

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE POLICE JURY, PARISH OF OUACHITA,  
STATE OF LOUISIANA, TAKEN AT A REGULAR MEETING HELD ON,  
MONDAY, MAY 17, 2010 AT 5:33 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 17, 2010 at 5:33 p.m., and was duly convened by Mr. Shane Smiley, President, who stated that the Police Jury was ready for the transaction of business.

<b><u>Members Present</u></b>	<b>(4)</b>
<b>Charles Jackson</b>	<b>District A</b>
<b>Mack Calhoun</b>	<b>District B</b>
<b>Shane Smiley</b>	<b>District E</b>
<b>Pat Moore</b>	<b>District F</b>

<b><u>Members Absent</u></b>	<b>(2)</b>
<b>Walt Caldwell</b>	<b>District C</b>
<b>Ollibeth Reddix</b>	<b>District D</b>

Mr. Jackson gave the invocation and pledge of allegiance.

Motion offered by Ms. Moore, seconded by Mr. Calhoun to adopt the minutes of April 19, 2010 with corrections on page 15. Motion passed with Mr. Jackson abstaining. Motion to adopt the Minutes of the meeting including the committee meetings held on May 3, 2010 was offered by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Ms. Moore. Motion passed without opposition. Mr. Caldwell and Dr. Reddix were not present for the vote. Motion offered by Ms. Moore, seconded by Mr. Calhoun to adopt the minutes of the special meeting held on April 30, 2010. Motion passed with Mr. Jackson abstaining. Dr. Reddix and Mr. Caldwell were not present for the vote.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

The president asked for any additions to the agenda. Mr. Cammack stated that he had one addition to the agenda an amendment to the WIA/TAA Contract and the state. Mr. Cammack stated that the contract needed to be signed to facilitate receiving funds in a timely manner. Discussion ensued. Motion offered by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Ms. Moore to adopted the amendment to the agenda to include the TAA Contract. Motion passed without opposition.

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

The president convened a Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 8960-An ordinance creating Road Lighting District #41 Pecan Bayou within the Parish of Ouachita, State of Louisiana, and defining and describing the boundaries thereof. No one appeared to speak in favor of or against the proposed ordinance. Motion offered by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Ms. Moore to close the

public hearing. Motion passed without opposition. Dr. Reddix and Mr. Caldwell were absent for the vote.

### **VISITORS:**

The president recognized Clifton Lewis, 115 Memorial Drive located in King Oaks Subdivision. Mr. Lewis spoke regarding the drainage issues within the subdivision caused by the building of the new subdivisions in the area. Mr. Lewis asked that the jury address the new drainage issues presented by the building of the new subdivisions. Discussion ensued. Ms. Moore noted that the parish had recently been awarded a grant to do a drainage impact study that would include this area. Discussion ensued again. No other action was taken on this matter.

Mr. Smiley left the meeting. Mr. Caldwell, Vice President appeared and presided over the meeting.

The vice president recognized visitor Robert Lang, 117 Levy Rd, Candidate for the U.S. Senate. Mr. Lang spoke briefly regarding his credentials and his platform. Dr. Reddix appeared at this point in the meeting.

The vice president requested a motion to recess the regular meeting and convene the Finance Committee meeting. Motion offered by Ms. Moore, seconded by Mr. Calhoun to convene as the Finance Committee. Motion passed without opposition. Mr. Smiley was not present for the vote.

### **FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING**

Mr. Jackson, chairman called the finance committee meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. Mr. Jackson recognized Mr. Cammack. Mr. Cammack spoke regarding the claims statement for the period of April 16, 2010 through May 13, 2010 and recommended approval. Motion offered by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Mr. Calhoun to approve the claims for the stated period. Motion passed without opposition. Mr. Smiley was not present for the vote.

Mr. Cammack spoke regarding the billing of grant receivables. Mr. Cammack noted that procedures have been put in place to address the problem in getting the grant receivables in a timely manner. No action was taken on this matter

Mr. Cammack asked Ms. Bennett to speak regarding possible cuts in the WIA Office. Ms. Bennett noted that worked has been done on the budget for the upcoming year. Ms. Bennett stated that the STEP Program would possibly lose a staff member. Discussion ensued. Mr. Cammack spoke regarding the TAA Grant. Motion offered by Ms. Moore, seconded by Dr. Reddix to approve the TAA Contract Amendment I in the amount of \$518,000. Motion passed without opposition. Mr. Smiley was not present for the vote.

