

Drainage Committee Meeting  
Of the  
Assumption Parish Police Jury

Wednesday, June 28, 2023  
4:40 O'clock p.m.

1. Committee members recorded as present were: Mr. Jamie Ponville, Chairman; Mr. Chris Carter, Mr. Irving Comeaux, Mr. Myron Matherne, Mr. Leroy Blanchard.  
Other Police Jurors recorded as present were: Mr. Ron Alcorn, Mr. Michael Dias.
2. Chairman Jamie Ponville recognized committee member Leroy Blanchard who inquired about the funding source for the publication for the proposed Consolidated PP/BR Drainage District. Following a brief discussion, he suggested that the publication cost be split between wards 7, 8 and 9. The Secretary-Treasurer informed the committee that the election cost will be much more but was unable to give that amount.
3. Committee member Leroy Blanchard offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Chris Carter, "THAT, the committee approve payment of the publication costs for proposed Consolidated PP/BR Drainage District through Wards 7, 8 and 9 drainage allocation." The motion was unanimously adopted.
4. Committee member Myron Matherne offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Irving Comeaux, "THAT, the committee approve the reappointment of Jason Johnson, Jai Daigle, Joyce Daigle, Patrick Guillot and Mike Cox on the LA 70 Lee Drive Drainage District for a 5 yr. term." The motion was unanimously adopted.
5. Committee member Leroy Blanchard offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Myron Matherne, "THAT, the committee approve the reappointment of Chelsie Rodrigue, Warren Gonzales, and Chet Landry on the Lower Texas Drainage District for a 5 yr. term." The motion was unanimously adopted.
6. Committee member Myron Matherne offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Irving Comeaux "THAT, the committee approve a \$500 allocation from Ward 1 Drainage to Bayou St. Vincent Canal Bridge Replacement Project." The motion was unanimously adopted.
7. Committee member Myron Matherne offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Leroy Blanchard, "THAT, the committee approve \$2,640 for Hwy 1 @ Hwy 70 Outfall Culvert Replacement Project." The motion was unanimously adopted.
8. Committee member Leroy Blanchard offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Myron Matherne, "THAT, the committee approve \$1,600 for 7423 Hwy 70 N Culvert Replacement Project." The motion was unanimously adopted.
9. Committee member Myron Matherne offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Leroy Blanchard, "THAT, the committee approve \$1,930 for 115 Mercury St. Culvert Replacement Project." The motion was unanimously adopted.
10. Committee member Myron Matherne offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Chris Carter, "THAT, the committee approve \$5,000 from Ward 9 drainage allocation to extend the pump rental for an additional 2 months." The motion was unanimously adopted.
11. Committee member Chris Carter offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Leroy Blanchard, "THAT, there being no further business to come before the Drainage Committee, the meeting be adjourned." The motion was unanimously adopted.

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Kim M. Torres  
Secretary-Treasurer

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Jamie Ponville  
Drainage Committee Chairman

Finance Committee Meeting  
Of the  
Assumption Parish Police Jury

Wednesday, June 28, 2023  
4:50 O'clock p.m.

1. Committee members recorded as present were: Mr. Leroy Blanchard, Chairman; Mr. Ron Alcorn, Mr. Irving Comeaux, Mr. Chris Carter, Mr. Myron Matherne.  
Committee members recorded as absent were: Mr. Jeff Naquin, Mr. Patrick Johnson.  
Other Police Jurors recorded as present were: Mr. Michael Dias, Mr. Jamie Ponville.
2. Committee member Ron Alcorn offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Chris Carter, "THAT, the committee approve payment of the bills submitted through June 23, 2023." The motion was unanimously adopted.
3. Chairman Leroy Blanchard recognized the Secretary-Treasurer, who stated that the reports were included in the Juror packets and there were some overages. She stated that they are working on amended budgets and will amend accordingly. She then recommends approval.
4. Committee member Chris Carter offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Irving Comeaux, "THAT, the committee approve the Budget Comparison Statements for major funds for May, 2023." The motion was unanimously adopted.
5. Chairman Leroy Blanchard recognized the Secretary-Treasurer, who stated that the Administration Office vehicle is 24 yrs. old and has served its purpose. She then requested authorization to purchase a new vehicle at a cost not to exceed \$25,000.
6. Committee member Chris Carter offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Ron Alcorn, "THAT, the committee approve and authorize the purchase of a new vehicle not to exceed \$25,000." The motion was unanimously adopted.
7. Chairman Leroy Blanchard recognized the Secretary-Treasurer, who stated that she has been in communication with the ADA relative to the List of Bills containing some personal information of an employee and published on the Parish Website. She then stated that for precautionary reasons, she would like to do a credit monitor for 1 yr. for the employee so his credit isn't breached. She added that the matter has been corrected.
8. Committee member Chris Carter offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Ron Alcorn, "THAT, the committee approve a 1 yr. of credit monitoring for a parish employee." The motion was unanimously adopted.
9. Chairman Leroy Blanchard recognized committee member Ron Alcorn, who stated that from the past year experience, it would benefit the Parish if the Jurors were in D.C. along with the Engineering Firm lobbying for funding for the Parish. In response, Chairman Leroy Blanchard stated that the Jury should send a selected committee. Committee member Chris Carter stated that several Jurors will not be able to attend this year therefore, he would suggest that those that are interested in attending be allowed to go.
10. Committee member Chris Carter offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Ron Alcorn, "THAT, the committee approve and authorize the Jurors that are interested to travel to D.C. on September 17, 2023 – September 20, 2023 relative to the Drainage Master Plan and allocate \$1,500 per Juror." The motion was unanimously adopted.
11. Committee member Chris Carter offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Ron Alcorn, "THAT, there being no further business to come before the Finance Committee, the meeting be adjourned." The motion was unanimously adopted.

