

Police Jury Meeting, Police Jury Room
October 16, 2024
Abbeville, Louisiana

Minutes of a regular meeting of the Vermilion Parish Police Jury held on October 16, 2024, with President Mark Poche' presiding.

The meeting was called to order by President Mark Poche', who asked Mr. Errol Domingues to lead the group in the Pledge of Allegiance. Following the pledge, the President asked Mr. Ronald Darby for a moment of prayer or reflection. The 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. Shane Meaux
Mr. Brent Landry	Mr. Ronald Darby
Ms. Liz Touchet	Mr. Mark Poche`
Mr. Roy Keith Meaux	Mr. Errol J. Domingues
Mr. Chad Lege	Mr. Ronald Menard
Mr. Brian Hollier	Mr. Chad Vallo

Absent: Mr. Scott Broussard Mr. Dexter Callahan

Guest: Mr. Kim Touchet Mr. Gene Sellers, Sr.
Mr. Todd Vincent

President Poche' recognized a period for public comment on any agenda item to be considered.

No comments.

President Poche' recognized Reading or Approval of the minutes of the previous meeting- Regular Meeting of September 18, 2024.

Upon motion by Mr. Chad Vallo, duly seconded by Mr. Errol Domingues, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury approved to dispense and approve the minutes from the Regular Meeting of September 18, 2024.

President Poche' 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 Darby, duly seconded by Ms. Liz Touchet, 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. Ronald Darby, duly seconded by Mr. Shane Meaux, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury authorized Sellers & Associates, Inc. to receive quotes for the Landfill work on Bella Road.

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

Upon motion by Mr. Chad Vallo, duly seconded by Mr. Ronald Menard, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury approved Pond Permit No. 9632-09, Steve & Julie Monceaux (38301 Monceaux Rd, Gueydan), ED14.

Upon motion by Mr. Brent Landry, duly seconded by Mr. Shane Meaux, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury approved Borrow Pit Permit Application, Glenn Lege Construction, LLC (South of Hwy 82, in the 1400 BLK of Chemin Agreeable, Youngsville), ED3.

Upon motion by Mr. Errol Domingues, duly seconded by Mr. Brent Landry, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury approved Partial Payment No. 2, Glenn Lege Construction, LLC – 2023 Road Improvements: Phase III, in the amount of \$755,913.61.

Upon motion by Mr. Errol Domingues, duly seconded by Mr. Chad Lege, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury approved Partial Payment No. 6, Patriot Construction & Industrial, LLC – North Vermilion Bay Shoreline Protection Project (TV-0077), in the amount of \$1,276,015.91.

Upon motion by Mr. Errol Domingues, duly seconded by Mr. Chad Lege, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury approved to use the extra \$57,000 of contingency funds to finish the last 130 feet of the North Vermilion Bay Shoreline Protection Project (TV-0077), plus \$7,000.00 out of the GOMESA Surplus Funds.

Upon motion by Mr. Ronald Menard, duly seconded by Mr. Chad Lege, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury approved to adopt a resolution authorizing the President to sign the CEA with CPRA in regard to the North Vermilion Bay Shoreline Protection Project (TV-0077).

President Poche' recognized Report of Standing Committees, Coastal Protection/Restoration Committee.

Upon motion by Mr. Errol Domingues, duly second by Mr. Ronald Menard, 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.

OCTOBER 02, 2024
ABBEVILLE, LOUISIANA

AS A RESULT OF A COASTAL PROTECTION & RESTORATION COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON OCTOBER 02, 2024, THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED FOR THE JURY'S CONSIDERATION:

1. It is recommended the Police Jury approve to continue placing rocks on the existing rocks on the eastside of the Boston Canal for the North Vermilion Bay Shoreline Protection Project (TV-0077).
2. It is recommended the Police Jury approve to reach out to the drainage board encompassing the Schooner Bayou Rehabilitation Project (ME-0039) and request they operate and maintain the structure.
3. It is recommended the Police Jury approve to move forward with the Vermilion River Bridge Debris Barrier System if there are additional funds available through LWI/OCD to fund the shortfall.
4. It is recommended the Police Jury approve to get CPRA to come for the next Coastal Meeting and if need be, make it a special meeting. The request will be made by the President.
5. It is recommended the Police Jury authorize Ms. Shannon Neveaux, Mr. John Trahan, Mr. Troy Dubois and Judge Edwards to speak on behalf of the committee at the CWPRAA meeting to discuss the Vermilion River 4 Mile Cut Project and the Boston and Oaks Canals Hydrologic Restoration and Shore Protection.
6. It is recommended the Police Jury authorize Ms. Shannon Neveaux to make a presentation of the parish master plan to the Cheniere Plain Board.