Mr. Jackson asked that the matter regarding funding for J. S. Clark Cemetery be deferred to the next month's finance meeting.

Mr. Cammack spoke regarding the donation of sick leave from Deborah H. Sewell to Davyon Hill and recommended approval. Motion offered by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Ms. Moore to approve the recommendation. Motion passed without opposition. Mr. Smiley wasn't present for the vote.

Mr. Cammack spoke regarding the donation of sick leave from Todd Dumas from Public Works. Motion offered by Mr. Calhoun, seconded by Mr. Caldwell to approve the request to donate sick leave. Motion passed without opposition.

Mr. Cammack spoke regarding a travel request to attend GIS Meeting in Baton Rouge. Mr. Cammack indicated that the administrative fund line item would need to be adjusted to accommodate the request. Discussion ensued. No action was taken on this matter.

The chairman recognized Shannon Rider of Mosquito Abatement. Ms. Rider spoke regarding the request to purchase a truck. Ms. Rider indicated that the truck would be purchased off state contract for the price of \$18,255.00. Motion offered by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Mr. Calhoun to approve the purchase. Motion passed without opposition.

There being no other business to come before the committee, motion offered by Mr. Jackson seconded by Mr. Caldwell to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

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

Motion offered by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Dr. Reddix to resume the regular meeting. The regular meeting was resumed at 6:20 p.m.

The president recognized Mr. Jackson.

### **MR. CHARLES JACKSON, DISTRICT A:**

Mr. Jackson asked Mr. Cammack to speak regarding the Energy Efficiency Grant. Mr. Cammack stated that the final contract was being readied for the president to sign, and that the engineer would be visiting each office to assess the lighting needs. Mr. Jackson asked that this matter be placed on the Finance Committee agenda next month.

Mr. Jackson asked Mr. Holtzclaw to speak regarding the Green Springs Drainage Project. Mr. Holtzclaw stated that he was in the process of securing electronic copies of the files for the project and would provide an update at the next meeting. No action was taken on this matter.

The vice-president recognized Mr. Calhoun, District B.

**MR. MACK CALHOUN, DISTRICT B:**

Mr. Calhoun asked Mr. Cammack to speak regarding the LGAP Grants. Mr. Cammack stated that he would contact the state regarding the funding for the entire parish and bring the information back to the jury. Discussion ensued. Ms. Moore asked Mr. Cammack to get a breakdown of LGAP funding for the past five years. Discussion ensued again. No other action was taken on this matter.

Mr. Calhoun asked Mr. Cammack to speak regarding the security camera installation at Cheniere Lake Area 3 Bathroom. A brief discussion ensued. Mr. Cammack stated that he would follow up with Deputy Heckford on the camera installation and get back to the jury.

Mr. Calhoun spoke briefly regarding the cooperative endeavor with the Northeast LA Motorcyclists for Kids to repair and build a new pavilion at Cheniere Lake Area 8.

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

Mr. Caldwell asked Mr. Holtzclaw to speak regarding the status of Skate Lane. Mr. Holtzclaw presented an updated cost estimate to the jury. Discussion ensued. Mr. Caldwell asked that Mr. Ogle and the homeowners be advised of the new estimate and then get back to the jury.

Mr. Caldwell asked for an update on the drainage issues within Treasure Island Subdivision. Mr. Holtzclaw indicated that initial work had been done on the dam and the surrounding area. Discussion ensued. Mr. Holtzclaw stated that additional information is needed and that he would get back to the jury.

Mr. Holtzclaw stated that he had been in contact with the Corps of Engineers regarding the Bayou Desiard Restoration Project to facilitate a meeting to get an update on the project.

Mr. Caldwell asked Mr. Mitchell to update the jury on the ULM/Comcast Government Access Channel. Mr. Mitchell indicated that he had nothing new to report.

Mr. Caldwell asked Mr. Holtzclaw to speak regarding the drainage issues within Frenchmen's Bend Subdivision. Mr. Holtzclaw stated that he was in the process of reviewing information obtained from Mr. Harrison's office and would address the issue at the next meeting of the jury.

