

Drainage Committee Meeting  
Of the  
Assumption Parish Police Jury

Wednesday, August 9, 2023  
4:30 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. Jeff Naquin. Mr. Michael Dias.
2. Committee member Leroy Blanchard offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Chris Carter, "THAT, the committee approve acceptance of the resignation of Stephen Simoneaux and Rodney Simoneaux from the Gravity Drainage District #5 and approve to appoint Ben LeBlanc and Ron Paul Edwards as their replacements." The motion was unanimously adopted.
3. Chairman Jamie Ponville recognized the Parish Manager, who stated that they used the excavator to sweep the grass off the top. In response, Police Juror Jeff Naquin stated that the project extended to Hwy 1010 to trim the trees before they go into the bayou. The Parish Manager stated that they can make a better assessment of the project; call this phase I and revisit at the next meeting.
4. Committee member Irving Comeaux offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Leroy Blanchard, "THAT, the committee approve \$500 for Sophie St. Outfall Cleaning Project." The motion was unanimously adopted.
5. Committee member Chris Carter offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Myron Matherne, "THAT, the committee approve \$2,701 for Hwy 1 & Oak St. Outfall Repair Project." The motion was unanimously adopted.
6. Committee member Chris Carter offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Leroy Blanchard, "THAT, the committee approve \$250 for Bayou St. Vincent Tree Removal Project." The motion was unanimously adopted.
7. Chairman Jamie Ponville recognized the Parish Manager, who stated that the Hwy 70 Drainage Project is moving along good; they have changed over 10 culverts. He stated that they are at a point where they can start changing out the concrete and asphalt driveways. He stated that they are close to 40% done on the South side. In response, committee member Chris Carter requested that they go further up on the south side and blow out the culverts that needs it.
8. Chairman Jamie Ponville recognized committee member Chris Carter, who stated that he has been speaking with the Parish Manager regarding the catchbasins and how they are going to handle getting them done. In response, the Parish Manager stated that he spoke with a trustee at the Jail who has some training and he will get with the Maintenance Supervisor, who has been busy with the APCC due to the school usage. He then stated that in the next 2 weeks they will attempt to get at least 2 catchbasins built with the help of the trustee. He also informed the committee that he reached out to several contractors but they don't have the necessary compliances of the Parish. He stated that Lafourche Parish will have a Work Force labor coming to the parish Jail in a few weeks and he will see if he can utilize those guys to assist. Committee member Chirs Carter suggested that the Parish send a letter to the School Board requesting that they keep up their end of the agreement and make sure their janitorial staff cleans the facility following each use. He also stated that if they choose not to, then the Jury needs to revisit the agreement and make some changes. A brief discussion was then held regarding the suggestion.
9. Police Juror Ron Alcorn entered the meeting at this time.
10. Chairman Jamie Ponville stated that Oak Lane drains the backside to Guillot St. and the only way to get the water from Oak Lane on a certain side of the road is through Guillot St. He stated that the project cost of \$5,500 was done using the drainage allocation. He then suggested that the \$5,500 be put back into his drainage fund and get funding from the Oak Lane Project reimbursed.
11. Committee member Myron Matherne offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Chris Carter, "THAT, the committee approve adding Guillot St. allocation back into the drainage fund and allocate \$5,500 from Oak Lane Project to Guillot St. Project." The motion was unanimously adopted.
12. Chairman Jamie Ponville recognized the Parish Manager, who stated that the submergible pump for North Bay Rd. has been purchased. He stated that he sent his Assistant to speak with the Landowner who stated that he preferred the Parish not do the work because he had some issues to address with some other pumps. So as soon as they are contacted, they will go out and install the pump.
13. Chairman Jamie Ponville recognized committee member Myron Matherne, who started that he has a pump on Cajun St. that went out and would like to reallocate the funds from project #92889 to purchase the pump at a cost of \$2,700.

14. Committee member Myron Matherne offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Chris Carter, "THAT, the committee approve to reallocate \$2,950 from project #92889 to purchase a replacement pump for Cajun St." The motion was unanimously adopted.
15. Chairman Jamie Ponville recognized the Assistant Parish Manager, who stated that he previously asked to see if anyone else would reach out to him to justify the rental of the long reach excavator. He stated that Ward 3 has 9,440 ft., Ward 9 has 9,000 ft., Ward 6 has 10,000 ft. and Ward 4 has 6,000 ft. He suggested a 1 yr. rental and stated that he calculated 14% of their insurance fee but because it's over 3 months rental the Parish would have to provide their own insurance. He further stated that the company will provide the maintenance on site and the total for a 1 yr. rental of a 60 ft. long reach is \$108,000 funded from GOMESA. Chairman Jamie Ponville asked that when the rental is up and we would happen to purchase this machine if the rental rate would go into the purchase price? In response, the Assistant Parish Manager stated that this was offered to him by the company.
16. Committee member Chris Carter offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Myron Matherne, "THAT, the committee approve an allocation of \$108,000 from non GOMESA for a 1 yr. rental of a 60 ft. long reach machine." The motion was unanimously adopted.
17. Committee member Leroy Blanchard offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Chris Carter, "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, August 9, 2023  
4:45 O'clock p.m.

1. Committee members recorded as present were: Mr. Leroy Blanchard, Chairman; Mr. Jeff Naquin, Mr. Ron Alcorn, Mr. Irving Comeaux, Mr. Patrick Johnson, Mr. Chris Carter, Mr. Myron Matherne. Other Police Jurors recorded as present were: Mr. Michael Dias, Mr. Jamie Ponville.
2. Committee member Jeff Naquin offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Myron Matherne, "THAT, the committee approve payment of the bills submitted through August 4, 2023." The motion was unanimously adopted.
3. Chairman Leroy Blanchard recognized the Secretary-Treasurer, who stated that the DA is requesting supplemental pay for ADA Jeffrey M. Heggelund, who is replacing outgoing ADA Maeghen Kling. She then recommended approval.
4. Committee member Chris Carter offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Patrick Johnson, "THAT, the committee approve the supplemental pay for ADA Jeffrey M. Heggelund effective August 10, 2023." The motion was unanimously adopted.
5. Chairman Leroy Blanchard stated that he spoke with the APCC Coordinator regarding the rental rate for the AHS Sports Fundraiser. He stated that this is the same fundraiser that was held last year and the Jury approved a 50% reduced rate of \$2,500 and they are requesting the same rate.
6. Committee member Chris Carter offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Patrick Johnson, "THAT, the committee approve the reduced rental rate of \$2,500 for the AHS Sports Fundraiser at the APCC." The motion was unanimously adopted.
7. Chairman Leroy Blanchard recognized the Parish Manager, who stated that at the previous meeting the Jury requested that he request a 36-month contract from a dumpster provider and stated that both contracts are for 36 months. He stated that Republic Services submitted a proposal of \$37,107 and Waste Pro submitted a proposal of \$41,336 for 36-months.
8. Committee member Chris Carter offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Myron Matherne, "THAT, the committee approve and accept the lowest proposals of \$37,107 submitted by Republic Services for 36 months of dumpster service." The motion was unanimously adopted.
9. Chairman Leroy Blanchard recognized the Secretary-Treasurer to present the 2023 amended budgets. She presented the following highlights before reviewing the budgets. The interest is showing a positive as opposed to last year which is good news. She stated that in General Fund we're spending approximately \$500,000 more a year than what we're taking in annually. She then stated that with this amendment the drainage budget is down to less than a million therefore, if we experience some type of storm or major disaster that could be very detrimental to the parish. She then stated that the Jury should consider cautioning themselves about the spending relative to general fund and drainage. In response, she stated that the drainage allocation per ward has not changed; it's the added expenditures by expanding, levee maintenance, pumps, etc. She further stated that drainage is still bringing in the same amount and the tax base and sales tax are not increasing. The Secretary-Treasurer then stated that at some point in the future the Jury may be faced with the fact of do we increase the quarter cent sales tax to one-half cent. She proceeded to review the amended budgets for 2023; General Fund total revenues are \$2,495,579, total expenditures are \$2,995,979, a deficiency of (\$500,400), transfers in \$36,246, transfers out (\$626,746), beginning fund balance of \$3,029,016, ending fund balance of \$1,938,116.
10. 1% Sales Tax total revenues are \$2,984,234, total expenditures are \$1,736,731, an excess of \$1,247,503, transfers out (\$980,019), a beginning fund balance of \$4,306,220, an ending fund balance of \$4,573,704.
11. Road & Bridge total revenues are \$273,887, total expenditures are \$1,297,136, a deficiency of (\$1,023,249), transfers in \$994,400, transfers out (\$10,890), a beginning fund balance of \$1,425,795, an ending fund balance of \$1,386,056.
12. Off Duty Officer Fund total revenues are \$32,568, total expenditures are \$15,053, an excess of \$17,515, transfers out (\$19,000), a beginning fund balance of \$7,802, an ending fund balance of \$6,317.
13. Criminal Court Fund total revenues are \$214,574, total expenditures are \$294,854, a deficiency of (\$80,280), transfers in \$89,000, transfers out (\$8,246), a beginning fund balance of \$7,771, an ending fund balance of \$8,245.