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Kim M. Torres  
Secretary-Treasurer

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Leroy Blanchard  
Finance Committee Chairman

Personnel Committee Meeting  
Of the  
Assumption Parish Police Jury

Wednesday, June 28, 2023  
5:00 O'clock p.m.

1. Committee members recorded as present were: Mr. Michael Dias, Chairman; Mr. Irving Comeaux, Mr. Ron Alcorn, Mr. Jamie Ponville, Mr. Leroy Blanchard.  
Committee members recorded as absent were: Mr. Jeff Naquin, Mr. Patrick Johnson  
Other Police Jurors recorded as present were: Mr. Chris Carter, Mr. Myron Matherne.
2. Chairman Michael Dias recognized the Secretary-Treasurer, who stated that the Grants Coordinator is doing a great job and recommends successful completion of her probationary period.
3. Committee member Ron Alcorn offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Jamie Ponville, "THAT, the committee approve the end of probationary period for Megan Hedges, effective June 30, 2023, as recommended by the Secretary-Treasurer." The motion was unanimously adopted.
4. Chairman Michael Dias recognized the Special Programs Director, who stated that her Special Assistant is doing a great job as well and recommends successful completion of her probationary period effective June 30, 2023.
5. Committee member Ron Alcorn offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Jamie Ponville, "THAT, the committee approve the end of probational period for Tawanya Tyler, Special Assistant to the Special Programs Director, effective June 30, 2023 as recommended by the Special Programs Director." The motion was unanimously adopted.
6. Chairman Michael Dias recognized Melissa Rivere, who requested to enter into executive session.
7. Committee member Leroy Blanchard offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Jamie Ponville, "THAT, the committee approve to enter into executive session to discuss personnel matters." The motion was unanimously adopted.
8. Committee member Leroy Blanchard offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Jamie Ponville, "THAT, the committee approve to resume regular session." The motion was unanimously adopted.
9. Committee member Leroy Blanchard stated that the committee agreed to compensate the employee for the additional time as the time sheet was originally filled out during that pay period.
10. Committee member Leroy Blanchard offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Jamie Ponville, "THAT, the committee approve to compensate an employee for the additional time worked." The motion was unanimously adopted.
11. Committee member Jamie Ponville offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Leroy Blanchard "THAT, there being no further business to come before the Personnel Committee, the meeting be adjourned." The motion was unanimously adopted.

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Kim M. Torres  
Secretary-Treasurer

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Michael Dias  
Personnel Committee Chairman

Road & Bridge Committee Chairman  
Of the  
Assumption Parish Police Jury

Wednesday, June 28, 2023  
5:10 O'clock p.m.

1. Committee members recoded as present were: Mr. Ron Alcorn, Chairman; Mr. Chris Carter, Mr. Irving Comeaux, Mr. Jamie Ponville, Mr. Leroy Blanchard.  
Committee members recorded as absent were: Mr. Michael Dias, Mr. Myron Matherne.  
Other Police Jurors recorded as present were: Mr. Jeff Naquin. Mr. Patrick Johnson.
2. Chairman Ron Alcorn recognized the Parish Engineer, who presented the committee with booklets containing the overall estimates of the nine (9) wards according to the streets that were submitted. He stated that there is a summary for each ward and everything that was submitted. He stated that some cuts will have to be made to stay with the current budget of \$2.5 million. He stated that the summary budget is at \$4.588 million and that he would be glad to meet with any of the Jurors once they have reviewed the summary. He then stated that once the Jury makes the final decision, they will have the plans prepared and proceed to construction. In response, committee member Jamie Ponville stated that he felt his time was wasted because of all the streets that were visited and discussed, he only has three (3) streets on the list. After an explanation, the Parish Engineer agreed to get with committee member Jamie Ponville and revisit the additional roads that were submitted.
3. Chairman Ron Alcorn stated that the summary that has been presented is only for preliminary review. He will get with the Secretary-Treasurer to see what amount is in the Road Fund Program. He then stated that in accordance with the summary cost estimate the program is over by \$2.5 million therefore, he will have at the next meeting a hard number that the Jury must consider staying under. He further stated that if any Juror has issues with their streets, please reach out to the Parish Engineer. Committee member Jamie Ponville suggested that the Jury ride each road submitted and grade them before acceptance.
4. Committee member Michael Dias offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Leroy Blanchard "THAT, there being no further business to come before the Road & Bridge Committee, the meeting be adjourned." The motion was unanimously adopted.

