

The Police Jury of the Parish of Avoyelles Parish, State of Louisiana, met for a Regular Meeting at its meeting place on Tuesday, February 11, 2026, in the Police Jury Room of the Parish Courthouse, 312 North Main Street, Marksville.

There were present: Mark Borrel, Jacob Coco, Clyde Benson, Allen Thomas, Sam Pearce, Ingrid Wilson, Travis Franks, Rhett Desselle- Pan American Engineers, Kevin Bordelon, Laura Gaspard, Twyla Lemoine, Jacob Guillory-Delta Engineers, Ronald Coco, Kenneth Augustine, Tookie Pearce, Amy Guidry, Joseph Frank, Teryl St. Romain, Justin Moreau, Gloria Moreau, Chad Guillot, Steven Mayeux

Absent: McKinley Keller and Darrell Wiley

The meeting opened with prayer, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call by Secretary-Treasurer.

On motion by Clyde Benson, seconded by Allen Thomas, to adopt the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on January 13, 2026, as printed in the Weekly News and emailed/mailed to all Jurors. Motion passed.

On motion by Allen Thomas, seconded by Mark Borrel, to adopt the minutes of the Tourist Commission meeting held on January 29, 2026, as presented.

Prior to the regular meeting, a public hearing was held to receive comments regarding the proposed restriction of use of Levi Gremillion Road during wet conditions. Several individuals were present in opposition to the closure.

Mr. Justin Moreau, a landowner, strongly opposed the restriction, stating that it could potentially cause delays in emergency services. He offered to meet with the Police Jury to discuss possible solutions to address the drainage issues.

Mr. Teryl St. Romain also expressed opposition. He recommended installing culverts and suggested that if the parish could not fund the project, Road District 2 might be able to use its funds to cover the cost.

DELEGATION(S)

Amy Guidry, Operations Coordinator for Acadian Ambulance reported for January Acadian Ambulance responded to over 800 calls. The average response time was 14:10. The workforce consists of 39 paramedics and EMTs. Marksville remains the highest call volume at 145, followed by Bunkie with 87, Mansura 64, Simmesport 34, and Cottonport 33.

On motion by Allen Thomas, seconded by Travis Franks, to keep Levi Gremillion during wet conditions. Motion carried.

On motion by Sam Pearce, seconded by Mark Borrel, award bid to low bidder, Diamond B Construction Company, the contract for improvements to Business Loop Road and Riche Road, funded by Treasury, Act 461 of the 2025 RLS. The line appropriation for Business Loop Road is \$336,925, Riche Road \$622,010, Jurors Franks inquired what the budget amount was. Rhett Desselle stated the Engineers estimate was \$790,000. Motion carried.

On motion by Sam Pearce, seconded by Mark Borrel, to approve construction cost, in-house material, and engineering to be paid from Act 461 of the 2025 RLS funds. Juror Franks inquired if this would be open ended, or if it would be tracked by Oversight Committee. Civil Works Director, Kevin Bordelon informed

the jury all expenses would be within the appropriation, and the Oversight Committee would oversee expenditures as the project would progress. Motion carried.

On motion by Ingrid Wilson, seconded by Clyde Benson, to approve payment of \$1659.07 for Kenneth Augustine vehicle damage claim. On vote:

Yea	Clyde Benson and Ingrid Wilson
Nay	Travis Franks, Mark Borrel, Sam Pearce and Allen Thomas
Abstain	None
Absent	McKinely Keller and Darrell Wiley

The motion failed.

On motion by Allen Thomas, seconded by Mark Borrel to accept the Memorial Resolution for the late Carlos Mayeux as a part of the meeting minutes. Motion carried.

On motion by Mark Borrel, seconded by Clyde Benson, to authorize the president to sign a letter to DOTD assuring compliance with the Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act, Off-System Bridge Program. Motion carried.

Authorize the president to sign the Cooperative Agreement with Department of Veteran Affairs, annual contribution \$28,488.54-Motion to table offered by Clyde Benson, seconded by Ingrid Wilson, to table pending clarification. Motion carried.

On motion by Allen Thomas, seconded by Travis Franks, authorizing Delta Engineers to submit a CWF application Water Works District of Avoyelles (Moreauville) to make necessary repairs to an existing ground storage tank. Water Works District has agreed to fund any repairs in excess of the CWF grant. Motion carried.

On motion by Allen Thomas, seconded by Sam Pearce, selecting Delta Engineers for Road District 2 roadway improvement project for 2026. Motion carried.

On motion by Allen Thomas, seconded by Sam Pearce to solicit RFPs for Beaugard Lemoine Drainage Improvement Project. Jurors Franks requested Oversight Committee to review. Motion carried.

On motion by Sam Pearce, seconded by Clyde Benson, to request the PJ send a letter to RAPC requesting a discount of fees for the permit for APSB project in Bayhills, PJ will match by 50%. Prior to the vote, Marcus Guillory with Delta Engineers explained that the reduction of fees would benefit the School Board. He stated that there was a shortfall with the Culinary Arts building which is estimated to be approximately 17,000 square feet. Twyla Lemoine inquired whether the reduction would offset the Culinary Arts building shortfall, to which Mr. Guillory responded in the affirmative. Motion carried.

On motion by Sam Pearce, seconded by Allen Thomas, to amend Demolition fines as follows:

- An individual performing their own demolition without first obtaining a demolition permit shall have seven (7) days from the start of the project to obtain the required permit. Failure to do so shall result in a ~~\$500~~ \$250 fine.
- Individuals performing their own demolition shall have six (6) months to complete the project. Failure to complete the project within this timeframe shall result in a ~~\$2,500~~ \$250 fine.
- Contractors performing demolition work shall have thirty (30) days to complete the project. Failure to complete the project within this timeframe shall result in a \$2,500 fine.
- A demolition permit is required for any structure larger than 500 square feet, regardless of whether the structure has utilities.

On motion by Sam Pearce, seconded by Mark Borrel, to introduce the One Acre Lot Ordinance, and to advertise a public hearing in March. Motion carried.

On motion by Allen Thomas, seconded by Markk Borrel, to approve placement of a historical marker t the site of Sarto Bridge in Big Bend area of the Bayou des Glaises Cultural District to commemorate events associated with he 1927 Mississippi River Flood. Motion carried.

On motion by Allen Thomas, seconded by Ingrid Wilson to reappoint Cody Jackson to the Fire District 2 board (Simmesport) for two years. Motion carried.

On motion by Mark Borrel, seconded by Allen Thomas, granting Secretary/Treasurer to pay all bills and waive a reading of the whole.

On motion by Clyde Benson, seconded by Allen Thomas, the meeting adjourned.