PROPERTY DESCRIBED AS: PARCEL NO. 31223 IN ACCORDANCE WITH LA R.S. 47: 2202 ET SEQ. AND TO AUTHORIZE THE**

**OUACHITA PARISH POLICE JURY PRESIDENT TO SIGN ALL NECESSARY DOCUMENTS AND TO ADDRESS THE MATTERS RELATIVE THERETO**

**WHEREAS**, the immovable property described below was adjudicated to the Parish of Ouachita on June 28, 2013, for nonpayment of taxes; and

**WHEREAS**, the three (3) year period for redemption provided by Art. 7, §25 of the Louisiana Constitution has elapsed and established by Parish Ordinance No: 9037 and the owner of record has failed to redeem the adjudicated property; and

**WHEREAS**, LA R.S. 47: 2202 et seq. provides that the Parish may sell adjudicated property in accordance with law after the expiration of the period for redemption; and

**WHEREAS**, the Parish of Ouachita has declared the property described below surplus and not needed for a public purpose and to dispose of said property in accordance with LA R.S. 47:2202, et seq.; and

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with L.A. R.S. 47:2202 the Parish of Ouachita has set a minimum purchase price in the amount of \$6,900.00; and

**WHEREAS**, the Parish of Ouachita has received a written offer to purchase said property from Ralph Williams for the consideration of \$6,900.00, at the time of sale and has been accepted by the Ouachita Parish Police Jury; and

**WHEREAS**, the property described herein below will be purchased through the Parish “Lot Next Door” program and is therefore exempt from the public bidding requirement.

**NOW BE IT ORDAINED** by the Ouachita Parish Police Jury, that any Act of Sale of the below described property shall contain the following conditions and requirements:

This property is described as Parcel # 31223 / 502 Linderman Ave, West Monroe, LA 71291: Lot Eight (8) of Block Thirty-six (36) of T. E. Flournoy’s Second Addition to West Monroe, Louisiana, as per plat recorded in Plat Book 1, Page 20, records of Ouachita Parish, Louisiana, being a subdivision of Lots A, B, C, D, E & F of the Steele-Madden Addition to the Town of West Monroe, Ouachita Parish, Louisiana; Improvements thereon bear Municipal No. 502 Linderman Avenue, West Monroe, LA 71291

- 1) This property shall be sold in accordance with LS-R.S. 47:2201 et. seq., without any warranty, from either the Parish or Management Company, whatsoever, even as to the return of the purchase price.
- 2) The sale shall be on a form approved by the Parish Attorney and that the sales price is paid by certified funds at the time of the sale.

- 3) The sale shall include a reservation of all mineral rights to the Parish, but shall convey all surface rights.
- 4) The following shall be completed prior to closing of sale:
  - a. E&P LLC shall certify in writing to the Parish Attorney that they have examined the mortgage records, conveyance records, probate and civil suit records of the Parish of Ouachita and that attached to this certification will be a written list of names and last known addresses of all owners, mortgagees, and any other person who may have a vested or contingent interest in the property, or who has filed a request for notice as provided in the former provisions LS-R.S. 33:4720.17(B), as indicated in those records.
  - b. E&P LLC will provide notice to those persons identified in accordance with LS-R.S. 47:2201 et. seq. Proof of said notice will be filed in the conveyance records of Ouachita Parish immediately after the Act of Sale.
  - c. At the time of closing, the E&P LLC will certify in writing to Parish Attorney and Clerk of Court that the number of days mandated by LS-R.S. 47:2201 et. seq. has elapsed since the above required notice was made or attempted and that the property has not been redeemed by the payment of the taxes owed.

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED**, by the Ouachita Parish Policy Jury, that the Police Jury President is hereby authorized to execute a Cash Sale of the above described adjudicated property to the highest acceptable bidder. The Cash Sale shall contain all of the above conditions and requirements and shall be executed within the timelines specified.

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Mr. Robinson introduced the following ordinance.