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Kim M. Torres  
Secretary-Treasurer

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Ron Alcorn, Chairman  
Road & Bridge Committee

Engineering/Grants Committee Meeting  
Of the  
Assumption Parish Police Jury

Wednesday, June 28, 2023  
5:20 O'clock p.m.

1. Committee members recorded as present were: Mr. Irving Comeaux, Chairman; Mr. Ron Alcorn, Mr. Michael Dias, Mr. Jamie Ponville, Mr. Leroy Blanchard.  
Committee members recorded as absent were: Mr. Jeff Naquin, Mr. Patrick Johnson.  
Other Police Juror recorded as present was: Mr. Chris Carter, Mr. Myron Matherne.
2. Chairman Irving Comeaux recognized the Grants Coordinator, who provided the following updates:
  - Gilbert Dupaty Walking Trail – Will mail the application on tomorrow.
  - The deadline for the RFQ's for GOMESA is Friday, June 30, 2023.
  - She's currently working on the Land and Water Conservation application for Gilbert Dupaty Park which was started by the previous coordinator.
3. The Grants Coordinator stated that the high scorer for the RFQ's for the Water Sector Program is Infinity Engineering. She then requested a resolution to accept the high score. The Secretary-Treasurer requested that the Jury consider adding contingent upon further reviewing of the proposal as far as the time line being met. Committee member Leroy Blanchard explained that the State issued a 6-month time line that started from the date the award letter was issued. He stated that the Water Sector is being used for the sewer treatment plants and the lift stations refurbishments and the match for it came from the American Recovery Act. In response, the Parish Engineer stated that there are nine (9) plants and twelve (12) lift stations. The Secretary-Treasurer requested to add that if the high scorer can't meet the deadline, the Jury will go to the 2<sup>nd</sup> scorer on the list. Committee member Leroy Blanchard stated that if the 2<sup>nd</sup> can't satisfy the deadline a special meeting will be called. Committee member Ron Alcorn stated that he has no objection with the highest scorer but just for clarification the Water Sector Grant is being used to improve the Parish wide sewer facilities. He then stated that in July 2021 the Jury adopted a resolution to upgrade the sewer facilities and work was provided and numerous discussions was held as it pertains to the lift stations. He then asked how will the Jury handle this situation? In response, the Secretary-Treasurer stated that the resolution was adopted but the Parish never received a contract from the Parish Engineer to proceed on that. She then stated that outside of that resolution as far as this board was presented that's where everything stopped. She then stated that the Jury was faced with the facts of the Federal funds that we had to procure. Committee member Ron Alcorn then asked again that the 20 – 30% of work that was provided to the Jury upon request how is that work going to be satisfied? In response, the Parish Engineer stated that everything has been submitted to the Jury on paper and an electronic document. He stated that the value of engineering is about 40% of the total. Committee member Leroy Blanchard stated that the problem is that the resolution was adopted without an allocation being made to fund it. Committee member Ron Alcorn stated that the Jury was under the impression that when the American Recovery money came from the Federal Government the motion was adopted to secure the funds to upgrade the lift stations and sewer plants. He then stated that because the Jury was not aware of Federal guidelines this was put into motion and work was provided. The Secretary-Treasurer stated that's why the Jury can't authorize any work prior to the existence of a contract. Committee member Leroy Blanchard stated that the committee has no other choice than to move forward with the RFQ's and then get with the Parish Engineer to see what that value is and the Jury will have to find another funding source to fund that cost.
4. Committee member Jamie Ponville offered a motion seconded by Mr. Michael Dias, "THAT, the committee approve and accept the high score submitted by Infinity Engineering contingent upon them satisfying the date of completion and if not, moving to the next highest scorer." The motion was unanimously adopted.
5. Chairman Irving Comeaux recognized the OHSEP Director, who provided a brief history of the Competitive DR 4611 HMGP Grant request. He stated that the 1<sup>st</sup> priority was \$3.5 million for Public Works Building and \$5 million for 2<sup>nd</sup> priority to clean the Waterways. He stated that the process of submittal was followed and there's some documents that the Police Jury President needs to sign and once signed, they will be uploaded in the portal and GOHSEP Director needs to sign. Once he signs, he will proceed though the grant and submit through the grant's portal. The OHSEP Director stated that he and the Jurors received an email stating they have been reviewing the project proposal and based upon their analysis relative to the information provided they feel the priority 1 project has potential to score well but GOHSEP will be unable to prioritize any priority 2 projects at this time. He then stated that he will continue to work closely with GOHSEP once everything is submitted.
6. Committee member Ron Alcorn offered a motion seconded by Mr. Michael Dias, "THAT, the committee approve and authorize the President to sign the required documents for the Competitive DR 4611 HMGP Grant." The motion was unanimously adopted.

