

Police Jury Meeting, Police Jury Room  
September 18, 2024  
Abbeville, Louisiana

Minutes of a regular meeting of the Vermilion Parish Police Jury held on September 18, 2024, with Vice-President Chad Vallo presiding.

The meeting was called to order by Vice-President Chad Vallo, who asked Mr. Chad Lege to lead the group in the Pledge of Allegiance. Following the pledge, the Vice-President asked Mr. Ronald Darby 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. Shane Meaux	Mr. Brent Landry
	Mr. Ronald Darby	Mr. Roy Keith Meaux
	Mr. Errol J. Domingues	Mr. Chad Lege
	Mr. Ronald Menard	Mr. Scott Broussard
	Mr. Dexter Callahan	Mr. Chad Vallo
Absent:	Mr. Dane Hebert	Ms. Liz Touchet
	Mr. Mark Poche`	Mr. Brian Hollier
Guest:	Mr. Kim Touchet	Mr. Gene Sellers, Sr.
	Mr. Todd Vincent	

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

No comments.

Vice-President Vallo recognized Time on the Agenda. Vermilion Parish Police Jury – Board of Review – Protest Hearing.

1. The following protests or complaints regarding valuations of property established by the Assessor for the 2024 Tax Roll.

The following protests have been received;

- A. No Protests have been received
2. Comments from Vermilion Parish Assessor Mr. Gabe Marceaux
  3. Consideration of accepting the following Assessment Valuations for the 2024 Tax Year as submitted by Vermilion Parish Assessor Mr. Gabe Marceaux

4. Assessed Values

	<u>2023 Assessed Values</u>	<u>2024 Assessed Values</u>
A. Real Property	\$271,570,209	\$305,744,395
B. Personal Property	\$98,633,363	\$99,320,423

Upon motion by Mr. Ronald Menard, duly seconded by Mr. Ronald Darby, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury approved to accept the following Assessment Valuations for the 2024 Tax Year as submitted by Vermilion Parish Assessor Mr. Gabe Marceaux.

Vice-President Vallo recognized Reading or Approval of the minutes of the previous meetings - Public Hearing of August 21, 2024 & Regular Meeting of August 21, 2024.

Upon motion by Mr. Dexter Callahan, duly seconded by Mr. Keith Meaux, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury approved to dispense and approve the minutes from the Public Hearing of August 21, 2024 & Regular Meeting of August 21, 2024.

Vice-President Vallo 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. Brent Landry, duly seconded by Mr. Shane Meaux, 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. Todd Vincent, Sellers & Associates, Inc., presented the following:

Upon motion by Mr. Errol Domingues, duly seconded by Mr. Chad Lege, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury approved Partial Payment No. 5, Patriot Construction & Industrial, LLC – North Vermilion Bay Shoreline Protection Project (TV-0077), in the amount of \$1,072,656.05.

Upon motion by Mr. Scott Broussard, duly seconded by Mr. Dexter Callahan, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury approved Partial Payment No. 1, Glenn Lege Construction, LLC – 2023 Road Improvements: Phase III, in the amount of \$507,575.80.

Upon motion by Mr. Errol Domingues, duly seconded by Mr. Keith Meaux, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury approved Change Order No. 3, Glenn Lege Construction, LLC – ED 8 Road Improvements: Phase II, total decrease of \$16,546.15.

Upon motion by Mr. Errol Domingues, duly seconded by Mr. Keith Meaux, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury approved Partial Payment No. 6, Glenn Lege Construction, LLC – ED 8 Road Improvements: Phase II, in the amount of \$42,047.25.

Upon motion by Mr. Errol Domingues, duly seconded by Mr. Shane Meaux, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury approved to adopt a Resolution of Acceptance from Glenn Lege Construction, LLC pertaining to the completion of the contract for ED 8 Road Improvements: Phase II.

Mr. Kim Touchet, Primeaux, Touchet & Associates, presented the following:

Upon motion by Mr. Keith Meaux, duly seconded by Mr. Brent Landry, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury authorized Primeaux, Touchet & Associates to submit the Capital Outlay request of \$500,000.00. Along with the resolution.