Respectfully submitted
Mr. Chad Lege
Vice-Chairman

President Poche' recognized Report of Standing Committees, Courthouse/General Needs Committee.

Upon motion by Mr. Chad Vallo, duly second by Mr. Ronald Darby, 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 02, 2024

ABBEVILLE, LOUISIANA

AS A RESULT OF A COURTHOUSE/GENERAL NEEDS COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON OCTOBER 02, 2024, THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED FOR THE JURY'S CONSIDERATION:

1. It is recommended the Police Jury approve the Application for Temporary Permit to Sell Alcoholic Beverages for the Le Bayou Legendaire Company (Movie/Theatre Event – Screening of the Blob), October 18, 2024, located at 1307 S. Henry St, Abbeville, LA.
2. It is recommended the Police Jury approve payment of the following invoices from The Sellers Group:
 - (A) Invoice No. 5601, Professional Services for Blighted Property Investigations & Evaluations: 3037 Lamas St, Erath, 3122 Theodore Rd, Erath, 2927 Gene Rd, Erath, dated September 18, 2024, in the amount of \$784.30.
 - (B) Invoice No. 5602, Professional Services for Blighted Property Investigations & Evaluations: 3630 Veteran Memorial Drive, Abbeville, Lots 40-43 Hwy 82 Elm St, Perry, 14911 Bridge Street, Perry, dated September 18, 2024, in the amount of \$615.00.
3. It is recommended the Police Jury approve to publish and mail out the Road Tax Renewal Information Sheet.

Respectfully Submitted,
Mr. Chad Vallo
Chairman

President Poche' recognized Report of Standing Committees, Public Works Committee.

Upon motion by Mr. Chad Lege, duly seconded by Mr. Ronald Darby, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury approved to amend No. 1 to be 7.49 acres instead of 4.72 acres.

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

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
OCTOBER 02, 2024
ABBEVILLE, LOUISIANA

AS A RESULT OF A PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON OCTOBER 02, 2024, THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED FOR THE JURY'S CONSIDERATION:

1. It is recommended the Police Jury authorize Legal Counsel to send a letter to the farmer, who is farming the new borrow pit property and negotiate a price for the current crop on the 7.49 acres we need for dirt. - Amended
2. It is recommended the Police Jury approve to close the existing borrow pit per the initial agreement with the school board.
3. It is recommended the Police Jury approve to get bids for constructing an asphalt road on the new borrow pit road.
4. It is recommended the Police Jury approve Partial Payment No. 6, Vermilion Shell & Limestone – Contract 6: Hauling of Borrow Material for the Solid Waste Facility Borrow Pit Project, in the amount of \$10,672.20.
5. It is recommended the Police Jury authorize Sellers & Associates to prepare the Request for Proposal package for the Collection, Transportation and Disposal of Residential/Commercial Solid Waste Contract.
6. It is recommended the Police Jury approve to adopt the new Lease Agreement for the Little Chapel Volunteer Fire Department for an increased yearly rental of \$100.00 per year, lease to expire September 30, 2024. Along, with authorizing the President to sign the lease agreement.
7. It is recommended the Police Jury approve payment of Invoice No. INVLA24-0385, Delta Fire and Safety – International Tanker (Abbeville Fire Department) replace primer with air primer, dated September 24, 2024, in the amount of \$3,570.22.
8. It is recommended the Police Jury approve the usage of two (2) dumpsters for the Delta Waterfowl Fundraising Banquet, October 29, 2024, located at QSA, Erath.
9. It is recommended the Police Jury approve the usage of two (2) dumpsters for the St. Joseph Catholic Church Bar B Q Fundraiser, November 2, 2024, located at St. Joseph Catholic Church, Maurice.
10. It is recommended the Police Jury approve the usage of two (2) dumpsters for the Giant Omelette Celebration, November 2, 2024, located at Magdalen Square, Abbeville.
11. It is recommended the Police Jury approve to amend the Blighted Property Ordinance to state - this ordinance only applies to recognize subdivisions and the

complainant must live or own property on the street or own property adjacent to the blighted property to file a complaint.

12. It is recommended the Police Jury approve the request from the LeLeux VFD for the material to improve the access road for the dry hydrant location adjacent to Mr. Douglas LeBeouf (which is off of Lonnie Road) with the nearest intersection being LA Hwy 13, ED14.

Respectfully Submitted,
Mr. Brent Landry
Chairman

President Poche' recognized Report of Standing Committees, Public Road Committee.