**ORDINANCE NO. 9137**

**AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE AN ACT OF SALE BY THE PARISH OF OUACHITA TO SELL ADJUDICATED PROPERTY DESCRIBED AS: PARCEL NO. 15280 IN ACCORDANCE WITH LA R.S. 47: 2202 ET SEQ. AND TO AUTHORIZE THE OUACHITA PARISH POLICE JURY PRESIDENT TO SIGN ALL NECESSARY DOCUMENTS AND TO ADDRESS THE MATTERS RELATIVE THERETO**

**WHEREAS**, the immovable property described below was adjudicated to the Parish of Ouachita on June 19, 2008, for nonpayment of taxes; and

**WHEREAS**, the three (3) year period for redemption, as well of the five (5) year redemptive period provided by Art. 7, §25 of the Louisiana Constitution has elapsed and established by Parish Ordinance No: 9037 and the owner of record has failed to redeem the adjudicated property; and



**WHEREAS**, LA R.S. 47: 2202 et seq. provides that the Parish may sell adjudicated property in accordance with law after the expiration of the period for redemption; and

**WHEREAS**, the Parish of Ouachita has declared the property described below surplus and not needed for a public purpose and to dispose of said property in accordance with LA R.S. 47:2202, et seq.; and

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with L.A. R.S. 47:2202 the Parish of Ouachita has set a minimum purchase price in the amount of \$609.79; and

**WHEREAS**, the Parish of Ouachita has received a written offer to purchase said property from Turner Saulsberry for the consideration of \$609.79, at the time of sale and has been accepted by the Ouachita Parish Police Jury; and

**WHEREAS**, the property described herein below will be purchased through the Parish “Lot Next Door” program and is therefore exempt from the public bidding requirement.

**NOW BE IT ORDAINED** by the Ouachita Parish Police Jury, that any Act of Sale of the below described property shall contain the following conditions and requirements:

This property is described as Parcel # 15280 / 504 East Carlton Street, Monroe: Lot 4, Square 3, Subdivision Lot 2, Burg Jones Estate, Sections 7 & 8, Township 17 North, Range 4 East, LESS AND EXCEPT the East 55 feet of the lot.

- 1) This property shall be sold in accordance with LS-R.S. 47:2201 et. seq., without any warranty, from either the Parish or Management Company, whatsoever, even as to the return of the purchase price.
- 2) The sale shall be on a form approved by the Parish Attorney and that the sales price is paid by certified funds at the time of the sale.
- 3) The sale shall include a reservation of all mineral rights to the Parish, but shall convey all surface rights.
- 4) The following shall be completed prior to closing of sale:
  - a. E&P LLC shall certify in writing to the Parish Attorney that they have examined the mortgage records, conveyance records, probate and civil suit records of the Parish of Ouachita and that attached to this certification will be a written list of names and last known addresses of all owners, mortgagees, and any other person who may have a vested or contingent interest in the property, or who has filed a request for notice as provided in the former provisions LS-R.S. 33:4720.17(B), as indicated in those records.

- b. E&P LLC will provide notice to those persons identified in accordance with LS-R.S. 47:2201 et. seq. Proof of said notice will be filed in the conveyance records of Ouachita Parish immediately after the Act of Sale.
- c. At the time of closing, the E&P LLC will certify in writing to Parish Attorney and Clerk of Court that the number of days mandated by LS-R.S. 47:2201 et. seq. has elapsed since the above required notice was made or attempted and that the property has not been redeemed by the payment of the taxes owed.

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED**, by the Ouachita Parish Policy Jury, that the Police Jury President is hereby authorized to execute a Cash Sale of the above described adjudicated property to the highest acceptable bidder. The Cash Sale shall contain all of the above conditions and requirements and shall be executed within the timelines specified.

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The president stated that Mr. Clampit was not at the meeting.

The president recognized Mr. Caldwell, District C.

**MR. WALT CALDWELL, DISTRICT C:**

Mr. Caldwell stated that he did not have any items.

The president recognized Dr. Reddix, District D.