Mr. Gene Sellers, Jr, The Sellers Group, presented the following:

Upon motion by Mr. Scott Broussard, duly seconded by Mr. Dexter Callahan, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury approved to amend the Rabies & Animal Control Project – relocate the sewer force main (increase by \$4,723.38 with an additional seven days).

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

Upon motion by Mr. Errol Domingues, duly second by Mr. Scott Broussard, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury approved to accept the Coastal Protection/Restoration Committee recommendations and authorize the appropriate officials to carry out the recommendations.

COASTAL PROTECTION & RESTORATION COMMITTEE  
SEPTEMBER 04, 2024  
ABBEVILLE, LOUISIANA

AS A RESULT OF A COASTAL PROTECTION & RESTORATION COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON SEPTEMBER 04, 2024, THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED FOR THE JURY’S CONSIDERATION:

1. It is recommended the Police Jury approve the proposed OM&M plan for the Restore Freshwater Bayou Shoreline Protection Project (TV-0079).
2. It is recommended the Police Jury approve to consult with Vermilion Corporations regarding the repair of the Schooner Bayou Vicinity Saltwater Barriers.

3. It is recommended the Police Jury approve to request to create the Vermilion Levee District through our Legislatures.
4. It is recommended the Police Jury approve to request for Senator Bob Hensgens, Representative Ryan Bourriaque and Representative Jacob Landry to come to the next Coastal Meeting.
5. It is recommended the Police Jury approve the following for the priority projects.
  1. Bayou Tigre Flood Protection Structure/Pump Station
  2. Vermilion River Flood Control Structure
  3. North Vermilion Bay Phase 3
  4. 4 Mile Canal Restoration
6. It is recommended the Police Jury approve to pay for up to two (2) individuals to attend the Coastal Leadership Institute.

Respectfully submitted  
Mr. Errol Domingues  
Chairman

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

Upon motion by Mr. Chad Vallo, duly second by Mr. Keith Meaux, 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  
SEPTEMBER 04, 2024  
ABBEVILLE, LOUISIANA

AS A RESULT OF A COURTHOUSE/GENERAL NEEDS COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON SEPTEMBER 04, 2024, THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED FOR THE JURY'S CONSIDERATION:

1. It is recommended the Police Jury approve the Resolution in support of dedicated OCS Alternate or Renewable Energy Revenues to the Coastal Protection and Restoration Trust Fund.
2. It is recommended the Police Jury approve the amendment to the Loan Agreement for the use of the remaining GOMESA Bond Funds.
3. It is recommended the Police Jury approve to renew the current agreement with Abbeville General Hospital in regards to the Discounted Services – VP Inmates.

4. It is recommended the Police Jury approve to enter into an IGA with Coulee Des Jonc Drainage District – the need to clean the ditch from American Legion Road west for 500 feet, south of cemetery, where the Jury will perform the work. Along with authorizing the Administrator to sign.
  
5. It is recommended the Police Jury approve payment of the following invoices from Sellers & Associates, Inc:
  - (A) Invoice No. 27387, Project No. 5242-18, Emergency Program – Update Master 911 and Index per the OEP Office (March 2024), dated August 21, 2024, in the amount of \$195.00.
  - (B) Invoice No. 27390, Project No. 8321-59, Miscellaneous Engineering Services – Miscellaneous Technical Assistance (April 2024 – July 2024), dated August 21, 2024, in the amount of \$176.25.
  - (C) Invoice No. 27394, Project No. 9139-89, Approved Subdivision Review – Review of Legacy Estates Subdivision, dated August 21, 2024, in the amount of \$160.00.
  - (D) Invoice No. 27395, Project No. 9139-92, Approved Subdivision Review – Review of Thomas Duhon and Amanda Duhon Partition, dated August 21, 2024, in the amount of \$175.00.
  - (E) Invoice No. 27396, Project No. 9139-93, Approved Subdivision Review – Review of Kevin St. Austin Partition, dated August 21, 2024, in the amount of \$100.00.
  - (F) Invoice No. 27397, Project No. 9139-94, Approved Subdivision Review – Review of Dorothy Roberts Partition, dated August 21, 2024, in the amount of \$150.00.
  - (G) Invoice No. 27398, Project No. 9139-95, Approved Subdivision Review – Review of Rusty Delahoussaye Partition, dated August 21, 2024, in the amount of \$125.00.
  - (H) Invoice No. 27401, Project No. 9560-01, Coastal Master Plan – Plan Development, dated August 21, 2024, in the amount of \$3,367.50.
  - (I) Invoice No. 27404, Project No. 9632-07, Pond Permits – Review Permit Application for Noell Hebert (7014 Fusilier Rd, Maurice), dated August 21, 2024, in the amount of \$187.50.
  - (J) Invoice No. 27405, Project No. 9632-08, Pond Permits – Review Permit Application for Michael Coulter (9306 Forest Rd, Abbeville), dated August 21, 2024, in the amount of \$75.00.
  - (K) Invoice No. 27406, Project No. 8367-09, DOTD Right Sizing Program – ED8 Road Improvements: Phase II – Construction Administration and Inspection, dated August 21, 2024, in the amount of \$16,300.00.
  - (L) Invoice No. 27393, Project No. 9028-09, August 2016 HMGP Application – Elevation of LA Highway 14 Bypass: Grant Management, dated August 21, 2024, in the amount of \$1,337.50.
  - (M) Invoice No. 27361, Project No. 9330-11, 2023 Road Improvements: Phase II – Basic Engineering Services (ED 1, 2 & 11), dated August 21, 2024, in the amount of \$746.24.
  - (N) Invoice No. 27407, Project No. 9330-16, 2023 Road Improvements: Phase II – Basic Engineering Services, dated August 21, 2024, in the amount of \$33,608.09.