14. Library Fund total revenues are \$1,165,468, total expenditures are \$1,018,049, an excess of \$147,419 a beginning fund balance of \$2,929,757, an ending fund balance of \$3,077,176.
15. Road Lighting District #1 total revenues are \$179,463, total expenditures are \$83,747, an excess of \$95,716, a beginning fund balance of \$945,969, an ending fund balance of \$1,041,685.
16. Consolidated Road Lighting #1 total revenues are \$100,599, total expenditures are \$56,375, an excess of \$44,224 a beginning fund balance of \$350,715, an ending fund balance of \$394,939.
17. OEP Federal Grants total revenues are \$1,079,246, total expenditures are \$2,002,876, a deficiency of (\$923,630), transfers in \$419,250, a beginning fund balance of \$2,455,702, an ending fund balance of \$1,951,322.
18. Office of Emergency Preparedness total revenues are \$829,747, total expenditures are \$986,866, a deficiency of (\$157,119), transfer in \$120,000, transfers out (\$722), a beginning fund balance of \$58,616, an ending fund balance of \$20,775.
19. ½% Sales Tax Fund total revenues are \$1,353,168, total expenditures are \$2,869,732, a deficiency of (\$1,516,564), transfers out (\$75,000), a beginning fund balance of \$2,068,948, an ending fund balance of \$477,384.
20. ¼% Sales Tax (Drainage) total revenues are \$697,265, total expenditures are \$1,407,939, a deficiency of (\$710,674), a beginning fund balance of \$1,649,200, an ending fund balance of \$938,526.
21. "911" Parish Communications District total revenues are \$235,060, total expenditures are \$257,263, a deficiency of (\$22,203), a beginning fund balance of \$512,608, an ending fund balance of \$490,405.
22. Consolidated Fire District (Pierre Part-Belle River) total revenues are \$281,793, total expenditures are \$280,793, an excess of \$1,000, transfers out (\$1,000), a beginning fund balance of \$194,197, an ending fund balance of \$194,197.
23. Consolidated Fire District (Paincourtville) total revenues are \$284,285, total expenditures are \$283,285, an excess of \$1,000, transfers out (\$1,000), a beginning fund balance of \$194,200, an ending fund balance of \$194,200.
24. Consolidated Fire District (Napoleonville) total revenues are \$251,145, total expenditures are \$250,145, an excess of \$1,000, transfers out (\$1,000), a beginning fund balance of \$172,779, an ending fund balance of \$172,779.
25. Consolidated Fire District (Bayou L'Ourse) total revenues are \$158,600, total expenditures are \$157,600, an excess of \$1,000, transfers out (\$1,000), a beginning fund balance of \$108,538, an ending fund balance of \$108,538.
26. Council on Aging total revenues are \$1,062,804, total expenditures are \$1,090,956, a deficiency of (\$28,152), a beginning fund balance of \$729,234, an ending fund balance of \$701,082.
27. Consolidated Fire District (Labadieville) total revenues are \$213,216, total expenditures are \$212,216, an excess of \$1,000, transfers out (\$1,000), a beginning fund balance of \$141,354, an ending fund balance of \$141,354.
28. Public Buildings Fund total revenues are \$316,345, total expenditures are \$447,842 a deficiency of (\$131,497), a beginning fund balance of \$1,288,647, an ending fund balance of \$1,157,150.
29. La Cooperative Extension total revenues are \$290,412, total expenditures are \$493,706, a deficiency of (\$203,294), a beginning fund balance of \$1,052,622, an ending fund balance of \$849,328.
30. Library Board Fund total revenues are \$16,828, total expenditures are \$12,573, an excess of \$4,255, a beginning fund balance of \$42,227, an ending fund balance of \$46,482.
31. Lower Belle River Drainage District #12 total revenues are \$2,067, total expenditures are \$1,268, an excess of \$799, a beginning fund balance of \$10,194, an ending fund balance of \$10,993.
32. Labadieville Drainage District #3 total revenues are \$2,763, total expenditures are \$245, an excess of \$2,518, a beginning fund balance of \$25,031, an ending fund balance of \$27,549.
33. Marais Drainage District total revenues are \$317, total expenditures are \$10, an excess of \$307, a beginning fund balance of \$11,124, an ending fund balance of \$11,431.
34. Hard Times Drainage District total revenues are \$693, total expenditures are \$10, an excess of \$683, a beginning fund balance of \$24,468, an ending fund balance of \$25,151.