7. Chairman Irving Comeaux recognize the Grants Coordinator regarding the request for a resolution to submit the application for grant funds for the Recreational Trails Grant. In response, committee member Leroy Blanchard asked what would be the funding source for maintenance that's going to be required on the upkeep of the park after the upgrades are made. He further explained that the maintenance of the park will fall upon the Parish because Ward 1 doesn't have a millage to sustain. He also stated that at the last meeting the Jury discussed the parish employee commitment to maintenance of the parks throughout the parish. In response, committee member Ron Alcorn stated that the Parish has been maintaining the grass and he expects that to remain. He also added that the Parish performs work in other areas of the Parish. Chairman Irving Comeaux stated that the Parish doesn't take care of Bayou L'Ourse walking trail and Juror Matherne stated that they don't take care of Pierre Part Park either. A discussion was then held regarding what's being done in other areas of the Parish by Parish employees. In response, Chairman Irving Comeaux asked if it's fair if other areas receive upgrades and maintain them when other areas receive the same and expect the Parish to maintain. Following the discussion, committee member Leroy Blanchard requested that the Jury discuss the maintenance and upkeep of the park's parish wide.
8. Committee member Ron Alcorn offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Leroy Blanchard, "THAT, the committee approve a resolution to submit the application for grant funds for the Recreational Trails Grant for Gilbert Dupaty Park's walking trail through the FHWA Recreational Trails Program and authorize the President to sign the necessary documents." The motion was unanimously adopted.
9. Chairman Irving Comeaux recognized committee member Ron Alcorn, who stated that he would like to not use the \$100,000 match but reduce it to \$60,000 for the walking trail grant. He stated that he will apply for \$200,000 and match \$60,000 so it will be \$140,000. In response, the Grants Coordinator stated that on the match part that is contingent upon receiving the CEA stating that it's acceptable to utilize those funds from the match for the recreational trails program. The Secretary-Treasurer added that the walking trail side said it would be an eligible match to use the funding source but it will be depending upon both parties accepting the match.
10. Committee member Ron Alcorn offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Michael Dias, "THAT, the committee approve a resolution for a \$60,000 match for the Recreational Trails Grant for Gilbert Dupaty Park's waling trail utilizing the pending State Direct Fund line-item appropriation." The motion was unanimously adopted.
11. Committee member Jamie Ponville offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Leroy Blanchard, "THAT, the committee approve a resolution to endorse and support the application submitted to Federal Recreational Trails Program for Louisiana by the Pierre Part/Belle River Museum." The motion was unanimously adopted.
12. Chairman Irving Comeaux recognized the Assistant Parish Manager, who stated that due to the substantial cost of the roofing project at the Ag Center he reached out to get some expert advice on what it would require and the Parish Engineer provided him with some cost estimates as for what the insurance provided the Parish. He stated that we will need some permits and additional stamps for approval. He stated that the funding for the engineering fees for both projects will come from the co-op fund. He further stated that immediate repairs are definitely needed. In response, the Parish Engineer stated that the Ag Center damages are from Hurricane Ida. He stated that the damages to the concession stand have been ongoing for 6 yrs. and it can't go any longer; it needs repair. He stated that they will be replacing the roof with a metal roof and on a contractual basis. Committee member Leroy Blanchard requested that the Parrish Engineer submit based on actual time and not exceed \$30,000 for the Ag Center and the same for the concession stand.
13. Committee member Michael Dias offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Jamie Ponville, "THAT, the committee approve to authorize a contract with the Parish Engineer for the Ag Center roofing project not the exceed \$30,000 for the Large arena and \$8,000 for the concession stand." The motion was unanimously adopted.
14. Committee member Michael Dias offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Jamie Ponville, "THAT, the committee approve and authorize the Parish Engineer to go out to bid for the Ag Center Roofing Project." The motion was unanimously adopted.
15. Chairman Irving Comeaux recognized committee member Ron Alcorn, who stated that he received the preliminary design of the Plattenville Drainage Project and submitted to all Jurors for review. He added that it is also being reviewed by the drainage board. He then requested authorization for the Grants Coordinator to send a copy of the preliminary design to the State Coordinator, Mr. James Lee, for his review only. In response, the Grants Coordinator stated that we are still waiting on the CEA. Committee member Ron Alcorn stated that we have the line of credit and his goal is to have the project out for bid by September 1, 2023.
16. Chairman Irving Comeaux recognized the Parish Engineer, who stated that the contractor has finished the sheet pilings along the side of the launch as well as he has begun forming the

restrooms for the Attakapas Landing Project. He stated up until this time the project is progressing well. In response, he stated that he has the numbers secured for the pay station but he is still waiting on the numbers for the reduced camera cost. This was discussed with the contactor as well as the Sub from AAR Electronics based on the cameras that were submitted. He stated that he sent an email in May requesting the information and has not received a reply.

