

Police Jury Meeting, Police Jury Room  
October 18, 2023  
Abbeville, Louisiana

Minutes of a regular meeting of the Vermilion Parish Police Jury held on October 18, 2023, with Vice-President Brent Landry presiding.

The meeting was called to order by Vice-President Brent Landry, who asked Mr. Errol Domingues to lead the group in the Pledge of Allegiance. Following the pledge, the Vice-President asked Mr. Paul Moresi, III for a moment of prayer or reflection. The Vice-President then reminded all present to turn all cell phones, pagers, etc. off or set to silent mode for the duration of the Police Jury Meeting.

The following members were present:

	Mr. Dane Hebert	Mr. Brent Landry
	Ms. Liz Touchet	Mr. Paul Bourgeois
	Mr. Errol J. Domingues	Mr. Chad Lege
	Mr. Ronald Menard	Mr. Scott Broussard
	Mr. Dexter Callahan	Mr. Sandrus Stelly
	Mr. Chad Vallo	
Absent:	Mr. Jason Picard	Mr. Ronald Darby
	Mr. Mark Poche`	
Guest:	Mr. Kim Touchet	Mr. Gene Sellers, Sr.
	Mr. Todd Vincent	

Vice-President Landry recognized a period for public comment on any agenda item to be considered.

No comments.

Vice-President Landry recognized Time on the Agenda, Gabe Marceaux, Tax Assessor – Discuss the budget request for the EagleView Ariel Imagery Project.

Mr. Gabe Marceaux presented his presentation for the budget request for the Eagle View Ariel Imagery Project.

Vice-President Landry recognized Reading or Approval of the minutes of the previous meeting- Regular Meeting of September 20, 2023.

Upon motion by Mr. Chad Vallo, duly seconded by Mr. Ronald Menard, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury approved to dispense and approve the minutes from the Regular Meeting of September 20, 2023.

Vice-President Landry recognized to consider action to amend the agenda to discuss and consider actions on any new items presented by Engineering and Architectural reports.

Upon motion by Mr. Ronald Menard, duly seconded by Mr. Chad Lege, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury approved to amend the agenda to discuss and consider actions on any new items presented by Engineering and Architectural reports.

Mr. Gene Sellers, SR, Sellers & Associates, Inc., presented the following:

Upon motion by Mr. Dane Hebert, duly seconded by Mr. Scott Broussard, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury approved to award the lowest bidder Glenn Lege Construction, LLC (\$697,852.00) – 2023 Road Improvements Phase II (ED1, ED2 & ED11).

Mr. Todd Vincent, Sellers & Associates, Inc., presented the following:

Upon motion by Mr. Scott Broussard, duly seconded by Mr. Ronald Menard, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury approved Pond Permit No. 9632-02 – Michael Norse, ED11, subject to addressing the comments from Sellers & Associates, Inc.

Upon motion by Mr. Chad Vallo, duly seconded by Mr. Ronald Menard, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury approved Preliminary Plat for JGB Estates Phase III, ED3.

Upon motion by Mr. Chad Lege, duly seconded by Mr. Scott Broussard, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury approved a Right of Use Agreement with the Harrington family in regards to the property located at 3028 Karl Street, Abbeville.

Upon motion by Mr. Chad Lege, duly seconded by Mr. Sandrus Stelly, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury approved Partial Payment No. 10, Patriot Construction and Industrial, LLC – GOMESA Shoreline Protection on Southwest Point at Southwest Pass, in the amount of \$1,149,204.95.

Upon motion by Mr. Paul Bourgeois, duly seconded by Mr. Scott Broussard, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury approved to adopt a Resolution for a No Wake Zone during the construction of the Freshwater Bayou Project (Restore Freshwater Bayou Shoreline Protection (TV0079).

Vice-President Landry recognized Report of Standing Committees, Coastal Protection/Restoration Committee.

Upon motion by Mr. Errol Domingues, duly seconded by Mr. Chad Vallo, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury approved to amend No. 7 from tabling to being brought to the Courthouse/General Needs Committee meeting. Along with No. 9 being brought to the Courthouse/General Needs Committee Meeting for discussion.