35. Landry Subdivision Gravity Drainage District #7 total revenues are \$23,100, total expenditures are \$22,898, an excess of \$202, a beginning fund balance of \$35,236, an ending fund balance of \$35,438.
36. Oakridge Subdivision Drainage District #8 total revenues are \$6,349, total expenditures are \$9,094, a deficiency of (\$2,745), a beginning fund balance of \$21,410, an ending fund balance of \$18,665.
37. Northwest Side LA 70 Drainage District #9 total revenues are \$6,250, total expenditures are \$9,015, a deficiency of (\$2,765), a beginning fund balance of \$7,666, an ending fund balance of \$4,901.
38. Knotts Gravity Drainage District #11 total revenues are \$3,703, total expenditures are \$15,045, a deficiency of (\$11,342), a beginning fund balance of \$34,892, an ending fund balance of \$23,550.
39. LA 70 to Lee Drive Drainage District #14 total revenues are \$9,618, total expenditures are \$6,880, an excess of \$2,738, a beginning fund balance of \$32,251, an ending fund balance of \$34,989.
40. Pierre Part/Belle River Recreation District Veteran's Park total revenues are \$216,164, total expenditures are \$214,337 an excess of \$1,827, transfers out (\$233,071), a beginning fund balance of \$355,313, an ending fund balance of \$124,069.
41. Assumption Gravity Drainage District #2 total revenues are \$6,659, total expenditures are \$1,520 excess of \$5,139 a beginning fund balance of \$238,459, an ending fund balance of \$243,598.
42. Assumption Gravity Drainage District #5 (Plattenville) total revenues are \$1,344, total expenditures are \$450, an excess of \$894, a beginning fund balance of \$21,958, an ending fund balance of \$22,852.
43. Bertrandville Recreation District total revenues are \$66, total expenditures are \$10, an excess of \$56, a beginning fund balance of \$2,348, and ending fund balance of \$2,404.
44. Bayou Pierre Part North Drainage District total revenues are \$743 total expenditures are \$820, a deficiency of (\$77), a beginning fund balance of \$1,963, an ending fund balance of \$1,886.
45. Pierre Part Settlement Drainage District total revenues are \$1,270, total expenditures are \$1,440, a deficiency of (\$170), a beginning fund balance of \$3,855, an ending fund balance of \$3,685.
46. GOMESA 2021 Bonds total revenues are \$435,382, total expenditures are \$7,180,007, a deficiency of (\$6,744,625), transfers out (\$1,256,042), a beginning fund balance of \$11,081,986, an ending fund balance of \$3,081,319.
47. Lower Texas Drainage District total revenues are \$5,201, total expenditures are \$254, an excess of \$4,947, a beginning fund balance of \$4,209, an ending fund balance of \$9,156.
48. Ward 1 Recreation District total revenues are \$18,202, total expenditures are \$32,306, a deficiency of (\$14,104), a beginning fund balance of \$28,257, an ending fund balance of \$14,153.
49. Opiod Abatement total revenues are \$101,339, total expenditures are \$10,000, an excess of \$91,339, a beginning fund balance of \$0, an ending fund balance of \$91,339.
50. Bayou L'Ourse Gravity Drainage District #1 total revenues are \$72,873, total expenditures are \$53,500, an excess of \$19,373, a beginning fund balance of \$80,562, an ending fund balance of \$99,935.
51. Bayou L'Ourse Recreation District #1 total revenues are \$209,983, total expenditures are \$317,087, a deficiency of (\$107,104), a beginning fund balance of \$502,062 an ending fund balance of \$394,958.
52. Pierre Part/Belle River Recreation Bond Sinking Fund (Debt Service Fund) total revenues are \$95, total expenditures are \$99,358 a deficiency of (\$99,263), transfers in \$99,358, a beginning fund balance of \$3, an ending fund balance of \$98.
53. Solid Waste (Enterprise Fund) total revenues are \$2,648,333, total expenditures are \$2,672,377, a deficiency of (\$24,044), a beginning fund balance of \$346,133, an ending fund balance of \$326,525. Total ending fund balance with enterprise adjustments \$342,548.
54. OEP Special Industry Fund (Enterprise Fund) total revenues are \$87,908, total expenditures are \$89,734, a deficiency of (\$1,826), a beginning fund balance of \$62,903, an ending fund balance of \$78,311. Total ending fund balance with enterprise adjustments \$399,831.
55. Mosquito Abatement (Enterprise Fund) total revenues are \$128,285, total expenditures are \$268,954, a deficiency of (\$140,669), a beginning fund balance of \$276,034, an ending fund balance of \$98,257. Total ending fund balance with enterprise adjustments \$313,288.

56. Consolidated Sewer District (Enterprise Fund) total revenues are \$114,158, total expenditures are \$230,933 a deficiency of (\$116,775), transfers in \$192,722, a beginning fund balance of \$3,619, an ending fund balance of \$29,983. Total ending fund balance with enterprise adjustments \$112,232.
57. PP/BR Recreation Bond Construction Fund (Project Budget) total revenue \$2,877 total expenditures are \$189,045, a deficiency of (\$186,168), bond proceeds \$1,000,000, transfer out (\$813,832), a beginning fund balance of \$0, an ending fund balance of \$0.
58. Community Development Fund total revenues are \$3,013, total expenditures are \$291,205, a deficiency of (\$288,192), transfer in \$283,365, a beginning fund balance of \$25,419, an ending fund balance of \$20,592.
59. Energy Assistance Program total revenues are \$331,088 total expenditures are \$331,088 a beginning fund balance of \$0, an ending fund balance of \$0.
60. Emergency Food & Shelter total revenues are \$10,253, total expenditures are \$10,253, a beginning fund balance of \$0, an ending fund balance of \$0.
61. Section 8 Housing total revenues are \$561,827, total expenditures are \$555,948, an excess of \$5,879, a beginning fund balance of \$41,932, an ending fund balance of \$47,811.
62. Community Services Block Grant total revenues are \$76,692, total expenditures are \$76,692, a beginning fund balance of \$0, an ending fund balance of \$0.
63. Capital Outlay (Repaving of Lee Drive) total revenues are \$668,500, total expenditures are \$668,500, a beginning fund balance of \$0, ending fund balance of \$0.
64. Capital Outlay (Plattenville Drainage) total revenues are \$1,864,875, total expenditures are \$2,535,000, a deficiency of (\$670,125), transfer in \$670,125, beginning fund balance of \$0, ending fund balance of \$0.
65. Capital Outlay (Assumption Parish Pumps & Drainage) total revenues are \$477,500, total expenditures are \$644,167, a deficiency of (\$166,667), transfer in \$166,667, beginning fund balance of \$0, ending fund balance of \$0.
66. Community Action Agency Advisory Board total revenues are \$0, total expenditures are \$0, a beginning fund balance of \$14, an ending fund balance of \$14.
67. Line-Item Appropriation (Fire Hydrants) total revenues are \$276,662, total expenditures are \$276,662, a beginning fund balance of \$0, an ending fund balance of \$0.
68. Local Government Assistance Program (Front Loading Trailer/Mulcher) total revenues are \$9,110, total expenditures are \$20,000, a deficiency of (\$10,890), transfers in \$10,890, a beginning fund balance of \$0, an ending fund balance of \$0.
69. Local Government Assistance Program (CWEF- Raw Water Intake) total revenues are \$125,000, total expenditures are \$125,000, a beginning fund balance of \$0, an ending fund balance of \$0.
70. Local Government Assistance Program (Courthouse Renovation) total revenues are \$100,000, total expenditures are \$100,000, a beginning fund balance of \$0, an ending fund balance of \$0.
71. Recreation Trails Program (PP/BR Rec Canoe/Kayak Docks) total revenue are \$175,543, total expenditures are \$200,588, a deficiency of (\$105,045), transfers in of \$105,045, a beginning fund balance of \$0, an ending fund balance of \$0.
72. Low Income Water Assistance Program total revenues are \$141,305, total expenditures are \$141,305, a beginning fund balance of \$0, an ending fund balance of \$0.
73. Land & Water Conservation Fund (Project Budget) total revenues are \$1,000,000, total expenditures are \$1,841,500, a deficiency of (\$841,500) transfers in \$841,500, beginning fund balance of \$0, an ending fund balance of \$0.
74. American Rescue Act (Project Budget) total revenues are \$4,252,070, total expenditures are \$4,252,070, a beginning fund balance of \$0, an ending fund balance of \$0.
75. Line-Item Appropriation (Repaving of Lee Drive-Project Budget) total revenues are \$1,000,000, total expenditures are \$1,000,000, a beginning fund balance of \$0, an ending fund balance of \$0.
76. Committee member Jeff Naquin offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Patrick Johnson, "THAT, the committee approve and accept the amended budgets for 2023 as presented." The motion was unanimously adopted.

