

Special Meeting  
Of the  
Assumption Parish Police Jury

Monday, July 21, 2021  
5:00 O'clock p.m.

1. The Special Meeting of the Assumption Parish Police Jury was called to order by Police Jury President Patrick Johnson in the Assumption Parish Police Jury Chamber located at 4813 Highway 1, Napoleonville, Louisiana.
2. Police Jurors recorded as present were: Mr. Jeff Naquin, Ward 2; 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.  
Police Jurors recorded as absent were: Mr. Ron Alcorn, Ward 1; Mr. Myron Matherne, Ward 9.
3. President Patrick Johnson led the prayer and Police Juror Chris Carter led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.
4. Police Juror Chris Carter stated that he has a project on Hwy 1003 and the Ewell & Virginia St. Drainage Project. He stated that the Parish Engineer has a cost estimate but his guess is nothing over \$300,000.
5. Police Juror Myron Matherne entered the meeting at this time.
6. In response, he stated that Hwy 1003 was recently dug therefore, the rear of Ewell & Virginia would need to be dug and all culverts would need to be changed. A brief discussion was then held regarding the project details and possibly doing in house. President Patrick Johnson asked if the Jury ever plans to purchase a long reach and hire an individual that can handle some of the smaller projects in the parish? In response, Police Juror Irving Comeaux stated that the Parish doesn't have enough work in the Parish for this machine and the cost to haul, maintain and insurance wouldn't be a good investment. He then suggested that the machine be rented for 30 days, complete the projects and calculate the savings. In response, President Patrick Johnson stated that the Parish is seeking a Master Drainage Permit and it was his thoughts that the projects that each juror is speaking of including the levees, were going to be taken care of in house. A brief discussion was held regarding the purchase of a long reach machine as opposed to renting. The Parish Engineer explained the details of Ewell & Virginia St. Drainage Project and gave an estimate \$200,000. He also reiterated that the reserve funds will assist greatly with minor projects therefore, if he has a listing of projects he can review, come back with an estimate and come back with a ranking based on need to prioritize. In response to the Jolimar & Michael St. Project, the Parish Engineer explained that a lot of the problem involved the servitude with a drainage ditch along the rear of the homes that has been filled in by various home owners and the culvert that crosses over the road is completely blocked off. He stated that this is something that needs to be addressed and won't be easy because the landowners filled the ditches and may not want to adhere to the problem it's causing or the Jury may have to reroute the flow. A brief discussion was then held regarding the connection of the two outfalls that's running under Jolimar & Michael. The Parish Engineer stated that after speaking with the Jurors, the listing he has consist of Lower Texas Levee & Pump System Project, reinforce levee behind Georgette St. and add a natural gas pump Project, Supreme Outfall Cleaning Project, Grade & Clean ditches and culverts on 402 & 403 Outfalls which may exceed the amount because of the high volume of work.
7. Police Juror Ron Alcorn entered the meeting at this time.
8. A brief discussion was then held regarding the Hwy 402 & 403 Project. Police Juror Jeff Naquin requested South Loop Canal Project and Labadieville Drainage Canal Project. Police Juror Myron Matherne requested a 12" pump for Oakridge Subdivision and Levee Repair Project. Police Juror Irving Comeaux requested (2) 12" pumps (Heritage Oaks Subdivision, Pond Drive) and Bayou L'Ourse Canal Cleaning (10 miles). President Patrick Johnson added Cancienne St. Canal and Seraphin and Alida St. Drainage Project. Police Juror Leroy Blanchard stated that West Star Rd. Canal Project, Hwy 998 Outfall Sweeping Project (from tracks to headlands) and the FOD Canal to Bayou Napoleon Project. Police Juror Jamie Ponville requested 11 ring levees and (6) 16" pumps along Hwy 70. He then mentioned that he is considering forming a drainage district for this area. He also asked if these funds can or will be spent on voluntary drainage districts? He then stated that the proposed district will consist of part of Ward 7 and all of Wards 8 & 9. In response, the Parish Engineer stated that the Registrar contacted him regarding West Pierre Part Drainage District that will appear on the ballot but the Registrar stated that the description and the map provided does not match. A brief discussion was then held regarding the correct map for the area and suggestions for a parcel fee. In response, Mr. Ponville stated that there will be only 1 drainage board and they will be responsible for the pumps. Police Juror Leroy Blanchard questioned how will Mr. Ponville handle those individuals that are not within the district and want to be. A brief discussion was held about the number of culverts needing to be replaced in the area. In response, Mr. Blanchard stated that areas in Belle Rose need a levee pump system and that may not be completed until the GOMESA funding are released. A brief discussion was held relative to grants that could assist. In response, the Parish Engineer stated that with the list that has been given he thinks the budgets will be safe.

9. Police Juror Jeff Naquin offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Michael Dias, "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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Patrick Johnson  
President