**DR. OLLIBETH REDDIX, DISTRICT D:**

Dr. Reddix, seconded by Mr. Caldwell offered the following resolution for adoption.

**RESOLUTION NO. 17-31**

**A RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING OMAR ELGOURANI TO THE MONROE-WEST MONROE CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU, TERM EXPIRED, TO SERVE FOR A TERM OF THREE (3) YEARS BEGINNING MAY 1, 2017 AND ENDING MAY 1, 2020; AND FURTHER PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.**

**WHEREAS**, Omar Elgourani's term has expired as a member of the Board of Commissioners of the Monroe-West Monroe Convention & Visitors Bureau; and

**WHEREAS**, Omar Elgourani, has expressed a desire to continue to serve on said Monroe-West Monroe Convention & Visitors Bureau Board of Commissioners;

**NOW, THEREFORE:**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Ouachita Parish Police Jury in legal and regular session that Omar Elgourani be and hereby is reappointed to the Monroe-West Monroe Convention & Visitors Bureau Board of Commissioners, said term to be for a period of three (3) years beginning May 1, 2017 and ending May 1, 2020.

The above resolution was adopted the 1<sup>st</sup> day of May, 2017.

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Motion offered by Dr. Reddix, seconded by Ms. Moore to hire McNabb Lawn Service at a fee not to exceed \$12,500 to use dirt provided by the cemetery to fill holes and level the grounds in the J. S. Clark Cemetery. Motion passed without opposition.

The president recognized Mr. Smiley, District E.

**MR. SHANE SMILEY, DISTRICT E:**

Motion offered by Mr. Smiley, seconded by Mr. Caldwell to accept the 2015-2016 Community Water Enrichment Fund contract for the Lakeshore area water main upgrade. Motion passed without opposition.

The president recognized Ms. Moore, District F.

**MS. PAT MOORE, DISTRICT F:**

Ms. Moore, seconded by Dr. Reddix offered the following ordinance for adoption.

**RESOLUTION NO. 17-32**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH THE LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND DEVELOPMENT AND THE OUACHITA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS FOR THE PARKER ROAD PROJECT (STATE PROJECT NO. H.011783) (FEDERAL AID PROJECT NO. H011783); AND FURTHER PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.**

**WHEREAS**, the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (LA-DOTD) has proposed an Agreement with the Ouachita Parish Police Jury to facilitate a project for the construction Parker Road in Ouachita Parish, said project being identified as State Project No. H.011783 and as Federal Aid Project No. H.011783; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Ouachita Parish Police Jury finds that the above-described project is a worthwhile public project that will benefit the citizens of Ouachita Parish and that the Agreement proposed by LA-DOTD is in order;

**NOW, THEREFORE:**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Ouachita Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session that the President be, and is hereby, authorized to execute the proposed Agreement with LA-DOTD for the project for the construction Parker Road in Ouachita Parish, said project being identified as State Project No. H.011783 and as Federal Aid Project No. H.011783

The above resolution was adopted on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of May, 2017.

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### **ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:**

The president recognized Mr. Cammack, Treasurer. Mr. Cammack requested approval to pay Lazenby invoices related to the FEMA Hazard Mitigation and FEMA Public Assistance applications. Motion offered by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Dr. Reddix to approve payment of the invoices. Motion passed without opposition.

Mr. Cammack spoke regarding the records retention officer and stated that he needs to be reappointed as the records retention officer for July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2018. Motion offered by Mr. Smiley, seconded by Mr. Caldwell to reappoint Mr. Cammack as the records retention officer. Motion passed without opposition.

The president recognized Mr. Mitchell, Assistant District Attorney. Mr. Mitchell spoke regarding the intervention in the 4<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Court Suit No. 17-1226, a suit filed by the Town of Sterlington against Greater Ouachita Water Company in which the Town sought to take or expropriate the Greater Ouachita Water Company water facilities within the Town limits. Mr. Mitchell explained that the Intervention was warranted to protect the Police Jury's security interest in Greater Ouachita Water Company's property, to protect the interest of residents of the unincorporated area of the parish whose water service could be impacted by the Town's action, and to insure that the Town's actions did not adversely impact Lake Bartholomew, the source of drinking water for most of eastern Ouachita Parish.

Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Mr. Smiley offered the following resolution for adoption.

### **RESOLUTION 17-34**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN INTERVENTION IN *TOWN OF STERLINGTON V. GREATER OUACHITA WATER COMPANY*, NO. 17-1226, 4<sup>TH</sup> JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT, OUACHITA PARISH; AND, FURTHER PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.**

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Sterlington filed the above-referenced suit to take or expropriate that part of the Greater Ouachita Water Company ("GOWC") water system located within the corporate limits of said Town;

**WHEREAS**, the properties that the Town seeks to take from GOWC are subject to certain rights and security interests granted to the Ouachita Parish Police Jury ("OPPJ") in connection with GOWC's bonded indebtedness;

**WHEREAS**, the Town’s proposed taking of GOWC’s water system could affect residents and businesses in the unincorporated area of Ouachita Parish who receive their potable water through GOWC lines that pass through portions of the Town, including portions of highway rights-of-way the Town has annexed in recent years;

**WHEREAS**, while the OPPJ does not oppose the Town’s interest in acquiring and operating a water system within the Town limits, the Town’s proposed taking of GOWC’s property dictates that the OPPJ intervene in this suit to insure that, if an expropriation is ordered, the OPPJ’s security interest in the property at issue is recognized and the interests of the residents and businesses in the unincorporated area of the parish are protected; and,

**WHEREAS**, while the OPPJ supports the establishment of an additional supply of potable water in northeastern Ouachita Parish, public interest dictates that the Town coordinate with the Bayou DeSiard/Bayou Bartholomew Cut-Off Loop Water Conservation Board and the City of Monroe before pumping water to or from Lake Bartholomew in connection with the operation of the Town’s proposed water-treatment plant;

**NOW THEREFORE:**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Ouachita Parish Police Jury does hereby authorize the filing of an Intervention in *Town of Sterlington v. Greater Ouachita Water Company*, No. 17-1226, 4<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Court, Ouachita Parish;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the President and other officers or employees of the Ouachita Parish Police Jury are hereby authorized and directed to execute documents and take such other actions as are reasonable and necessary for the prosecution of said Intervention.

The above resolution was adopted the 1<sup>st</sup> day of May, 2017.

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Mr. Mitchell spoke regarding the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Ouachita Parish School Board for two radar controlled speed zone signs through the Safe Routes to School Grant and recommended approval. Mr. Murray emphasized that these signs would be provided by the school board through the grant and only at the two schools where grant projects were underway. Motion offered by Ms. Moore, seconded by Dr. Reddix to approve the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement. Motion passed without opposition.

The president recognized Mr. Murray, Public Works Director. Mr. Murray stated that he did not have any items.

**BEER AND WHISKEY APPLICATIONS:**

Mr. Mitchell spoke regarding the following beer and whiskey applications and recommended approval subject to receiving the sales tax clearance for both application and a clear survey for

Dollar General. Motion offered by Mr. Smiley, seconded by Mr. Caldwell to approve the following applications as recommended. Motion passed without opposition.

- 1) **WALIYANI, HUMA**                    **HUMA ENTERPRISES LLC DBA SMOKER’S EXPRESS, 518 LINCOLN RD, MONROE, LA 71203, RETAIL BEER “CLASS B”, RETAIL LIQUOR “CLASS D”, 2017 NEW OWNER**
  
- 2) **THORPE, JAMES**                    **DG LOUISIANA LLC, DBA DOLLAR GENERAL STORE #9199, 3031 ARKANSAS ROAD, WEST MONROE, LA 71291, RETAIL BEER “CLASS B”, RETAIL LIQUOR “CLASS D”, 2017 NEW**

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

There being no other business to come before the Jury, a motion to adjourn was offered by Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Caldwell. The meeting was adjourned at 6:38 p.m.

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Scotty Robinson, President

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Karen Cupit, Recording Secretary