- (O) Invoice No. 27402, Project No. 9563-03, OCD: Federal Disaster Recovery Funding – Hometown Revitalization Program: Grant Administrative Services (Coordination of Proposal Development with VEDA, Proposal Submittal, RFI Process & Proposal Approval), dated August 21, 2024, in the amount of \$3,508.75.
- (P) Invoice No. 27403, Project No. 9563-03, OCD: Federal Disaster Recovery Funding – Resilient Communities Infrastructure Program: Grant Administrative Services (Coordination of Proposal Development with Nehemiah Projects of Acadiana, Inc. and VPPJ, Proposal Submittal, RFI Process & Proposal Approval), dated August 21, 2024, in the amount of \$4,226.25.
- (Q) Invoice No. 27408, Project No. 9595-05, Emergency Operations Center (EOC) – Perform Detailed Topographic Survey for EOC Building Design, dated August 21, 2024, in the amount of \$1,820.00.

Respectfully Submitted,  
 Ms. Liz Touchet  
 Vice-Chairman

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**A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF DEDICATED OCS  
 ALTERNATIVE OR RENEWABLE ENERGY REVENUES TO  
 THE COASTAL PROTECTION AND RESTORATION TRUST  
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**VERMLION PARISH POLICE JURY**

A resolution in favor of the constitutional amendment proposed by HB 300, introduced on February 28, 2024, by Representative Joe Orgeron and passed in both the Louisiana House and Senate by over two-thirds vote thus being passed to the Secretary of State to become Act 408 and placed before the voters of Louisiana as a proposed Constitutional Amendment at the statewide election to be held on November 5, 2024.

WHEREAS, the present constitution requires that the treasurer deposit annually into the Coastal Protection and Restoration Fund the federal revenues received by the State from Outer Continental Shelf oil and gas activity, and

WHEREAS, the proposed constitutional amendment retains the present constitution requirements and adds federal revenues generated from Outer Continental Shelf alternative or renewable energy production sources, including wind energy, solar energy, tidal energy, wave energy, geothermal energy, and any other alternative or renewable energy production or sources, and

WHEREAS, the proposed constitutional amendment would amend Article VII, Section 10.2(E)(1) of the Constitution of Louisiana to require federal revenues received by the state and generated from Outer Continental Shelf oil and gas and alternative or renewable energy production be deposited into the Coastal Protection and Restoration Fund, and

WHEREAS, the proposed constitutional amendment does NOT:

- a) Take money from the state General Fund or away from other state projects and programs, or

- b) slow or disincentivize oil and gas production or increase the cost of doing business for any type of energy company in the Gulf of Mexico, or
- c) provide a subsidy for alternative or renewable energy in the Gulf of Mexico, and