77. Committee member Jeff Naquin offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Patrick Johnson, "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, August 9, 2023  
5:10 O'clock p.m.

1. Committee members recorded as present were: Mr. Michael Dias, Chairman; Mr. Irving Comeaux, Mr. Ron Alcorn, Mr. Jeff Naquin, Mr. Patrick Johnson, Mr. Jamie Ponville, Mr. Leroy Blanchard.  
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 Jury spoke about the DUI policy at the last meeting and recommended that it be included in the personnel manual so it doesn't impede our hiring process. She then requested that it be reviewed for satisfaction along with the amendment for the Fleet Safety Program which is relative to the meeting with the Insurance Company on type A versus type B violations and reckless driving or DUIs and time expiration of 5 years. In response, the Parish Manager stated the he approves and recommends.
3. Committee member Jamie Ponville offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Patrick Johnson, "THAT, the committee approve and accept the proposed personnel manual amendments as presented regarding the DUI and the Fleet Safety Program." The motion was unanimously adopted.
4. 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



Federal Programs Committee Meeting  
Of the  
Assumption Parish Police Jury

Wednesday, August 9, 2023  
5:20 O'clock p.m.

1. Committee members recorded as present were: Mr. Patrick Johnson, Chairman; Mr. Ron Alcorn, Mr. Irving Comeaux, Mr. Chris Carter, Mr. Jamie Ponville, Mr. Leroy Blanchard.  
Other Police Jurors recorded as present were: Mr. Jeff Naquin, Mr. Michael, Mr. Myron Matherne.
2. Chairman Patrick Johnson recognized the Federal Programs Director, who stated that they have two (2) amendments requiring the President's signature. She stated that the 1<sup>st</sup> is in the amount of \$28,743, LAC Louisiana Housing Commission to apply the supplemental benefits retro to all clients who previously received the CAA 2023. She then stated that out of the funding received, \$3,000 will be used for crisis. She then stated that the 2<sup>nd</sup> amendment comes to Assumption Parish who was 1 of 12 sub-grantees to receive the highest percentage of 2023 funds expended as of July 18, 2023. Therefore, the Parish was allocated another \$24,150 to deliver cooling assistance to clients who have not previously received a 2023 cooling assistant. She added that they don't have to search for them because they have about 50-70 clients that received water assistance and there were no funds for them to receive LIHEAP.
3. Committee member Chris Carter offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Jamie Ponville, "THAT, the committee approve and authorize the President to sign amendment #1 in the amount of \$28,743 under the LIHEAP FY 2023 contract and Amendment #2 in the amount of \$24,150 under the additional funding allocated under the current LIHEAP contract." The motion was unanimously adopted.
4. Committee member Ron Alcorn offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Chris Carter, "THAT, the committee approve and authorize the President to sign the CSBG FY 2024 contract in the amount of \$75,836." The motion was unanimously adopted.
5. Committee member Chris Carter offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Leroy Blanchard, "THA, there being no further business to come before the Federal Programs committee, the meeting be adjourned." The motion was unanimously adopted.

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Kim M. Torres  
Secretary-Treasurer

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Patrick Johnson, Chairman  
Federal Programs Committee

Engineering/Grants Committee Meeting  
Of the  
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1. Committee members recorded as present were: Mr. Irving Comeaux, Chairman; Mr. Leroy Blanchard, Mr. Jeff Naquin, Mr. Ron Alcorn, Mr. Michael Dias, Mr. Patrick Johnson, Mr. Jamie Ponville.  
Other Police Jurors recorded as present were: Mr. Chris Carter, Mr. Myron Matherne.
2. Chairman Irving Comeaux recognized Jacob Loeske, GIS Engineering, who stated that for the funding sources they met yesterday regarding the Cancienne Canal DSP Project. The kick off meeting was held with the Parish representatives and the GIS team working with the OCD Team to get the project moving forward. He then stated that as soon as the CEA is officially signed and completed, they can start. He also stated that the contract with GIS & APPJ would have to be administered unless an amendment to the standard contract can be done. He recommended that it would be better to have a DSP stand along contract since it has federal and state funding tied to it for the Cancienne Canal. He stated that there is a lot of projects identified in the Master Plan but explained how it will be designed for presentation in Washington, D.C. and the ask is to support the funding of the projects. He then stated that the LWI round 2 projects which includes Bayou St. Vincent, Himalaya Canal and Bruly St. Martin. He stated that the Himalaya has the greatest percentage of the LMI benefit and is in Round 2 to be voted on. Mr. Loseke stated that on August 23, 2023 Region 6 will be holding a committee meeting therefore, the Jury will know something by the next meeting. He stated that the northern reach that will benefit Assumption Parish is the Bayou Sorel Pump Station which is inside of Iberville and still underway. He further stated that they are still chasing funding sources.
3. Chairman Irving Comeaux recognized the Grants Coordinator, who stated that not much has changed on the listing that was provided. She stated that what was presented is a spreadsheet that contains the budgets.
4. Chairman Irving Comeaux recognized committee member Michael Dias, who stated that the Jury has no definition as to what is being covered under the retainer therefore, he would like to see some type of contract to protect the engineer and the parish. In response, the Secretary-Treasurer stated that it's not about what is asked or denied it's about identifying the funding sources. In response, the Parish Engineer stated that there is a contract that outlines all of that and he will present a copy to the Secretary-Treasurer for review of scope and if there are questions, he will be happy to answer. He also stated that it is under auto renewal on a four-year term and after that time the Jury can extend or if they chose to do nothing, it will automatically renew to an annual basis where it can be addressed at any time. There are also clauses in the contract that allows the Jury to terminate it at anytime within that time as well as stipulations of 30 days notices etc.
5. Chairman Irving Comeaux recognized the Grants Coordinator, who stated that signing the Solicitation of Views letters is the next step in moving forward with the Belle Rose Library Walking Trail for the Recreational Trails Program. She stated that there is a \$15,000 match and it's coming from the Ward 7 recreation budget. She stated that she reached out to Belle Rose Library who may possibly contribute to the match.
6. Committee member Leroy Blanchard offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Jeff Naquin, "THAT, the committee approve and authorize the President to sign the Solicitation of Views for Belle Rose Library Walking Trail and allocate a match of \$15,000 from Ward 7 Recreation." The motion was unanimously adopted.
7. Committee member Michael Dias offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Jamie Ponville, "THAT, the committee approve and authorize the President to sign the CEA for the Cancienne Canal Project." The motion was unanimously adopted.
8. Committee member Ron Alcorn offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Jeff Naquin, "THAT, the committee approve and authorize the President to negotiate/sign the contract with Infinity Engineering for the Sewer Rehab Project." The motion was unanimously adopted.
9. Chairman Irving Comeaux recognized the Flood Plain Manager, who stated that final approval is being requested for the mobile home park at 6686, 6692 and 6698 Hwy 1 in Belle Rose. He stated that everything is in compliance except the lights are not installed. He stated that the owner is waiting on Entergy therefore, he recommends approval contingent upon the installation of lights.
10. Committee member Leroy Blanchard offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Ron Alcorn, "THAT, the committee approve granting final approval of the mobile home park at 6686, 6692 and 6698 Hwy 1, Belle Rose contingent upon the lights being installed." The motion was unanimously adopted.