Upon motion by Mr. Chad Lege, duly second by Mr. Chad Vallo, 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
OCTOBER 02, 2024
ABBEVILLE, LOUISIANA

AS A RESULT OF A PARISH ROAD COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON OCTOBER 02, 2024, THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED FOR THE JURY'S CONSIDERATION:

1. It is recommended the Police Jury authorize Sellers & Associates to get with Legal Counsel and the Permit Specialist to create regulations for the RV Parks coming up in the Parish.
2. It is recommended the Police Jury approve to award the lowest bidder, L&R Construction Co Inc of Kaplan (Basic Bid + Alternate I: \$639,618.10), for the 2022 Bridge Improvement Project, Phase III: Andrus, Hilton, Scanlon, Wright and Aaron Roads.
3. It is recommended the Police Jury approve Partial Payment No. 2, L&R Construction – Weill St Bridge, in the amount of \$6,881.90.

Respectfully Submitted,
Mr. Chad Lege
Chairman

President Poche' recognized Report of Standing Committees, Finance Committee.

Upon motion by Mr. Ronald Menard, duly second by Mr. Dane Hebert, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury approved the Finance Committee recommendations and authorize the appropriate officials to carry out the recommendations.

FINANCE COMMITTEE
OCTOBER 02, 2024
ABBEVILLE, LOUISIANA

AS A RESULT OF A FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON OCTOBER 02, 2024, THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED FOR THE JURY’S CONSIDERATION:

1. It is recommended the Police Jury approve to accept the Group Health Insurance Rate Renewal.

Respectfully Submitted,
Mr. Ronald Menard
Chairman

President Poche’ recognized New Business. Need a motion to approve the following Administrative Cost reimbursement from various funds to the General Fund for the year 2024.

2024 Administrative Cost			
	Proposed Gross 2024 Tax Collectible	Percentage	To be refunded to General Fund
General Fund	1,400,380	23.33%	114,354.68
Health Unit	973,477	16.22%	79,493.89
Parishwide	1,240,994	20.68%	101,339.26
RD 1 - Mtne.	151,576	2.53%	12,377.66
Mtne. Of R.D.:			
Sub 1 of 2	447,746	7.46%	36,562.83
Sub 2 of 2	8,988	0.15%	733.96
Sub 3 of 2	310,166	5.17%	25,328.08
Sub 4 of 2	367,300	6.12%	29,993.63
Sub 5 of 2	220,844	3.68%	18,034.07
RD 3	151,048	2.52%	12,334.54
RD 4-A	203,856	3.40%	16,646.83
RD 6	123,597	2.06%	10,092.90
RD 7	371,288	6.19%	30,319.28
Ward 8 Cemetary	30,877	0.51%	2,521.41
	6,002,137	100.00%	490,133.00
			(114,354.68) G.F. Share
			375,778.32
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		Due To General Fund	375,778.32
		Salaries:	490,132.96
		Adm. Salaries:	490,133

Upon motion by Mr. Errol Domingues, duly seconded by Mr. Chad Lege, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury approved the Administrative Cost reimbursement from various funds to the General Fund for the year 2024.

President Poche' 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. Chad Vallo, duly seconded by Mr. Brent Landry, 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. Chad Vallo, duly seconded by Mr. Ronald Menard, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury approved to close the VPPJ Offices for the November 5th, 2024 Election.

Upon motion by Mr. Errol Domingues, duly seconded by Mr. Chad Lege, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury approved to adopt a resolution authorizing the filing of an application with the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development for a grant under any of the following FTA programs managed through LA DOTD:

- 49 CFR 5311, Formula Grant for Rural Areas

Upon motion by Mr. Dane Hebert, duly seconded by Mr. Shane Meaux, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury approved the usage of one (1) dumpster for the Knight of Columbus Council 8843 – Fall Jambalaya Fundraiser, October 20, 2024, located at 12995 LA Hwy 699, Maurice.

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

Upon motion by Ms. Liz Touchet, duly seconded by Mr. Keith Meaux, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury approved a Permit Extension for 203A Weill St., Abbeville, ED5 (building it in cash as they go).

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

- (A) Invoice No. 27490, Project No. 5263-18, Vermilion Parish Solid Waste Plant Semi-Annual AR/GMR; Leachate Report; GMR Maintenance; Groundwater Monitoring; Alternate Source Demonstration (August 2024), dated September 24, 2024, in the amount of \$1,000.00.