17. Chairman Irving Comeaux recognized the Assistant Parish Manager, who stated that he met with the Parish Engineer regarding the Bertrandville Drainage Outfall Cleaning & Snagging Project and informed him that the R&B staff will be performing this project. He then stated that he is working on a cost estimate for renting the equipment to offer assistance in digging the canal. He stated that the project started at approximately 10,000 feet and would like to complete the cost estimate and bring back for discussion at the next meeting.
18. Chairman Irving Comeaux recognized the Parish Engineer, who stated that the preliminary plans for Jolimar St. Drainage Project is completed. He stated that once he and Juror Carter review the plans he expects a two (2) week time frame to do the final plans and then they will be submitting them to the Jury for approval and then go out for bids.
19. The Parish Engineer stated that they are still in permitting for Gerald St. Levee Project. Police Juror Myron Matherne expressed his disappointment in the Parish Engineer because he has requested to review the right drawings and it has never happened. In response, the Parish Engineer stated that he has provided the drawings to him as well as brought them to the Jury meeting.
20. The Parish Engineer stated that the ring levees project in upper Pierre Part is still in the permitting phase at this time. He stated that the finish plans have been delivered to the Jury and once the final permits are received, they will be presented to the Jury and await final instructions.
21. The Parish Engineer stated that the contractor for Lee Drive is continuing the final layers of paving and have finished all of the drainage work. He then stated that once he finishes the final layers of paving, he will start the shoulder work as well as the drive way tie ins. He then stated that the final stage will be the final stripping and signage. He further stated that the project is progressing. He stated that the contractor had given an estimated completion of 30 days but because of some delays he may be completed within 30 days from today's date if weather permits.
22. In response, Police Juror Myron Matherne stated that he informed the Parish Engineer of how he wanted the drawings for the project on Gerald St. He also stated that he has never seen the drawings. In response, the Parish Engineer stated that he sent drawings back and forth with Mr. Matherne and he has seen the lines and they have met out there. He stated that he has moved the levee several times and has bought the drawings to the Jury before submitting for a permit. He then stated that he will bring a copy to the next meeting as well as send it electronically and review it with him. He will also copy the entire Jury on the copy of the drawings. Committee member Leroy Blanchard mentioned that the scope of the project as it relates to the Parish Engineer is just for the permit application. He stated that this project is included in the RFQ's that are due this Friday for the bigger scope of levees and pump systems.
23. Committee member Jamie Ponville offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Michael Dias, "THAT, there being no further business to come before the Engineering/Grants Committee, the meeting be adjourned." The motion was unanimously adopted.

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Kim M. Torres  
Secretary-Treasurer

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Irving Comeaux, Chairman  
Engineering/Grants Committee

Regular Meeting  
Of the  
Assumption Parish Police Jury

Wednesday, June 28, 2023  
6:00 O'clock p.m.

1. The Regular Meeting of the Assumption Parish Police Jury was called to order by Police Jury President Leroy Blanchard in the Assumption Parish Police Jury Chambers located at 4813 Highway 1, Napoleonville, Louisiana.
2. Police Jurors recorded as present were: Mr. Ron Alcorn, Ward 1; Mr. Irving Comeaux, Ward 3; Mr. Patrick Johnson, Ward 4; Mr. Michael Dias, Ward 5; Mr. Chris Carter, Ward 6; Mr. Leroy Blanchard, Ward 7; Mr. Jamie Ponville, Ward 8; Mr. Myron Matherne, Ward 9.  
Police Juror recorded as absent was: Mr. Jeff Naquin, Ward 2.
3. President Leroy Blanchard led the Prayer and Police Juror Chris Carter let the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.
4. Police Juror Michael Dias offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Chis Carter, "THAT, the Police Jury approve the minutes of June 14, 2023." The motion was unanimously adopted.
5. President Leroy Blanchard requested comments, questions or concerns regarding any item on the agenda. He recognized Jeremy Landry, 343 Sugar Field Drive, Thibodaux and multiple locations throughout the parish. He stated that the Parish Engineer mentioned that he was waiting on information from the contractor so he read an email that the Jury was copied on which states he's waiting on the Jury and the owner is identifying funding per the court and the Jury replied I will finalize the selection and request the response once it's approved. He reiterated that the Parish Engineer has not gotten with the Jury but states he's waiting on the contractor. He stated that the Parish Engineer is the problem in the Parish and the Jury should recognize it and do right by the taxpayers of the parish and get rid of him. He then stated that he feels the pain of the Jurors regarding the parks and stated that when they took matters into their hands, the recreation district in Pierre Part is strong and doesn't have to come to the Jury. He stated that he would assist in any way he can if asked. Following three (3) calls, there were no further comments.
6. President Leroy Blanchard recognized Drainage Committee Chairman Jamie Ponville, who stated that the committee met and recommended the following matters: payment of the publication costs for proposed Consolidated PP/BR Drainage District through Wards 7, 8 and 9 drainage allocation, reappointment of Jason Johnson, Jai Daigle, Joyce Daigle, Patrick Guillot and Mike Cox on the LA 70 Lee Drive Drainage District for a 5 yr. term, reappointment of Chelsie Rodrigue, Warren Gonzales, and Chet Landry on the Lower Texas Drainage District for a 5 yr. term, \$500 allocation from Ward 1 Drainage to Bayou St. Vincent Canal Bridge Replacement Project, \$2,640 for Hwy 1 @ Hwy 70 Outfall Culvert Replacement Project, \$1,600 for 7423 Hwy 70 N Culvert Replacement Project, \$1,930 for 115 Mercury St. Culvert Replacement Project and \$5,000 from Ward 9 drainage allocation to extend the pump rental for an additional 2 months.
7. Committee member Jamie Ponville offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Ron Alcorn, "THAT, the Police Jury approve the Drainage Committee report as presented." The motion was unanimously adopted. (resolutions attached)
8. President Leroy Blanchard stated that the Finance Committee met and recommended the following matters: payment of bills submitted through June 23, 2023, the Budget Comparison Statements for major funds for May, 2023, authorize the purchase of a new vehicle not to exceed \$25,000, a 1 yr. of credit monitoring for a parish employee and authorize the Jurors that are interested to travel to D.C. on September 17, 2023 – September 20, 2023 relative to the Drainage Master Plan and allocate \$1,500 per Juror.
9. Police Juror Jamie Ponville offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Michael Dias, "THAT, the Police Jury approve the Finance Committee report as presented." The motion was unanimously adopted. (resolutions attached)
10. President Leroy Blanchard recognized Personnel Committee Chairman Michael Dias, who stated that the committee met and recommended the following matters: end of probationary period for Megan Hedges, effective June 30, 2023, as recommended by the Secretary-Treasurer, end of probationary period for Tawanya Tyler, Special Assistant to the Special Programs Director, effective June 30, 2023 as recommended by the Special Programs Director and to compensate an employee for the additional time worked.
11. Police Juror Michael Dias offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Myron Matherne, "THAT, the Police Juror approve the Personnel Committee report as presented." The motion was unanimously adopted. (resolutions attached)