11. Chairman Irving Comeaux recognized committee member Ron Alcorn, who stated that the President requested the Assistant Parish Manager to review and evaluate the plans for the Sewer Rehab Project. In response, the Assistant Parish Manager stated that he reviewed the plans and as stated before he agrees on 40% completion based on the electrical drawings. In response, he stated that the portion of the invoice that he saw did not reflect the set of plans. In response, the Parish Engineer stated that as he stated there is proprietary information that he will not or cannot release to the Police Jury by law. A brief discussion was held regarding the invoice compared to the plans. In response, the Parish Engineer stated that he will release the electrical portion to Infinity after payment is made. He also stated that he met with Infinity briefly and assured him that any drawings that he has regarding the existing plans as well as any work they have done on the proposed work will be released to them. He also agreed to put this matter in writing.
12. Committee member Ron Alcorn offered a motion, seconded Mr. Patrick Johnson, "THAT, the committee approve a 40% payment from General Fund to the Parish Engineer for work done for the Parish-wide Sewer Project." The motion was adopted with Michael Dias and Jamie Ponville voting nay.
13. Chairman Irving Comeaux recognized the Assistant Parish Manager, who stated that some of the projects that will require the utilization of the rental equipment will take place during recreational hunting and grinding season so there may be some deviations with other projects to accommodate during that time.
14. Committee member Ron Alcorn offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Michael Dias, "THAT, the committee approve renting equipment for the Bertrandville Drainage Outfall Clearing & Snagging Project and authorize the R&B staff to complete the project." The motion was unanimously adopted.
15. Chairman Irving Comeaux recognized committee member Ron Alcorn, who stated that additional survey work is needed for the Plattenville Drainage Project. He stated that the ADA requested that he go with the same agreement not to exceed \$400.
16. Committee member Ron Alcorn offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Patrick Johnson, "THAT, the committee approve a change order for GIS Engineering for an additional survey for Plattenville Drainage Project not to exceed \$400." The motion was unanimously adopted.
17. Chairman Irving Comeaux recognized the Parish Engineer, who stated that a meeting took place last week with the contractor, the Parish Attorney and parish representatives and they walked the site and discussed the possible taking over or acceptance of the launch portion by the Parish with the necessary stipulations to allow them to complete the restrooms, etc. He then stated that as a result of that meeting, he is in receipt of the change order request from the contractor totaling \$20,833.24 for various items that were discussed. In addition to that, he is acquiring the services of a surveyor to verify certain elevations of the site and requested change order items proposed by the contractor to basically consider their validity and placing in a motion with recommendations to the Jury. In response, he stated that he informed Police Juror Dias that the process would take up to a week. He also stated that the ADA walkway has been re-drawn and will be presented to the contractor however, he has refused construction layout. In response, Jeremy Landry, Contractor, stated that the Parish Engineer sent a 2<sup>nd</sup> set of drawings after a year of designing which are also incorrect with ADA requirements with 1 on 12 slope or as he discusses 5% slopes. He then stated that a 3<sup>rd</sup> set was never sent and not sure how many may be needed to get it correct but they can't build as it is designed. Mr. Landry added that he will not do the Engineering job for him. In response, he stated that he received a request for change order and the RFI's received to date have been responded to the contractor and he is not analyzing the request for change order to see if it needs any validity by the Jury. A discussion was held regarding the five (5) RFI's being answered. Following, the Parish Engineer stated that the Jury has his recommendation and report. He then stated that once he has his surveyor take care of the items in question as well as noted deficiencies. Committee member Michael Dias requested that the Parish Engineer get the job done ASAP. Following a discussion, the ADA requested that the RFI's be put on record and go through them one at a time and let Mr. Dias as well as the Jury understand where we are on these particular items. RFI 18 Camera & Pay Station. RFI 27 ADA Walkway, RFI 28 Light Pole under Power Line, RFI 29 Erosion at bulkhead near dumpster area and RFI 30 Erosion around the back side of restroom pavilion. The Parish Engineer stated that all of those have been responded to the contractor in which the contractor disagrees. In response, the Parish Engineer stated that on 7/28/23 an email was sent to Mr. Joey Glover, Clinton Landry and 17 others; RFI 18 – we will move forward and order the camera option #4, we have reached out to the manufacture of the pay station and awaiting pricing options and will move forward with that information as soon as we get it. In response, the contractor stated that he was given a part of the answer which means they are waiting on the additional information from him for that item. The Parish Engineer clarified that response and stated that Mr. Glover submitted the cost and he then was waiting on which camera and pay station would be used. RFI 27 – see attached plan below for the path in the ADA Walkway, we submitted that plan to them and he indicated that he was unable to do it because he's stating that it didn't meet ADA so they adjusted that and revised it and he will be turning it over to him once he has had the opportunity for his surveyor to have verified the elevations that he requested and the contractor refused. In response, the contractor stated that he is not doing the engineer's job. RFI 28 - we discussed the

light pole with them and gave them a suggestion to possibly rotating the arm of the light pole however, when they went on site it indicated to him that it wasn't the arm it was because they were encroaching upon the 10 ft. radius of Entergy and the line itself. He stated that they would look into getting a shorter pole if there would be a form of credit for returning the other pole. He stated that cost was provided in the requested change order that he is viewing to give a recommendation. He also stated that his contractor submitted additional information that they would like to evaluate to make sure the Jury is getting what is being paid for in your lump sum project. RFI 29 - a change order has been submitted for the erosion at bulkhead near dumpster area. RFI 30 - the answer was provided on site as well as in an email to grade and compact the material around the bulkhead which is a private bulkhead that they are not allowed to touch. He then stated that at that point once he's able to compact the material they will then have to determine at that point if there is an erosion issue. He stated that they have given the contractor directions to move forward on that particular item until it can be determined that it is in fact an erosion issue. In response, the contractor stated that what was stated in the field was that the Parish Engineer would get back to them to put limestones in the particular areas. He then stated that he is not compacting the material that is there because it is not in the specifications. In response, the Parish Engineer stated that the contractor has the right to dispute a plan or specifications as he sees fit however, it doesn't make the decision final and as he understands it this project is being turned over to litigation so he'll let them decide. The ADA stated that every time we bring up litigation there's discussion about downtime as it relates to litigation. None of the items the Jury needs to hear tonight pertains to litigation so we need to stop making that comment. As it relates to RFI 30, do we have a plan to rectify that we're staying with limestone? In response, the Parish Engineer stated that the directive is that the contractor is to grade, compact and dress the material as per the plans and specifications, let him complete the bathroom and if in fact it's an erosion issue and at that time they could obtain a cost from the contractor to add any necessary wrap or stone and address that issue if in fact that is still the case. He added that all of the RFI's were answered on July 28, 2023. Committee member Michael Das asked how long will it take for the Surveyor and the 6 on this change order done? In response, the Parish Engineer stated that he will have the recommendation sent to the Jury in writing prior to the next meeting so a decision can be made. The ADA requested that Mr. Poirrier receives all of the correspondences prior to the next meeting.