Upon motion by Mr. Chad Lege, duly second by Mr. Chad Vallo, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury approved to amend and accept the Coastal Protection/Restoration Committee recommendations and authorize the appropriate officials to carry out the recommendations.

COASTAL PROTECTION & RESTORATION COMMITTEE  
OCTOBER 04, 2023  
ABBEVILLE, LOUISIANA

AS A RESULT OF A COASTAL PROTECTION & RESTORATION COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON OCTOBER 04, 2023, AND AMENDED ON OCTOBER 18, 2023, THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED FOR THE JURY'S CONSIDERATION:

1. It is recommended the Police Jury approve Partial Payment No. 4 (Final), Luhr Crosby, LLC – Freshwater Bayou Shoreline Protection (TV-0082), in the amount of \$176,268.34.
2. It is recommended the Police Jury approve Contract Change Order No. 2, Rigid Constructors, LLC – GOMESA Oyster Reefs along the Gulf Shoreline – Phase II, with a decrease of \$6,501.44.
3. It is recommended the Police Jury approve Partial Payment No. 6, Rigid Constructors, LLC – GOMESA Oyster Reefs along the Gulf Shoreline – Phase II, in the amount of \$471,748.49.
4. It is recommended the Police Jury approve to adopt a Resolution of Acceptance – A resolution authorizing the President to execute an Act of Acceptance from Rigid Constructors, LLC, pertaining to the completion of the contract for the GOMESA Oyster Reefs along the Gulf Shoreline, Phase II.
5. It is recommended the Police Jury approve ratification of no cost Contract Change Order No. 5, Patriot Construction and Industrial, LLC - GOMESA Shoreline Protection of Southwest Point at Southwest Pass, which adds the second breakwater around the point for a distance of approximately 850'.
6. It is recommended the Police Jury approve a Letter of No Objection for Hilcorp Energy Company c/o GIS Engineering, LLC – Removal of 510ft. of existing 4" pipeline that crosses Freshwater Bayou, ED 14.
7. It is recommended the Police Jury approve to discuss submitting for additional Bankline Protection along the GIWW at White Lake in the next Courthouse/General Needs Committee meeting.

8. It is recommended the Police Jury approve to submit the following three (3) nominations to the Governor of Louisiana for the Chenier Plain Coastal Restoration and Protection Authority:
  1. Damian LeJeune
  2. Ted Saltzman
  3. Sleighton Hebert
9. It is recommended the Police Jury approve to send the job description for a coastal employee to the Courthouse Committee Meeting for consideration.
10. It is recommended the Police Jury approve the payment of the bills that were submitted.

Respectfully submitted  
Mr. Chad Lege  
Chairman

Vice-President Landry recognized Report of Standing Committees, Courthouse/General Needs Committee.

Upon motion by Mr. Ronald Menard, duly second by Mr. Dexter Callahan, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury approved the Courthouse/General Needs Committee recommendations and authorize the appropriate officials to carry out the recommendations.

COURTHOUSE/GENERAL NEEDS COMMITTEE  
OCTOBER 04, 2023  
ABBEVILLE, LOUISIANA

AS A RESULT OF A COURTHOUSE/GENERAL NEEDS COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON OCTOBER 04, 2023, THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED FOR THE JURY'S CONSIDERATION:

1. It is recommended the Police Jury approve to commit \$1,259,305.00 to LUS Fiber for a GUMBO match.
2. It is recommended the Police Jury authorize the Parish Administrator to sign the agreement with LUS Fiber for the GUMBO match.
3. It is recommended the Police Jury to table action to hire a Solid Waste Superintendent.
4. It is recommended the Police Jury authorize Legal Counsel to send a Long Grass letter in regards to the property located at 11935 Judge Doucet Rd, Abbeville.