12. President Leroy Blanchard recognized Road & Bridge Committee Chairman Ron Alcorn, who stated that the committee met and received a summary for preliminary review of the Road Overlay Program and he will meet with the Secretary-Treasurer to get an estimated amount in the program.
13. Police Juror Ron Alcorn offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Michael Dias, "THAT, the Police Jury approve the Road & Bridge Committee report as presented." The motion was unanimously adopted.
14. President Leroy Blanchard recognized Engineering/Grants Committee Chairman Irving Comeaux, who stated that the committee met and recommended the following matters; received an update from the Grants Coordinator, accepted the high score submitted by Infinity Engineering contingent upon them satisfying the date of completion and if not, moving to the next highest scorer, authorized the President to sign the required documents for the Competitive HMGP Grant, a resolution to submit the application for grant funds for the Recreational Trails Grant for Gilbert Dupaty Park's walking trail through the FHWA Recreational Trails Program and authorized the President to sign the necessary documents, a resolution for a \$60,000 match for the Recreational Trails Grant for Gilbert Dupaty Park's walking trail utilizing the pending State Direct Fund line-item appropriation, a resolution to endorse and support the application submitted to Federal Recreational Trails Program for Louisiana by the Pierre Part/Belle River Museum, authorized a contract with the Parish Engineer for the Ag Center roofing project not to exceed \$30,000 for the Large arena and \$8,000 for the concession stand, authorized the Parish Engineer to go out to bid for the Ag Center Roofing Project, received an update on the Plattenville Drainage Project, the Attakapas Landing Project, the Jolimar St. Drainage Project, Gerald St. Levee Project, ring levees in Upper Pierre Part and Lee Drive Project.
15. Police Juror Irving Comeaux offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Chris Carter, "THAT, the Police Jury approve the Engineering/Grants Committee report as presented." The motion was unanimously adopted. (resolutions attached)
16. President Leroy Blanchard recognized Cullen Curole, South Central Planning, 213 Landry Lane, Chackbay, LA, who presented the Jury with a copy of a PowerPoint presentation and a brochure. He stated that South Central is again handling the small business recovery program. He stated this time it's related to Hurricane Ida in this area and simultaneously handling a lower delta program in the western part of the state. He then stated that in the last two – three months they have hired 30 or more people and opened 18 offices across the State. He stated that Assumption Parish was not directly affected by the Hurricane but he knows there were some businesses that were impacted by the storm. He proceeded to say that the program is not for construction dollars but to help businesses with equipment needs and/or working capital. He gave the reason and stated that when dealing with Federal funds there are a lot more rules relative to construction. He stated that the physical damages can assist in qualifying you but the actual loan will help with your working capital and equipment. This will allow you to use your funds to get your construction done. He stated that they have been allocated \$63 million and possibly some additional funds from the \$800 million that Congress awards Louisiana. He listed how a business can be eligible and stated that because COVID occurred in 2019, comparison can be made to 2021 or 2020. He then stated that if you are eligible for the loan they would take your monthly rent or mortgage on your business, the non-owner wages and benefits that you pay your employees, your utilities and inventory times six months. These funds can reimburse you for replaced or repaired equipment and equipment that can help you be better resilient with future storms if justified. Mr. Curole stated that the minimum award is \$10,000 and the cap is \$150,000 but by exception the amount can go up to \$4 million. He stated that once 60% of the loan is paid back the last 40% can be forgiven. He added that this program mirrors the program that they did in 2017-2018 which Assumption was not involved. He reiterated that this is an opportunity for businesses that are in need. In response to notifying the businesses in the Parish, Mr. Curole stated that if he is given a listing of businesses, he will send out emails and mail outs which may be easiest. He also stated that there will be someone that will be target marketing and the information will be placed on the billboard located in the parish. President Leroy Blanchard requested that the information be placed in the Parish Journal. He also stated that the deadline for the loan application is December 31, 2023.
17. Police Juror Irving Comeaux offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Michael Dias, "THAT, the Police Jury approve an occupational license for Geaux Napoleonville, LLC and Apex Exterior and Pressure Washing, LLC." The motion was unanimously adopted.
18. Police Juror Ron Alcorn offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Chris Carter, "THAT, the Police Jury approve to reappoint Kenneth Dupaty for a 5-yr term to the Ward 1 Recreation District." The motion was unanimously adopted. (resolution attached)