18. Chairman Irving Comeaux recognized committee member Patrick Johnson, who stated that the Jury established an engineering committee to make recommendations and we also have local firms that have specific knowledge with the project scopes that we've advertised. He stated that in particular our Master Drainage Plan. He stated that the projects cost is in the millions and of large volume and will require engineering. He then suggested that the Jury add to the selection process the submission of the top three (3) to the Jury for consideration and allow us to select more than one 1 firm necessary regardless of scoring and according to the project needs and volume and to have them done in a timely fashion. In response, the Secretary-Treasurer stated that the law doesn't allow this. In response, committee member Patrick Johnson stated that his recommendation is not for what has been selected and done it's for moving forward. She explained that if there are federal funds and you're going out for bid for procurement and you want the flexibility to choose who you want, it doesn't put you in alignment with what the law requires. She also stated that she's aware the recommendation is for the future. He reiterated his recommendation. A brief discussion was then held regarding the recommendation that was made and how the engineering is scored (scope of the project). In response, the Secretary-Treasurer stated that the Jury created a process and they are following the process. She added that with all due respect, because the evaluators are not evaluating who the Jury wants to politically get the job they have to revamp the process. She further explained how the scoring takes place and stated that if the Jury makes the decision, it will become a very biased process and suggested that they address this with the auditors that will be in attendance of the meeting. Committee member Leroy Blanchard recommended that the scoring committee contact the Jurors with specific knowledge for those projects to make sure the scope is fully understood and that the experience level with those projects is fully understood. He added that he doesn't know if enough is submitted in the procurement package so that the scores can have a full appreciation for what's included. So to have the Jury with the knowledge at least available to answer questions of the committee while the scoring process is going on not to influence the process. In reply, the ADA stated that the Secretary-Treasurer is correct and the Chairman referenced it as well, there are federal requirements and state requirements so if we're talking about DOTD that's a state program. He stated that if we're going after federal dollars that requires you to go down the path of a bid process, RFQ's, but we're still taking the most advantageous to the Jury we have to go off the RFQ system or we will not get the federal dollars. Therefore, it would always be his recommendations to adhere to the federal requirements, which was done in this particular position. He stated that if it's a state program it should be discussed at an alternate time.
19. Chairman Irving Comeaux recognized the Parish Engineer, who stated that he brought the Jolimar St. Project to the Jury's attention at the last meeting. They have a projected bid date of September 15, 2023 however, at that meeting a formal motion was needed to place the project out for bid. Committee member Leroy Blanchard stated that he doesn't think this project can go out for bid yet because we don't have this project under scope for the bids and specifications to be placed out for bids and administration of the project. He stated that the only thing that was approved was the engineering. In response, the Parish Engineer stated that whatever the Jury choose to do, please provide him some directions. In response, committee member Leroy Blanchard stated that engineering was approved with local funds and there is a drainage allocation but that

doesn't authorize the project to go out for bids. The Secretary-Treasurer stated that Jolimar has local engineering and it's covered but it's a GOMESA project and the scope has to go out for procurement because of Federal funding. She stated that all the other projects with that similar scope has to be prepared for RFQ's to go out. The Parish Engineer stated that at this point they will simply submit the completed plans and specifications to the Jury. He stated that they are specified to the guidelines of the GOMESA projects with regards to Davis Bacon wage and other stipulations required by the GOMESA and at that time they can be grouped. He then stated that understanding that engineering was paid for via local funds, he's not aware that GOMESA requires the Jury to group all projects when it comes to bidding the actual construction. In response, the Secretary-Treasurer stated that he is correct, but had the Jury approved to go out for RFQs for administration of the funds we are still waiting for a refined scope on that for the Grants Coordinator to put that out so we don't have anyone to administer the grant. The Parish Engineer stated that he understood and will simply turn over the plans and wait for directions from the Jury. The Secretary-Treasurer stated that the Jury needs to refine that scope so we can go out for procurement for the administration of the GOMESA funds. The Assistant Parish Manager stated that they were doing some work in the area and he asked Brent if there was previously a project that was supposed to go from Scott Dr. to Crossover Rd.? He then suggested that if changes can be made, he would recommend a 24" culvert to Crossover Rd. that would close the ditch in the area. In response, the Parish Manager stated that the culverts in the yard have been there for over 15 yrs. before his time. A brief discussion was held regarding the condition, size and owner. The Parish Engineer requested authorization to meet with the Assistant Parish Manager to go over the plans. They have accounted for all the culverts as well as size and he is aware that the culverts toward the back will need to be 24". He then stated that they have in plans to make that a part of construction as increasing the culvert size as need be. He also stated that if there are some changes the Assistant Parish Manager would like to incorporate he would be happy to do so. The committee agreed to allow the Assistant Parish Manager to meet and review the plans for Jolimar St. Drainage Project. The Secretary-Treasurer stated that she and the Grants Coordinator would have to move forward with the RFQ for administration and need a little more information to put into the RFQ to make it more accountable for what we are looking for.

20. Chairman Irving Comeaux recognized the Assistant Parish Manager, who stated that he was at the back of Oak Lane about one week ago and they still haven't run the gas supply to the pumps. He stated that he is currently waiting on the pricing to come back and stated that they are closing shortly. He then stated that they should still meet the 30 days.
21. Chairman Irving Comeaux recognized the Parish Engineer, who stated that at the previous meeting the Police Jury allowed them to acquire surveying services to survey the center line for the Gerald St. Levee Project. He stated that this will facilitate the Corp of Engineers completing the wetlands determination. He stated that in discussion with the Corp of Engineers, the amount of land affected being less than an acre maybe handled without having to mitigate. He stated that they contacted GIS Engineering and they completed the survey and they are awaiting them to complete the center line. He stated that once it's flagged, they will contact the Corp of Engineers to let them know it's done.
22. The Parish Engineer stated that they are currently working on the HMIA study that was requested by DNR for the Ring Levees in Pierre Part/Belle River and they are also working with the Army Corp of Engineers on this project. He then stated that they have a request to the Corp of Engineers basically to do the actual wetlands determination to save the Jury from having to incur the cost. He stated that the HMIA is more in depth and required by DNR and they are currently identifying the watershed areas for each of the ring levees that has to be mapped out along with the acreages and drainage calculation flow to the pumps. He projected completion by his office in approximately two (2) weeks.
23. Chairman Irving Comeaux recognized committee member Ron Alcorn, who stated that there is no update on the Fire Hydrants because he was not able to speak with Senator Ed Price. He added that he hopes to have information at the next meeting.
24. Chairman Irving Comeaux recognized the Parish Engineer, who stated that relative to the Lee Drive Project, he met with the contractor today and they rode the entire project several times and marked the areas that need to be addressed. They also identified areas that are considered punch list items. He also stated that they are currently working on attaching the driveways and placing shoulder material. Once that is complete, they will again do another walk through and then come to the Jury with a final balance of quantity change order and be able to move forward with the stripping and close out the project. In response, he stated that he does not have the results of the core samples that were taken of the patchwork that was done. He also stated that this is one of the areas that needs to be evaluated before final acceptance. He stated that they did identify in their opinion areas of concern with regards to the way the asphalt is riding so they are requesting some additional testing by the contractor. In response, he stated that they identified all of the cross culvert areas during the walk through. Committee member Jamie Ponville requested that an International Roughness Index testing be done to check the smoothness of the road.

