

AVOYELLES PARISH POLICE JURY
REGULAR SESSION
Tuesday, August 13, 2019

The Police Jury of the Parish of Avoyelles, State of Louisiana, met in Regular Session at its regular meeting place, the Police Jury Meeting Room of the Parish Courthouse, on Tuesday, August 13, 2019, at 6:00 p.m. (CST).

There were present: Marsha Wiley, Mark Borrel, Glenn McKinley, Kirby Roy, McKinley Keller, Trent Clark, John Earles, Charles Jones and Henry Moreau

Also present were: Joseph Frank, Director of Homeland Security; Ron Bordelon, Engineer; Kevin Bordelon, Civil Works Director, Jenny Falls, Raymond Daye, Maria Trichell, Legislative Aide to Representative Robert Johnson; Constance Andrews, Permit Official, Dr. Paul Coreil, Interim Chancellor at LSUA; Harold Schoeffler Vermillion Parish Watershed Activist; Bernard LeBas, Candidate State Senate, Bobby Bordelon, Jimmy Landry, President of the Spring Bayou Lake Commission, Tommy Maddie, and Russell Marcotte

Absent were: None

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America followed by an opening prayer, led by Charles Jones.

On motion by Marsha Wiley, seconded by Trent Clark, the Avoyelles Parish Police Jury does hereby adopt the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on July 9, 2019, as printed in the "Weekly News", official Journal of the Parish and mailed to all Jurors. On vote, the motion carried.

On motion by Glenn McKinley, seconded by Kirby Roy, the Avoyelles Parish Police Jury does hereby adopt the minutes of the Avoyelles Parish Police Jury Special Meeting, held on August 8, 2019, as presented. On vote, the motion carried.

On motion by Kirby Roy, seconded by John Earles, the Avoyelles Parish Police Jury does hereby adopt the minutes of the Commission of Tourism Meeting held on July 29, 2019, as presented. On vote, the motion carried.

On motion by Trent Clark, seconded by Mark Borrel, the Avoyelles Parish Police Jury does hereby adopt the minutes of the Spring Bayou Lake Commission held on July 22, 2019, as presented. On vote, the motion carried.

On motion by Marsha Wiley, seconded by Mark Borrel, the Avoyelles Parish Police Jury does hereby adopt the minutes a the Library Board Meeting held on April 10, 2019 & April 24, 2019, as presented. On vote, the motion carried.

On motion by Trent Clark, seconded by Henry Moreau, the Avoyelles Parish Police Jury does hereby adopt the minutes of the Road District No. 2, held on July 23, 2019, as presented. On vote, the motion carried.

On motion by Kirby Roy, seconded by Mark Borrel, the Avoyelles Parish Police Jury does hereby accept the Financial Report as presented during Committee Meeting held on August 8, 2019 (Budgeted to Actual included). On vote, the motion carried.

Delegations:

- Dr. Paul Coreil, returning to LSUA for a second time as Chancellor, offering to assist new students and those returning to LSUA. He also mentioned two new career tracts are being offered, Bachelor of Science in Accounting and Bachelor of Science in Kinesiology.
- H. Bernard LeBas- State Representative H. Bernard LeBas announced his candidacy for District 28 of the Louisiana State Senate.

"I have been privileged and honored to represent District 38 of the Louisiana House of Representatives for the past twelve years. I have always kept an open door policy and worked to stay in touch with the voters of my district in order to accurately express the views of my Constituents while in Baton Rouge. I am a lifelong resident of Ville Platte, where I grew up with four brothers and three sisters. My parents were Mayor Harvey and Myrtle Bordelon LeBas. I am married to Charlotte Demoruelle LeBas, we have five children (Robert, Paul, Nick, Dana and Luke) and nine grandchildren. I am a practicing pharmacist, together with my children, we own four pharmacies in both Evangeline and St. Landry Parishes. While serving as a State Representative, I was honored to service on the Health and Welfare, Agriculture, Appropriation and DOTD Committees, all dealing with issues important to our rural area. Because of my background as a pharmacist, many of my colleagues looked to me for input on questions concerning medical issues. Coming for a small rural farming community, I have very good rapport with farmers, cattlemen and horsemen. Working on getting improvements on roads and bridges has been a very important part of my work in the legislature. Improving our school and teacher benefits will always be a primary issue for me. During the next few months, I will travel through Senate District 28 to learn the needs, concerns, and views of citizens. I encourage all civic and political groups to invite me to their meetings where we might discuss ways to make our state all that it can be and all that it should be."

- Harold Schoeffler/Brent Logan- Central Louisiana Watershed Initiative

A proposed flood-prevention plan affecting the lower Atchafalaya Basin parishes was discussed that included possible federal funding and no-cost initiatives for several potential projects that include dredging waterways and

enlarging flood-gate structures in order to move water through a series of bayous north of St. Landry southward to the Henderson swamp, according to environmental activist Harold Schoeffler of Lafayette.

Following the 2016 flood event that included areas of Lafayette, Baton Rouge and other parts of the state, Schoeffler said the federal government has earmarked an estimated \$1.4 billion to spend on flood prevention plans.