WHEREAS, passing this proposed constitutional amendment means that if and when federal revenue sharing for all types of energy production becomes a reality for the gulf coast states currently participating in the Gulf of Mexico Energy Securities Act (GOMESA) federal revenue sharing, that Louisiana WILL commit those dollars to our Coastal Trust Fund to protect and restore our coast and the communities that live there, and

WHEREAS, Louisiana has made and continues to make its case to the federal government and others that this arrangement makes sense because Louisiana’s coast, communities, workers and protective levee infrastructure provides huge benefits to the entire State of Louisiana and the Nation, and

NOW, THERFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Vermilion Parish Police Jury hereby declares that it is in support of passage of the proposed Constitutional Amendment amending Article VII, Section 10.2(E)(1) of the Constitution of Louisiana to require federal revenues received by the state and generated from Outer Continental Shelf oil and gas and alternative or renewable energy production be deposited into the Coastal Protection and Restoration Fund for the above stated reasons and benefits.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be incorporated in the minutes of the Executive Committee.

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

Upon motion by Mr. Brent Landry, duly second by Mr. Ronald Darby, 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  
 SEPTEMBER 04, 2024  
 ABBEVILLE, LOUISIANA

AS A RESULT OF A PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON SEPTEMBER 04, 2024, THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED FOR THE JURY’S CONSIDERATION:

1. It is recommended the Police Jury approve to reclassify Mr. Rocky Nauquin as an operator who is replacing Mr. Junius Sonia (raise pay to \$13.75).
2. It is recommended the Police Jury approve payment of the following invoices from Sellers & Associates, Inc.:

- (A) Invoice No. 27389, Project No. 5263-18, Vermilion Parish Solid Waste Plant: Semi-Annual AR/GMR; Leachate Report; GMR Maintenance; Groundwater Monitoring; Alternate Source Demonstration (July 2024), dated August 21, 2024, in the amount of \$1,172.50.
  - (B) Invoice No. 27391, Project No. 8937-39, Vermilion Parish Solid Waste Plant: Permit Modification – New Cell Area III-B, dated August 21, 2024, in the amount of \$5,745.00.
  - (C) Invoice No. 27392, Project No. 8937-40, Vermilion Parish Solid Waste Plant: Topographic Survey – New Cell Area III-B, dated August 21, 2024, in the amount of \$5,180.00.
3. It is recommended the Police Jury approve the usage of one (1) dumpster for the Cajun Hunting Retriever Club, for October 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup>, 2024, located at 400 Dallas Guidry Rd, Gueydan.
  4. It is recommended the Police Jury approve the usage of two (2) dumpsters for AAVA - Raising funds for Animal Aid of Vermilion Area, for October 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024, located at Whittington Veterinary Clinic, Abbeville.
  5. It is recommended the Police Jury approve the usage of four (4) dumpsters for the Louisiana Cattle Festival, for October 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup>, 2024, located at Downtown Abbeville.
  6. It is recommended the Police Jury approve the lowest quote of \$9,994.22 (Lou’s Electrical Service) replace the A/C Unit at the Meaux/Nunez VFD.
  7. It is recommended the Police Jury approve to appoint Mr. Taylor Mencacci to the Twin Parish Port District Board.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Mr. Brent Landry  
Chairman

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

Upon motion by Mr. Chad Lege, duly second by Mr. Dexter Callahan, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury approved the Public Road Committee recommendations and authorize the appropriate officials to carry out the recommendations.

PUBLIC ROAD COMMITTEE  
SEPTEMBER 04, 2024  
ABBEVILLE, LOUISIANA



AS A RESULT OF A PARISH ROAD COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON SEPTEMBER 04, 2024, THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED FOR THE JURY'S CONSIDERATION:

1. It is recommended the Police Jury approve to stay in accordance with the ordinance amendment and deny the Preliminary Plat request for Legacy Estates, ED3.
2. It is recommended the Police Jury approve to reapply and adopt the resolution requesting financial assistance from the State of Louisiana under the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Capital Outlay Program. Along with authorizing the President to sign any and all documents.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Mr. Chad Lege  
Chairman

Vice-President Vallo recognized New Business. Open bids, accept bids and authorize the President to sign for the sale of Lots 5 & 6 Blk G Harlem Subdivision (including all improvements) contingent upon Legal Counsel's review of the bid(s).

No bids received.