5. It is recommended the Police Jury authorize Legal Counsel to send a Long Grass letter in regards to the property located at 215 Trahan St, Abbeville.
6. It is recommended the Police Jury authorize Legal Counsel to research the adjudicated property for purchase (Parcel: R5129300).
7. It is recommended the Police Jury approve payment of Invoice No. 26396, Project No. 9353-02, Sellers & Associates, Inc. - HMGP Elevation of LA Hwy 14 Bypass: Basic Engineering Services, dated September 03, 2023, in the amount of \$44,400.00.
8. It is recommended the Police Jury authorize Legal Counsel to draft an ordinance authorizing the public sale of adjudicated property located in Sec 36 T11S R3W, containing an undivided 2.0 acres which was subject to an adjudication in 2016 from Kia Harden to VPPJ under instrument number 2016005641 and to obtain an estimate of fair market value from Gabe Marceaux, Parish Assessor.
9. It is recommended the Police Jury authorized the obtaining of quotes for the demolition of the blighted structure located at 3107 Lamas St. in Erath.
10. It is recommended the Police Jury authorize Legal Counsel to negotiate with farmer Charles Guidry regarding the loss of Mr. Guidry's sugar cane stubble on the six acres acquired by the police jury near the Abbeville airport.
11. It is recommended the Police Jury approve to use 76 Sales Tax, 78 Sales Tax & 911 Funds for EOC.
12. It is recommended the Police Jury authorize Legal Counsel to look into if the 76 Sales Tax, 78 Sales Tax & 911 Funds can be used for EOC.
13. It is recommended the Police Jury to approve payment of the attached bills that were submitted.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Mr. Chad Vallo  
Vice-Chairman

Vice-President Landry recognized Report of Standing Committees, Public Works Committee.

Upon motion by Mr. Brent Landry, duly second by Mr. Sandrus Stelly, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury approved the Public Works Committee recommendations and authorize the appropriate officials to carry out the recommendations.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE  
OCTOBER 04, 2023  
ABBEVILLE, LOUISIANA

AS A RESULT OF A PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON OCTOBER 04, 2023, THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED FOR THE JURY'S CONSIDERATION:

1. It is recommended the Police Jury approve Partial Payment No. 4, Glenn Lege Construction, LLC – Oxidation Pond Leachate Control System, in the amount of \$159,903.40.
2. It is recommended the Police Jury approve the usage of one (1) dumpster for the Annual BBQ to help Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church & Needy Families, Sunday, October 15, 2023, located at 12995 LA Hwy 699, Leroy.
3. It is recommended the Police Jury approve the usage of two (2) dumpsters for the St. Therese Catholic Church Gumbo Cook-off, Saturday, October 28, 2023, located in the parking lot at the Holy Family Center (St. Therese Catholic Church).
4. It is recommended the Police Jury approve to repair the Henry VFD Engine 1501 in the amount of \$11,896.64.
5. It is recommended the Police Jury approve to get camera capable phones for the Animal Control Wardens.
6. It is recommended the Police Jury approve the request from Mr. Chris Gautreaux asking for grab truck assistance on October 28, 2023.
7. It is recommended the Police Jury approve the attached bills submitted.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Mr. Brent Landry  
Chairman

Vice-President Landry recognized Report of Standing Committees, Public Road Committee.

Upon motion by Mr. Dane Hebert, duly seconded by Mr. Errol Domingues, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury approved to request LA DOTD to apply a No Passing Stripping on LA Hwy 699 at La Premier Subdivision.

Upon motion by Mr. Chad Vallo, duly second by Mr. Scott Broussard, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury approved to amend and accept the Public Road

Committee recommendations and authorize the appropriate officials to carry out the recommendations.

PUBLIC ROAD COMMITTEE  
OCTOBER 04, 2023  
ABBEVILLE, LOUISIANA

AS A RESULT OF A PARISH ROAD COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON OCTOBER 04, 2023, AND AMENDED ON OCTOBER 18, 2023, THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED FOR THE JURY'S CONSIDERATION:

1. It is recommended the Police Jury approve Partial Payment No. 1, Glenn Lege Construction, LLC – 2023 Road Improvements Phase I: Margaret Street and Landry Street, in the amount of \$59,881.02. The City of Abbeville paying \$25,000 for repairs on Margaret Street and \$25,000 for repairs on Landry Street, with the Parish paying out the balance (\$9,881.02) of the cost through its 2023 Road Improvement Program.
2. It is recommended the Police Jury approve Amendment No. 2 for the FEMA HMGP Elevation of LA Hwy 14 Bypass Project (extend by one month and \$7,500.00).
3. It is recommended the Police Jury approve to award the 2023 Bridge Improvement Project Phase II: Sidney Gautreaux Road & Ellis Bridge Road Bridges to the lowest bidder L&R Construction (\$148,339.75).
4. It is recommended the Police Jury approve to adopt Resolution 2023-R-13 – Annual Certification of Compliance with the State of Louisiana Off-System Bridge Replacement Program.
5. It is recommended the Police Jury approve to request LA DOTD to apply a No Passing Stripping on LA Hwy 699 at La Premier Subdivision.
6. It is recommended the Police Jury approve payment of the attached bills submitted.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Mr. Chad Vallo  
Chairman

Vice-President Landry recognized New Business. Need a motion to approve the following Administrative Cost reimbursement from various funds to the General Fund for the year 2023.

**2023 Administrative Cost**

	<b>Proposed Gross 2023 Tax Collectible</b>	<b>Percentage</b>	<b>To be refunded to General Fund</b>
General Fund	1,272,703	23.19%	101,506.29
Health Unit	889,388	16.21%	70,934.40
Parishwide	1,133,796	20.66%	90,427.56
RD 1 - Mtne.	156,165	2.85%	12,455.20
Mtne. Of R.D.:			
Sub 1 of 2	428,248	7.80%	34,155.52
Sub 2 of 2	8,369	0.15%	667.46
Sub 3 of 2	263,676	4.80%	21,029.89
Sub 4 of 2	360,180	6.56%	28,726.71
Sub 5 of 2	182,931	3.33%	14,589.89
RD 3	129,612	2.36%	10,337.36
RD 4-A	167,675	3.06%	13,373.14
RD 6	114,410	2.08%	9,124.93
RD 7	348,742	6.35%	27,814.43
Ward 8			
Cemetery	31,812	0.58%	2,537.23
	<b>5,487,707</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>437,680.00</b>
			(101,506.29) G.F.
			Share
			336,173.71
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			Salaries: 437,697.87
			Adm. Salaries: 437,680

Upon motion by Mr. Errol Domingues, duly seconded by Mr. Paul Bourgeois, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury approved the Administrative Cost reimbursement from various funds to the General Fund for the year 2023.

Vice-President Landry recognized New Business: Discuss Parish Administrator Position.

Upon motion by Mr. Chad Vallo, duly seconded by Mr. Paul Bourgeois, with Ms. Liz Touchet opposed, the Police Jury could not amend the agenda to vote to advertise for the Parish Administrator Position.

Upon motion by Mr. Errol Domingues, duly seconded by Mr. Ronald Menard, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury approved to have a Special Meeting on Wednesday, October 25, 2023 at 5:30pm.

Vice-President Landry stated to consider action to amend the agenda to discuss and consider actions on any new items presented by the Parish Administrator.

Upon motion by Mr. Ronald Menard, duly seconded by Mr. Chad Vallo, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury approved to amend the agenda to discuss and consider actions on any new items by the Parish Administrator.

Mr. Keith Roy, Parish Administrator, presented the following:

- Provided to the Police Jurors is the Statement of Operations prior monthly budget-to-actual comparisons for all of the major funds of the Vermilion Parish Police Jury.

Upon motion by Mr. Dane Hebert, duly seconded by Mr. Scott Broussard, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury approved the usage of five (5) dumpsters for the Giant Omelette Festival, November 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023, located downtown Abbeville.

Upon motion by Mr. Errol Domingues, duly seconded by Mr. Chad Vallo, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury approved a Permit Extension for 2694 McDonald Road, ED1 (Duane Swanson - due to having to recover from surgery and is now ready to move forward).

Upon motion by Mr. Errol Domingues, duly seconded by Ms. Liz Touchet, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury approved a Permit Extension for 12038 LA Hwy 339, ED6 (Michael & Shantell Istre – husband passed away and now ready to move forward).

Upon motion by Mr. Paul Bourgeois, duly seconded by Mr. Errol Domingues, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury approved to appoint Chris Bessard to the Vermilion Tourist Commission, replacing Eric Adcock.