Mr. Caldwell asked Mr. Holtzclaw to speak regarding the FEMA Flood Map Update. Mr. Holtzclaw stated that he had tentatively scheduled a meeting with the Permit Office obtained some files from the 911 Office. Mr. Holtzclaw indicated that he hoped to update the next jury at its next meeting.

Mr. Caldwell asked that all matters be carried forth to the next meeting of the jury.

The vice-president recognized Dr. Reddix, District D.

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

Dr. Reddix asked Mr. Mitchell to speak regarding the J. S. Clark Cemetery. Mr. Mitchell spoke regarding the previous cooperative endeavor agreement with Swanson. Mr. Mitchell and Mr. Cammack spoke regarding the equipment needed to maintain the cemetery. Discussion ensued. Mr. Mitchell advised that the jury enter into a cooperative endeavor agreement with Swanson.

Mr. Holtzclaw spoke regarding the proposed plans for the cemetery to alleviate drainage issues. Discussion ensued. After discussion, motion offered by Dr. Reddix, seconded by Ms. Moore to authorize public works to deposit one truckload of soil approved by the parish engineer onto a spot approved by the engineer with reimbursement from the J. S. Clark Cemetery fund. Discussion ensued again. Motion passed without opposition.

Dr. Reddix asked that the matter regarding recycling be placed back on the agenda for the next meeting.

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

The vice-president stated that he had spoken with the president before he left, and the president requested that the matter regarding the at large appointment to the Living Well Foundation be deferred to the next meeting.

Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Mr. Jackson offered the following ordinance for final adoption:

**ORDINANCE NO. 8960  
(FINAL)**

**AN ORDINANCE CREATING ROAD LIGHTING DISTRICT NO. 41 WITHIN THE PARISH OF OUACHITA, STATE OF LOUISIANA, AND DEFINING AND DESCRIBING THE BOUNDARIES THEREOF.**

**WHEREAS**, Chapter 7, Title 48 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, authorizes parish governing authorities to create road lighting districts; and

**WHEREAS**, this Police Jury, acting as the governing authority of the Parish of Ouachita, State of Louisiana, now wishes to create a road lighting district within the Parish with such boundaries as are hereinafter set forth;

**NOW, THEREFORE:**

**BE IT ORDAINED** by the Police Jury of the Parish of Ouachita, State of Louisiana, that:

**SECTION 1:** By virtue of the authority conferred by Chapter 7, Title 48 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, and other constitutional and statutory authority, a Road Lighting District be and the same is hereby created within the Parish of Ouachita, State of Louisiana, which Road Lighting District shall comprise and embrace all of that territory within Pecan Bayou Subdivision, Unit Nos. 1, 2, 3 & 4, as recorded in the Conveyance Records of Ouachita Parish, Louisiana.

**SECTION 2:** The Road Lighting District hereby created shall be known and designated as "**Road Lighting District No. 41 of the Parish of Ouachita, State of Louisiana**" (the "District"), and as thus created shall constitute a public corporation and political subdivision of the State of Louisiana, of which this Police Jury shall be the governing authority, and the District shall have all the rights, powers and privileges granted and conferred by the Constitution and Statutes of the State of Louisiana to such political subdivisions, including the authority to incur debt and to levy taxes.

**SECTION 3:** The official seal of the Parish of Ouachita, State of Louisiana, be and the same is hereby adopted as the official seal of the District and the official journal of this Police Jury shall be the official journal of the District.

The above Ordinance was introduced on the 19th day of April 2010.

The ordinance was submitted to a roll call vote and the vote thereon was follows:

YEAS	(5)
NAYS	(0)
ASTAIN	(0)
ABSENT	(1) Smiley

The ordinance was adopted the 17<sup>th</sup> day of May 2010.

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The vice-president recognized Ms. Moore, District F.

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

Ms. Moore spoke regarding the Grant Writer or Grant Consultant Position for Ouachita Parish. Discussion ensued. Motion offered by Ms. Moore, seconded by Dr. Reddix to accept the job descriptions for the position of grant consultant services, and advertise for statement of qualifications in the official and alternate journals by June 2, 2010. A lengthy discussion ensued. Motion passed without opposition.