Vice-President Vallo 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. Ronald Darby, 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. Ronald Darby, duly seconded by Mr. Scott Broussard, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury approved a Proclamation declaring October Dysautonomia Awareness Month.

Upon motion by Mr. Errol Domingues, duly seconded by Mr. Keith Meaux, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury tabled Legal Counsel sending a Blighted Property Letter in regard to the property located at 2927 Gene Road, Erath.

Upon motion by Mr. Errol Domingues, duly seconded by Mr. Chad Lege, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury authorized Legal Counsel to send a Blighted Property Letter in regard to the property at 3122 Theodore Rd, Erath.

Upon motion by Mr. Chad Lege, duly seconded by Mr. Keith Meaux, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury authorized Legal Counsel to send a Blighted Property Letter in regard to the property located on Hwy 82 between Hare and Wakeman Streets, Perry.

Upon motion by Mr. Chad Lege, duly seconded by Mr. Dexter Callahan, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury authorized Legal Counsel to send a Blighted Property Letter in regard to the property located at 14911 Bridge Street, Perry.

Upon motion by Mr. Brent Landry, duly seconded by Mr. Shane Meaux, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury approved the increased coverage of \$3,981.00 for the Public Works Building – Wright National Flood Insurance Company.

Upon motion by Mr. Errol Domingues, duly seconded by Mr. Ronald Menard, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury approved the increased coverage of \$5,254.00 for the Co-Op Extension Office – Wright National Flood Insurance Company.

Upon motion by Mr. Ronald Menard, duly seconded by Mr. Ronald Darby, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury approved the St. Mary Community Action Agency 5311 Report for the month of August 2024.

Upon motion by Mr. Keith Meaux, duly seconded by Mr. Scott Broussard, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury approved payment of the following invoices from Sellers & Associates, Inc.:

- (A) Invoice No. 27426, Project No. 8951-03, FY 2017 FMA/PDM Grant Program Elevations – Grant Management, dated August 30, 2024, in the amount of \$1,600.00.
- (B) Invoice No. 27427, Project No. 8951-04, FY 2017 FMA/PDM Grant Program Elevations – Project Management, dated August 30, 2024, in the amount of \$1,600.00.
- (C) Invoice No. 27428, Project No. 8951-05, FY 2017 FMA/PDM Grant Program Acquisitions – Grant Management, dated August 30, 2024, in the amount of \$800.00.
- (D) Invoice No. 27429, Project No. 8951-06, FY 2017 FMA/PDM Grant Program Acquisitions – Project Management, dated August 30, 2024, in the amount of \$800.00.

Upon motion by Mr. Dexter Callahan, duly seconded by Mr. Chad Lege, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury approved payment of the following invoices from Louisiana Testing & Inspection Inc.:

- (A) Invoice No. 36-40860, 2023 Road Improvements Phase III, dated August 31, 2024, in the amount of \$1,175.00.

(B) Invoice No. 36-40792, ED 8 Road Improvements, dated August 31, 2024, in the amount of \$480.00.

Upon motion by Mr. Chad Lege, duly seconded by Mr. Keith Meaux, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury approved an Application for Permit to Sell Alcoholic Liquors and Application for Permit to Sell Vinous and Malt Liquors for Island Bait & Tackle LLC located at 21205 LA Hwy 82, Abbeville.

Upon motion by Mr. Shane Meaux, duly seconded by Mr. Ronald Darby, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury approved to adopt the Distracted Driving Policy.

Upon motion by Mr. Shane Meaux, duly seconded by Mr. Roanld Darby, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury approved to adopt the Seat Belt Policy.

Upon motion by Mr. Ronald Menard, duly seconded by Mr. Dexter Callahan, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury approved the usage of two (2) dumpsters for the Kaplan Fire Department BBQ Fundraiser, located at 501 N. Cushing, Kaplan.

Upon motion by Mr. Chad Lege, duly seconded by Mr. Scott Broussard, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury approved a Permit Extension for 14935 S. Guegnon St., Abbeville, ED9 (had an accident and would like an extension).

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

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

Absent.

Vice-President Vallo recognizes Police Juror President Business.

Absent.

Vice-President Vallo recognizes Police Juror Business.

No business to be presented at this time.

Upon motion by Mr. Dexter Callahan, duly seconded by Mr. Errol Domingues, 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