25. The Parish Engineer stated that they received the design contracts for the Ag Center Roofing Project this week. The preliminary design for the roof is complete but they need to identify how they are going to handle the roofing over the concession stand. He briefly stated what needed to be done and that he would be meeting with the Assistant Parish Manager to discuss how to best handle this and once that is determined the project should be ready to go out to bid and he will then present the plans to the Jury for approval.
26. Committee member Michael Dias offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Leroy Blanchard, "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, August 9, 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. 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; Mr. Myron Matherne, Ward 9.
3. President Leroy Blanchard led the Prayer and Police Juror Chris Carter led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.
4. President Leroy Blanchard requested comments, questions or concerns regarding any item on the agenda. He recognized Warren Gonzales, 255 Hwy 1012, Napoleonville, LA , who stated Following three (3) calls, there were no comments received.
5. President Leroy Blanchard recognized Drainage Committee chairman Jamie Ponville, who stated that the committee met and recommended the following matters: acceptance of the resignation of Stephen Simoneaux and Rodney Simoneaux from the Gravity Drainage District #5 and approve to appoint Ben LeBlanc and Ron Paul Edwards as their replacements, \$500 for Sophie St. Outfall Cleaning Project, \$2,701 for Hwy 1 & Oak St. Outfall Repair Project, \$250 for Bayou St. Vincent Tree Removal Project, adding Guillot St. allocation back into the drainage fund and allocate \$5,500 from Oak Lane Project to Guillot St. Project, reallocate \$2,950 from project #92889 to purchase a replacement pump for Cajun St. and an allocation of \$108,000 from non GOMESA for a 1 yr. rental of a 60 ft. long reach machine.
6. Police Juror Jamie Ponville offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Myron Matherne, "THAT, the Police Jury approve the Drainage Committee report as presented." The motion was unanimously adopted. (resolutions attached)
7. President Leroy Blanchard stated that the Finance Committee met and recommended the following matters: payment of the bills submitted through August 4, 2023, the supplemental pay for ADA Jeffrey M. Heggelund effective August 10, 2023, the reduced rental rate of \$2,500 for the AHS Sports Fundraiser at the APCC, accepted the lowest proposals of \$37,107 submitted by Republic Services for 36 months of dumpster service and accepted the amended budgets for 2023 as presented.
8. Police Juror Ron Alcorn offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Patrick Johnson, "THAT, the Police Jury approve the Finance Committee report as presented." The motion was unanimously adopted. (resolutions attached)
9. President Leroy Blanchard recognized Personnel Committee Charman Michael Dias, who stated that the committee met and recommended to accept the proposed personnel manual amendments as presented regarding the DUI and the Fleet Safety Program.
10. Police Juror Michal Dias offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Myron Matherne, "THAT, the Police Jury approve the Personnel Committee report as presented." The motion was unanimously adopted. (resolution attached)
11. President Leroy Blanchard recognized Federal Programs Committee Chairman Patrick Johnson, who stated that the committee met and recommended the following matters: authorized the President to sign amendment #1 in the amount of \$28,743 under the LIHEAP FY 2023 contract and Amendment #2 in the amount of \$24,150 under the additional funding allocated under the current LIHEAP contract and authorized the President to sign the CSBG FY 2024 contract in the amount of \$75,836.
12. Police Juror Patrick Johnson offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Chris Carter, "THAT, the Police Jury approve the Federal Programs Committee report as presented." The motion was unanimously adopted. (resolutions attached)
13. 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 for GIS Engineering on the project status and funding sources, received an update from the Grants Coordinator, authorized the President to sign the Solicitation of Views letters for Belle Rose Library Walking Trail and Recreation Trails, authorized the President to sign the CEA for the Cancienne Canal Project, authorized the President to negotiate and sign the contract with Infinity Engineering for the Sewer Rehab Project, granted final approval for the Mobile Home Park

at 6686, 6692 and 6696 Hwy 1 in Belle Rose contingent upon the lights being installed, payment of the engineering work done for the Parish-wide Sewer Project up to the 40% from General Fund, rental of equipment for the Bertrandville Drainage Outfall Cleaning & Snagging Project and authorize the R&B staff to complete the project, the change order for GIS Engineering for Plattenville Drainage Project not to exceed \$400, received a thorough update on Attakapas Landing Project, received an update on the Natural Gas pump on Oak Lane, Gerald St. Levee Project, Ring Levees in Pierre Part/Belle River, Lee Drive Project and the Ag Center Roofing Project.

14. Police Juror Irving Comeaux offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Ron Alcorn, "THAT, the Police Jury approve the Engineering/Grants Committee report as presented." The motion was adopted with Police Juror Jamie Ponville voting nay to payment to the Parish Engineer. (resolutions attached)
15. President Leroy Blanchard recognized Tiffani Dorsa, CPA and Suzanne Giror, CPA with Postlethwaite & Netterville, who presented to the Jury a report of the 2022 audit. Ms. Dorsa stated that they are here to summarize the audit results for December 31, 2022 audit findings. She proceeded with the required communications of the audit under their standards. She stated that they audit the financial statements and give opinions and from that they are happy to report that their audit opinion on these financial statements is an unmodified opinion which is the highest level of assurance they can provide on a set of financial statements. She proceeded saying what the financial information contained in the document is correct with the accounting principles and the policies that go with the numbers have supporting notes. She then stated that at the end of the year they do a final financial report which puts all governmental funds into an accrual basis and required by GASB. There are judgements and accounting estimates within the financial statements and they are very large. There were no significant audit adjustments made to the financial statements and no disagreements with management during the process. Ms. Dorsa stated that they are not aware of any consultation with other accountants that had to be made. She stated that there are no major issues discussed with management prior to retention as the auditors and there were no difficulties encountered in performing the audit procedures. She proceeded to speak about the independent auditor's report and how it's laid out in the financial statement. Following she stated that they did not identify as a finding or any other matter under the yellow book report. She then stated that there was no opinion relative to understanding internal controls, there were no material weaknesses, significant deficiencies, and they did not identify any material non-compliance with respect to that report. Suzanne Giror then proceeded to review the Government-wide Financial Statements and stated that these statements are put on to your balance sheet and the parish debt is shown. She stated what the total assets for 2022 are and that half of that total is cash and investments and half of that total is restricted. She spoke about the liabilities and what it's made of and stated the net position is about \$62 million which was an increase of \$125,678 for 2022. She then reviewed the tax revenues through a 14 year history consisting of the sales and property taxes. She then gave some basic information on the revenues, expenditures and net profits for the funds and stated that Section 8 generally operates at a break-even level. She further added that the Police Jury has seven (7) funds to account for and the remaining are in a nonmajor category. Mrs. Giror stated that the governmental expenditures by function is a comparison showing how and where the Parish spends its money. There is an increase from the prior year due to capital projects going on in 2022. There's a 14-yr history of federal grant expenditures which indicates that the Parish is responsible for a lot of money and it's growing and good for the Parish. She further stated that the last schedule is the comparison of federal laws from 2021 – 2022 indicating an increase caused by GOMESA and GOHSEP. Ms. Dorsa then stated that they audited two (2) federal programs which included GOMESA and FEMA which was the most significant federal expenditures of the Parish in 2022. She proceeded to review the report on compliance for each major program and stated that under federal regulations professional services have to go through procurement process which is different from state law. She informed the Jury that two (2) of the professional service projects didn't go out for procurement and can be worked out through the review process. She further stated that given the nature of what it is, there is a reasonable explanation of what was done and that they will question the cost because the Jury doesn't know if they paid the lowest price. They had no other matters to identify under the GOMESA programs. Ms. Dorsa stated that the contract provisions as related to the services didn't have all of the requirements as required under the Federal records. President Leroy Blanchard stated that by the Parish not properly procuring the services, the Parish didn't secure the lowest cost, we can evaluate based on cost only on qualifications. The Secretary-Treasurer stated that for part of the evaluation you're not allowed to use cost. The Parish Engineer stated that engineering and professional services cost when related to construction should be based on a fee curve and should be used by all engineers so the cost should be comparable. Following the presentation, the Police Jury commended the Secretary-Treasurer and the staff for a very good 2022 audit.
16. Police Juror Jeff Naquin offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Irving Comeaux, "THAT, the Police Jury approve and accept the 2022 Audit report as presented by Postlethwaite & Netterville." The motion was unanimously adopted. (resolution attached)
17. President Leroy Blanchard recognized the Secretary-Treasurer, who stated that approval to adopt ordinance 23-08 relative to a polling place location will be requested at the next meeting because it's not an emergency situation. She explained the State reevaluation options and stated that