Ms. Moore asked Mr. Mitchell to speak regarding the Tanglewood Flood Control Project. Mr. Mitchell indicated that the project was on schedule, and that he would get with the appraiser before the next meeting to get an update. Discussion ensued. Mr. Mitchell stated that he would report back to the jury at its next meeting.

Ms. Moore spoke briefly regarding the study concerning the canals at Auto Shred and in the Richwood High School areas. Mr. Mitchell stated that he would report back to the jury at its next meeting.

Ms Moore spoke regarding the Sustainable Communities Grant Program. Discussion ensued. No action was taken on this matter.

## **ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:**

The vice-president recognized Mr. Cammack, Treasurer.

### **FISCAL: Mr. Brad Cammack, Treasurer**

Mr. Cammack spoke regarding the Shamblin Street Station located within the Town of Richwood. Mr. Cammack indicated that the project was complete, and that the town had requested payment for the jury's share of the project in the amount of \$53,219.00. Discussion ensued. Mr. Mitchell stated that the payment would resolve any issues relating to the lift station involving the jury. No other action was taken on this matter.

The vice-president recognized Chief Hemphill, Fire Department.

### **FIRE: Chief Pat Hemphill, Fire Department**

Mr. Cammack stated that the fire chief had left the meeting early and had no additional items.

The vice president recognized Mr. Mitchell, Assistant District Attorney.

### **LEGAL: Mr. Jay B. Mitchell, Assistant District Attorney**

Mr. Mitchell indicated that the first Right of Way Acquisitions for the Finks Hideaway Road Project had been received and asked that the jury approve the acquisitions. Motion offered by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Mr. Jackson to approve the right of way acquisitions for the Finks Hideaway Road Project. Motion passed without opposition.

Mr. Mitchell spoke regarding the right of way acquisitions for the Winfield Road Bridge Project and asked that the jury authorize if necessary the implementation of appropriation procedures. Discussion ensued. Motion offered by Mr. Calhoun, seconded by Mr. Jackson to approve the Winfield Road Bridge Project. Motion passed without opposition.

The vice president recognized Mr. Murray, Director of Public Works.

**PUBLIC WORKS: Mr. John Tom Murray, Director**

Mr. Murray spoke regarding the minor subdivision approval of Fleur de lis Subdivision located in District C. Discussion ensued. Motion offered by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Dr. Reddix to approve the minor subdivision of Fleur de lis subject to the comments of the public works department. Motion passed without opposition.

Mr. Murray spoke regarding the minor subdivision approval of Autondre Farms located in District B and recommended approval subject to comments. Motion offered by Mr. Calhoun, seconded by Mr. Jackson to approve the minor subdivision approval of Autondre Farms Subdivision subject to comments from public works. Motion passed without opposition.

The vice president recognized Mr. Holtzclaw, Engineer.

**ROADS & DRAINAGE: Mr. Tom Holtzclaw, Engineer**

Mr. Holtzclaw spoke regarding Chatmon Johnson Road and passed out his recommendations regarding the road to the jury. Mr. Mitchell added that the jury should executive a cooperative endeavor agreement with the landowner for the hard surfacing of the road. Discussion ensued. Motion offered by Mr. Calhoun, seconded by Ms. Moore to accept the recommendations of the parish engineer and authorize the executive of a cooperative endeavor agreement. Motion passed without opposition.

**BEER AND WHISKEY APPLICATIONS:**

Mr. Mitchell presented the following beer and whiskey application for approval subject to the review of the survey. Motion offered by Mr. Calhoun, seconded by Mr. Caldwell to approve the beer and whiskey application as presented. Motion passed without opposition.

**GUY, MARY**

**DBA GUY'S LOUNGE, 1486 LA HWY 151  
SOUTH, CALHOUN, LA 71225 – RETAIL  
BEER “CLASS A”, RETAIL LIQUOR “CLASS  
C”, 2010 NEW CLASS**

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

Mr. Holtzclaw spoke briefly regarding Cheyenne Drive. Discussion ensued. No action was taken on this matter.

There being no other business to come before the jury, a motion to adjourn was offered by Ms. Moore, seconded by Mr. Caldwell. The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.



**A D J O U R N !**

Adopted June 7, 2010