19. Police Juror Irving Comeaux offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Ron Alcorn, 'THAT, there being no further business to come before the Assumption Parish Police Jury, the meeting be adjourned.' The motion was unanimously adopted.

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Kim M. Torres  
Secretary-Treasurer

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Leroy Blanchard  
President

On a motion by Mr. Irving Comeaux, and seconded by Mr. Chris Carter, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Assumption Parish Police Jury does hereby approve a \$60,000 match for the Recreational Trail Grant for Gilbert Dupaty Walking Trail contingent upon match to be funded by Line Item Appropriation if approved and allowable.

Upon being placed to a vote, the above resolution was adopted as follows:

Yeas: 7  
Nays: 0  
Absent: Jeff Naquin, Patrick Johnson

**On a motion by Mr. Irving Comeaux, and seconded by Mr. Chris Carter, the following resolution was adopted:**

RESOLUTION OF THE ASSUMPTION PARISH POLICE JURY APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDS FROM THE FHWA RECREATIONAL TRAILS PROGRAM FOR LOUISIANA (FRTPL), as established by CFDA 20.219 :

WHEREAS, the US Federal Government provides funds to the State of Louisiana for grants to state, local and non-profit organizations to acquire, develop and/or maintain motorized and non-motorized trails; and

WHEREAS, the FRTPL has been delegated the responsibility for the administration of the program within the state and setting up necessary procedures governing project application under the program; and

WHEREAS, said procedures require the applicant to certify by resolution the approval of the application before the submission of said application;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the ASSUMPTION PARISH POLICE JURY does hereby:

1. Approve the filing of an application with FRTPL; and
2. Certify that the said applicant has or will have available prior to commencement of any work on the project included in this application, sufficient funds to build (including 20% local match), operate and maintain the project; and
3. Appoint the GRANTS COORDINATOR as agent of the ASSUMPTION PARISH POLICE JURY to conduct all negotiations, execute and submit all documents, including, but not limited to application, letter of commitment agreement, amendments, payment requests and completion report, which may be necessary for the completion of the aforementioned project.

Approved and Adopted the 27<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2022.

I, the undersigned, hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted following a roll call vote:

Yeas: 7  
Nays: 0  
Absent: Jamie Ponville, Leroy Blanchard

On a motion by Mr. Irving Comeaux, seconded by Mr. Chris Carter, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Assumption Parish Police Jury does hereby approve and authorize the President, Leroy Blanchard, to sign the necessary documents associated with the submission of the Competitive HMGP grant applications for Priority 1 (Public Works Building) and Priority 2 (Waterways Clearing Project).

Upon being placed to a vote, the above resolution was adopted as follows:

Yeas: 7  
Nays: 0  
Absent: Jeff Naquin, Patrick Johnson

On a motion by Mr. Irving Comeaux, seconded by Mr. Chris Carter, the following resolution was adopted:

#### RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Assumption Parish Police Jury does hereby approve the high scorer of Infinity Engineering for the Water Sector Grant contingent upon them being able to meet the 10-week timeline as required by the terms of the grant.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Assumption Parish Police Jury does hereby authorize moving to the 2<sup>nd</sup> high scorer given that Infinity Engineering is unable to meet the 10-week timeline.

Upon being placed to a vote, the above resolution was adopted as follows:

Yeas: 7  
Nays: 0  
Absent: Jeff Naquin, Patrick Johnson

On a motion by Mr. Jamie Ponville, seconded by Mr. Michael Dias, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Assumption Parish Police Jury does hereby approve the Police Jurors to travel to Washington DC relative to the continued quest to secure funds for the Master Drainage Plan & Flood Mitigation Projects September 17-20, 2023 and allocate \$1,500 per juror with the expectation that all jurors will not be attending.