Upon motion by Mr. Errol Domingues, duly seconded by Mr. Dexter Callahan, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury approved to appoint Mr. Brandon Breaux to the Coulee Kinney Drainage District Board, replacing Mr. Sedric Breaux.

Upon motion by Mr. Dane Hebert, duly seconded by Ms. Liz Touchet, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury approved the request from Patrick Broussard to convert Desire Road, Maurice, ED 1, back to a private road.

Upon motion by Mr. Chad Vallo, duly seconded by Mr. Scott Broussard, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury authorized Legal Counsel to send a Long Grass Letter to the following properties:

- 12803 Wildwood Way, Lot 34
- 12812 Wildwood Way, Lot 30
- 12814 Wildwood Way, Lot 31

Upon motion by Mr. Sandrus Stelly, duly seconded by Mr. Dexter Callahan, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury authorized The Sellers Group to send a perform a Blighted Property Assessment on the property located at 15813 Bea's Drive, Kaplan.

Upon motion by Ms. Liz Touchet, duly seconded by Mr. Errol Domingues, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury approved to allow the nonprofit Nehemiah Foundation to use the grant funding from OCD of \$2,055,000.00 to construct the Multi-Purpose Community Center with permanent Generator and Solar Energy Sources.

Upon motion by Mr. Ronald Menard, duly seconded by Mr. Scott Broussard, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury approved payment of Invoice No. 5464, The Sellers Group – Final Fees for Professional Services: Reroofing & Miscellaneous Repairs of the Cecil McCrory Exhibition Building, dated October 9, 2023, in the amount of \$3,552.64.

Upon motion by Mr. Chad Lege, duly seconded by Mr. Errol Domingues, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury approved Application for Payment No. 4, Bergeron's Metal Buildings, LLC - Reroofing & Miscellaneous Repairs of the Cecil McCrory Exhibition Building, in the amount of \$86,572.80.

Upon motion by Mr. Ronald Menard, duly seconded by Mr. Scott Broussard, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury approved the St. Mary Community Action Agency 5311 Report for the month of September 2023.

Upon motion by Mr. Scott Broussard, duly seconded by Mr. Chad Lege, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury approved the Application for Temporary Permit to Sell Alcoholic Beverages for the Le Bayou Legendaire Co./Richard Sale Barn – Andrinna Turenne Concert, November 17, 2023, located at 13075 Henry St, Abbeville.

Upon motion by Mr. Chad Vallo, duly seconded by Mr. Chad Lege, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury approved payment of the attached bills submitted.

Vice-President Landry recognized New Business, Legal Counsel, Mr. Paul Moresi, III.

Mr. Paul Moresi, III, Legal Counsel, presented the following:

Upon motion by Mr. Scott Broussard, duly seconded by Mr. Dexter Callahan, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury authorized Legal Counsel to contact the realtor to find out the intentions of the buyers in regards to the property across from the Kaplan Library.

Upon motion by Mr. Chad Vallo, duly seconded by Mr. Dexter Callahan, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury approved to get the adjudicated property appraised (Undivided 1/6 interest in 12 acres Sec 36 Township 11 South Range 3 West), ED14.

Vice-President Landry recognizes Police Juror President Business.

No business to be presented at this time.

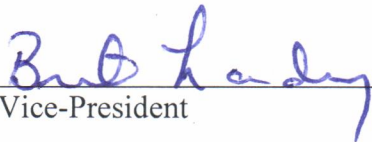
Vice-President Landry recognizes Police Juror Business.

Upon motion by Mr. Scott Broussard, duly seconded by Mr. Ronald Menard, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury authorized Legal Counsel to look into the properties on Cypress St. (3003 & 3007) to be used by Mr. Allen Bessard.

Upon motion by Mr. Scott Broussard, duly seconded by Mr. Ronald Menard, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury approved to expedite blighted property by giving admin some authority.

Upon motion by Mr. Chad Vallo, duly seconded by Mr. Ronald Menard, and unanimously carried, there being no further business to be presented, the meeting was duly adjourned.

  
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Parish Administrator

  
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Vice-President