In St. Landry, Schoeffler is recommending the enlargement of a flood gate at the levee between Bayou Courtableau and the Bayou Ami borrow pit. The dual-purpose gate, Schoeffler has pointed out, would be used as one part of a flood-mitigation effort and water quality resource affecting St. Landry, St. Martin Iberia and St. Mary parishes.

Schoeffler said the Courtableau-Bayou Ami borrow pit proposal if approved, is estimated to cost \$4 million.

One major projected no cost item in the Acadiana Flood Plan for St. Landry involves under the direction of the Teche-Vermilion Water District, the opening a Bayou Courtableau flood gate to a borrow pit canal that would allow water to flow down to Lake Fausse Point, Schoeffler pointed out during his presentation.

Bayou Courtableau, Schoeffler said, is a main focus of the project because the waterway is handling water from watershed areas and bayous north of St. Landry. Due to the amount of water flowing from Rapides and Avoyelles parish watershed areas, Courtableau has become unable to accept the increased rate.

"Water can't drain and it will stack up," said Schoeffler. "The gate (at Courtableau and Bayou Ami) is four feet right now, and our plan is to create a two-gate structure to allow water to flow at a faster rate and then be diverted into the Atchafalaya Basin.

"This would benefit Avoyelles, Rapides and St. Landry. The larger gate would help unrestricted flow by taking all the water from (Bayou) Teche and Courtableau and put it where it could move easier."

On motion by Marsha Wiley, seconded by Mark Borrel, the Avoyelles Parish Police Jury does hereby appoint Mark Mixon to the Southwest Avoyelles Waterworks District, replacing Fletecher Bubnezer. On vote, the motion carried..

On motion by John Earles, seconded by McKinley Keller, the Avoyelles Parish Police Jury does hereby adopt a resolution authorizing the issuance, sale and delivery of \$1,000,000 of Revenue Anticipation Note of Hospital Service District No. 1. On vote, the motion carried.

On motion by Henry Moreau, seconded by Trent Clark, the Avoyelles Parish Police Jury does hereby approve Pan American Invoice #26137 & 26132, Road District No. 2, Work Order 3 & 4., not to exceed \$1,750.00. On vote, the motion carried.

On motion by Trent Clark, seconded by Henry Moreau, the Avoyelles Parish Police Jury does hereby award to the low bidder (single submission) Brudd Construction, Road District No.2. Work Order No. 4, base bid \$326,464.07, additive alternate 419,550.90, not to On vote, the motion carried.

On motion by Henry Moreau, seconded by Trent Clark, the Avoyelles Parish Police Jury does hereby approve Diamond B Invoice # 47056 & 47053, RAP material delivered to William Guillory Road, Road District No. 2, not to exceed \$3,495.94. On vote, the motion carried.

On motion by McKinley Keller, seconded by John Earles, the Avoyelles Parish Police Jury does hereby Adopt a resolution entering into an Intergovernmental Agreement with Southwest Water Works District, CWFY FY 18-19, replacing a water main along Slaughterhouse Road. On vote, the motion carried.

On motion by Marsha Wiley, seconded by Mark Borrel, the Avoyelles Parish Police Jury does hereby approve the waiver of the rental fee of the LSU Ag Center for the State Treasurer Office to conduct a Town hall Meeting on Wednesday, August 14, 2019. On vote, the motion carried.

On motion by Mark Borrel, seconded by Marsha Wiley, the Avoyelles Parish Police Jury does hereby approve to Terrence's Service Center estimate #99, Health Unit expense not to exceed \$801.00. On vote, the motion carried.

With unanimous consent and no objection from the audience, on motion by Marsha Wiley, seconded by John Earles to add a resolution entitled "The Courtableau Teche Vermillion". On vote, the motion carried.

On motion by Marsha Wiley, seconded by Mark Borrel, the Avoyelles Parish Police Jury does hereby adopt a resolution supporting the Tech-Vermillion Watershed. On vote, the motion carried.

With unanimous consent and no objection from the audience, on motion by Glenn McKinley, seconded by Mark Borrel, the Avoyelles Parish Police Jury does hereby approve to add Log Road to the agenda for discussion. On vote, the motion carried.

On motion by Mark Borrel, seconded by Henry Moreau, the Avoyelles Parish Police Jury does hereby declare it unacceptable for Moreau's Material Yard (contracted by La. Department of Wildlife and Fisheries) to haul large loads of limestone onto Log Road. Jurors Moreau felt such weight would further damage the roadway. The Jurors agreed standards outlined in the proposed Heavy Hauler Ordinance should apply.

On motion by Mark Borrel, seconded by Glenn McKinley, the Avoyelles Parish Police Jury does hereby grant authority to the Secretary-Treasurer to pay all bills and to waive a reading of the whole. Motion carried.

There being no further business, on motion by Glenn McKinley, seconded by Trent Clark, the meeting adjourned at 8:32 p.m.. On vote, the motion carried.

s/Charles B. Jones
President

s/Jamey M. Wiley
Secretary-Treasurer

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