- (B) Invoice No. 27491, Project No. 8645-19, Solid Waste Facility Borrow Pit Project Contract 6: Processing of Partial Payment Estimate, dated September 24, 2024, in the amount of \$737.50.
- (C) Invoice No. 27493, Project No. 8937-26, Vermilion Parish Solid Waste Plant Area IIB Phases I & II: Locate and Establish (Coordinate) Bearing Distances Control for Top of Waste on Silt Fencing, dated September 24, 2024, in the amount of \$255.00.
- (D) Invoice No. 27494, Project No. 8937-39, Vermilion Parish Solid Waste Plant Permit Modification – New Cell IIIB, dated September 24, 2024, in the amount of \$3,270.00.
- (E) Invoice No. 27495, Project No. 8937-40 Vermilion Parish Solid Waste Plant Permit Topographic Survey – New Cell IIIB, dated September 24, 2024, in the amount of \$635.00.
- (F) Invoice No. 27496, Project No. 8937-39, Miscellaneous Engineering Services: 2yr Service Renewal Contract (01-24-2024 – 01-24-2026) for Routine Sewage Plant and/or Pump Station Inspections and Maintenance – Prepare Specifications and Contract Documents, dated September 24, 2024, in the amount of \$475.00.
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- (G) Invoice No. 27492, Project No. 8874-01, 2016 Flood Event – Recovery Efforts Administration/Management/DAC Services – Correspondence with Parish & OCD for Match Program Documentation (November 2022 – May 2024), dated September 24, 2024, in the amount of \$266.00.
- (H) Invoice No. 27498, Project No. 9166-01, Southwest Coastal Study: Elevation Program Coordination (June 2021 – August 2024), dated September 24, 2024, in the amount of \$311.25.
- (I) Invoice No. 27501, Project No. 9383-05, Vermilion River: LCG 2024 Spot Dredging Near Rotary Point, dated September 24, 2024, in the amount of \$540.00.
- (J) Invoice No. 27504, Project No. 9604-02, FEMA Public Assistance Mgmt Services: Coordinate Debris Pick-up and Reimbursement under GOHSEP Assistance Program, dated September 24, 2024, in the amount of \$3,053.75.
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- (K) Invoice No. 27508, Project No. 9065-09, Youngs Coulee Water Control Structure: Coordination of H&H Study, dated September 24, 2024, in the amount of \$2,101.75.
- (L) Invoice No. 27509, Project No. 9065-10, Youngs Coulee Water Control Structure: Topographic Survey (H&H Study Support), dated September 24, 2024, in the amount of \$3,694.50.
- (M) Invoice No. 27510, Project No. 9065-11, Youngs Coulee Water Control Structure: Grant Administrative Services, dated September 24, 2024, in the amount of \$2,965.00.
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Upon motion by Mr. Brent Landry, duly seconded by Ms. Liz Touchet, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury approved payment of Invoice No. 36-40987, Louisiana Testing & Inspection Inc – 2023 Road improvements Phase III, dated September 30, 2024, in the amount of \$4,408.30.

President Poche’ recognized New Business, Legal Counsel, Mr. Paul Moresi, III.

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

Upon motion by Mr. Dane Hebert, duly seconded by Mr. Shane Meaux, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury authorized the Administrator to sign the two lien applications and to have them filed in the Mortgage Records: 9606 Tenock Rd, Abbeville (\$9,600.00 + \$100.00 Administrative Fee) and 5729 & 5799 Kennel Rd, Maurice (\$46,800.00 + \$100.00 Administrative Fee).

Upon motion by Mr. Chad Lege, duly seconded by Mr. Ronald Menard, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury approved to give a thirty (30) day extension to the Blighted Property located at 14911 Bridge Street, Perry.

Upon motion by Mr. Errol Domingues, duly seconded by Mr. Brent Landry, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury approved to pay the farmers their loss crop at the established rate.

Upon motion by Mr. Errol Domingues, duly seconded by Mr. Chad Lege, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury approved to amend the agenda to allow Mr. David Trahan speak.

Upon motion by Mr. Chad Lege, duly seconded by Mr. Errol Domingues, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury approved to grant a variance for a set-back for Mr. David Trahan off of Mack Switch Road, Erath, if the Permit Specialist is finished with the report.

Upon motion by Mr. Errol Domingues, duly seconded by Mr. Chad Lege, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury approved to enter into Executive Session.

Upon motion by Mr. Chad Vallo, duly seconded by Mr. Errol Domingues, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury approved to return to Regular Session.

President Poche' recognizes Police Juror President Business.

Upon motion by Mr. Brent Landry, duly seconded by Mr. Brian Hollier, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury approved to amend the agenda to discuss and vote on vacating the Governmental Complex Building.

Upon motion by Mr. Ronald Darby, duly seconded by Mr. Errol Domingues, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury approved to give tenants at the Governmental Complex six (6) months to get out of the building and to offer the Sheriff Department the Old Health Unit to be negotiated at a later date if they are interested. Along, with notifying the Clerk of Court and the Registrar of Voters Office.

President Poche' recognizes Police Juror Business.

Upon motion by Mr. Ronald Darby, duly seconded by Mr. Ronald Menard, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury approved to black top handicap spots at the voting Masonic Lodge.

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

Parish Administrator

President