Upon being placed to a vote, the above resolution was adopted as follows:

Yeas: 7  
Nays: 0  
Absent: Jeff Naquin, Patrick Johnson

On a motion by Mr. Jamie Ponville, seconded by Mr. Ron Alcorn, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Assumption Parish Police Jury does hereby approve the re-appointment of the following board members to the LA 70 Lee Drive Gravity Drainage District #14:

Jason Johnson	5 yrs.	7/13/2028
Jai Daigle	5 yrs.	7/13/2028
Joyce Daigle	5 yrs.	7/13/2028
Patrick Guillot	5 yrs.	7/10/2028
Mike Cox	5 yrs.	7/10/2028

Upon being placed to a vote, the above resolution was adopted as follows:

Yeas: 7

Nays: 0

Absent: Jeff Naquin, Patrick Johnson



On a motion by Mr. Jamie Ponville, seconded by Mr. Ron Alcorn, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Assumption Parish Police Jury does hereby re-appoint the following board member of Lower Texas Drainage District #15 for the terms as indicated.

<u>Board Member</u>	<u>Term (in years)</u>	<u>Expiration of Term</u>
Chelsie Rodrigue	5	7-14-28
Warren Gonzales	5	7-14-28
Chett Landry	5	7-14-28

Upon being placed to a vote, the above resolution was adopted as follows:

Yeas: 7

Nays: 0

Absent: Jeff Naquin, Patrick Johnson

On a motion by Mr. Ron Alcorn, seconded by Mr. Chris Carter, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Assumption Parish Police Jury does hereby approve the re-appointment of Mr. Kenneth Dupaty for a 5 yr. term on Ward 1 Recreation District to expire 7/11/2028.

Upon being placed to a vote, the above resolution was adopted as follows:

Yeas: 7

Nays: 0

Absent: Jeff Naquin, Patrick Johnson

On a motion by Mr. Michael Dias, seconded by Mr. Myron Matherne, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Assumption Parish Police Jury does hereby approve and authorize the payment of k-time hours to the Federal Programs Accountant for hours worked when offices were declared closed for Emergency Preparedness.

Upon being placed to a vote, the above resolution was adopted as follows:

Yeas: 7  
Nays: 0  
Absent: Jeff Naquin, Patrick Johnson

On a motion by Mr. Michael Dias, seconded by Mr. Myron Matherne, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Assumption Parish Police Jury does hereby approve the end of the probationary period for the following:

Megan Hedges, Grants Coordinator, to be effective 6/30/2023  
Tawanya Tyler, Sp. Asst./Sp. Prog. Director, to be effective 6/30/2023.

Upon being placed to a vote, the above resolution was adopted as follows:

Yeas: 7  
Nays: 0  
Absent: Jeff Naquin, Patrick Johnson

On a motion by Mr. Jamie Ponville, seconded by Mr. Michael Dias, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Assumption Parish Police Jury does hereby approve and authorize the purchase of a new vehicle on State Contract or after 30-day bid if the State Contract has no availability for the Administrative Office with a cap of \$25,000.

Upon being placed to a vote, the above resolution was adopted as follows:

Yeas: 7  
Nays: 0  
Absent: Jeff Naquin, Patrick Johnson

On a motion by Mr. Irving Comeaux, seconded by Mr. Chris Carter, the following resolution was adopted:

#### RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Assumption Parish Police Jury does hereby and authorize an engineering contract with CJ Savoie Engineers for the following projects not to exceed stated amounts and to be funded from the Coop Fund:

- Ag Center Large Arena Roofing Project \$30,000
- Ag Center Concession Stand Roofing Project \$ 8,000

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Assumption Parish Police Jury does hereby and authorize the Parish Engineer to go out for bids for the Ag Center Roofing Project after all necessary contracts have been executed.

Upon being placed to a vote, the above resolution was adopted as follows:

Yeas: 7  
Nays: 0  
Absent: Jeff Naquin, Patrick Johnson

On a motion by Mr. Irving Comeaux, and seconded by Mr. Chris Carter, the following resolution was adopted:

#### RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Developing a Reliable and Innovative Vision for the Economy (DRIVE) Transportation Act provides funds to the State of Louisiana for grants to federal, state, local government agencies, non-profit organizations and commercial entities to acquire, develop and/or maintain motorized and non-motorized trails; and

WHEREAS, the FHWA Recreational Trails Program for Louisiana (FRTPL) has been delegated the responsibility for the administration of the program within the state and setting up necessary procedures governing project application under the program; and

WHEREAS, these regulations require an application to have a resolution of support from the local governmental body of the jurisdiction in which the proposed project is located;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Assumption Parish Police Jury does hereby endorse and support the application being submitted to the FRTPL by the Pierre Part Belle River Museum.

Approved and Adopted the 29<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2023.

Upon being placed to a vote, the above resolution was adopted as follows:

Yeas: 7  
Nays: 0  
Absent: Jeff Naquin, Patrick Johnson

On a motion by Mr. Jamie Ponville, seconded by Mr. Michael Dias, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Assumption Parish Police Jury does hereby authorize credit monitoring for 1 year for a parish employee in the amount of \$108 due to a compromised breach that has since be rectified.

Upon being placed to a vote, the above resolution was adopted as follows:

Yeas: 7  
Nays: 0  
Absent: Jeff Naquin, Patrick Johnson