after speaking with Police Juror Irving Comeaux his decision was to move the polling place to another precinct. Therefore, a request to call a public hearing is needed.

18. Police Juror Irving Comeaux offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Jamie Ponville, "THAT, the Police Jury approve and call for a public hearing to adopt ordinance 23-08 to amend Section 2:52 polling place for Ward 3 Precinct 1." The motion was unanimously adopted.
19. The Secretary-Treasurer stated that in speaking with Police Juror Michael Dias, upon completion of the Attakapas Landing, he requested having an ordinance adopted specific to the landing so that the Sheriff's Office didn't have to go through several sections to govern the landing. She stated that the ADA did revise the ordinance for the Jury's review and acceptance. If approved, a public hearing would need to be called.
20. Police Juror Michael Dias offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Jamie Ponville, "THAT, the Police Jury approve the ordinance relative to governing the Attakapas Boat Landing and call for a public hearing." The motion was unanimously adopted.
21. President Leroy Blanchard recognized the Secretary-Treasurer, who stated that adoption of a resolution authorizing an agreement with the APPJ and SCPDC for professional services under the GOMESA Act to provide labor compliance review and reporting for Davis-Bacon wage rates may be a little premature because a discussion is needed. She stated that these are the grants that are currently under way (Attakapas Landing, Lee Drive Overlay and Hwy 70 Cross Culvert Project). She stated that the wage verification and labor compliance review has not been done for these projects. She then stated that the Jury needs to get this done because it's a requirement for federal funds. In order to proceed with South Central Planning & Development to do this work without procuring, we have to use local funds. She further stated that in the future the Jury will have to procure out the service for all projects and contracts to utilize GOMESA funds. A brief discussion was held regarding cost and the Jury agreed that this needed to be done to get the compliance report done before the projects are complete. The Secretary-Treasurer informed the Jury to keep in mind that there are dollars for construction but all of the administration tied to this will need to be deducted from that reducing the construction total. The Secretary-Treasurer stated that the funding source for each has to be identified. Attakapas Landing – General Fund, Lee Drive Overlay and Hwy 7 Cross Culvert – Road & Bridge. Police Juror Jamie Ponville is not comfortable with not knowing the cost numbers. In response, the Secretary-Treasurer stated that once she can identify the three (3) projects with them they can look at the scope of the projects, the number of contractors needed and then render a number.
22. Police Juror Jeff Naquin offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Michael Dias, "THAT, the Police Jury approve a resolution authorizing an agreement with the APPJ and SCPDC for professional services under the GOMESA Act to provide labor compliance review and reporting for Davis-Bacon wage rates." The motion was unanimously adopted. (resolution attached)
23. Police Juror Jamie Ponville offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Myron Matherne, "THAT, the Police Jury approve to reappoint Darryl Rivere to the Atchafalaya Trace Commission Board for a three (3) yr. term." The motion was unanimously adopted. (resolution attached)
24. President Leroy Blanchard recognized the Parish Manager, who stated that Margo Castro, 4-H Coordinator, approached him about utilizing Ezekiel St. yard for a shooting range. He then stated that he asked that she address the Jury and explain everything that surrounds the request and it would be the Jury's decision. Ms. Castro stated that presently they offer shooting sports to all of the kids throughout the parish and it's growing. She stated that they do archery practicing under their big barn at the Ag Center, BB & Rifle on private property in Pierre Part and shot gun in Belle Rose. She then stated that she, the Parish Manager and his Assistant spoke about being able to have all at the Ag Center. Ms. Castro proceeded to explain why their facility couldn't hold it at their facility and added that holding it on Ezekiel St. wouldn't be any cost to the Parish and anywhere they hold a true 4-H shooting sports practice, it's covered under the Ag Center insurance. She added that all of the coaches are properly trained and background screened. Younger kids have to have a parent with them and they too are covered under their insurance. In response, the Parish Manager stated that the ground in question is the 40-acre storage yard but explained that this would be the back section that's 2,500 ft. from the nearest resident. He further stated that after speaking with legal counsel, further research must take place therefore, he would recommend that the Police Jury take this matter under advisement. A brief discussion was then held regarding the request to use the property on Ezekiel St. for a shooting range. Police Juror Chris Carter asked if the National Guard was contacted regarding their indoor range? Following the discussion, the ADA suggested that the line of communications remain open and allow he and the Parish Manager to look further into seeing what other items need to be addressed and report back to the Jury. In response, Ms. Castro stated that they have some funding under her budget from the Parish if needed but it's not unlimited.
25. Police Juror Michael Dias offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Patrick Johnson, "THAT, the Police Jury approve a Can Shake permit for God of Prophecy (11/4/23)." The motion was unanimously adopted.

26. Police Juror Jeff Naquin offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Chris Carter, "THAT, the Police Jury approve an occupational license for Serene Skin, LLC, Bfashionable LLC, Hair Unlimited and Tanning dba the Loft Salon & Spa – ownership change and Lil Gary's Garage LLC." The motion was unanimously adopted.
27. Police Juror Ron Alcorn offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Patrick Johnson, "THAT, the Police Jury approve a liquor license application for Christine Bolotte dba An Alumni Softball tournament, AHS Sports." The motion was adopted with Myron Matherne abstaining.
28. Police Juror Jeff Naquin offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Jamie Ponville, "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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