

AVOYELLES PARISH POLICE JURY  
REGULAR SESSION, held at the LSU Ag Center  
*Tuesday, July 12, 2022*

The Police Jury of the Parish of Avoyelles, State of Louisiana, met in Regular Session, at the LSU Ag Center in Mansura, La, on Tuesday, July 12, 2022, at 5:00 p.m.

There were present: Mark Borrel, Bobby Bordelon, Jacob Coco, Darrell Wiley, John Earles, Kirby Roy Charles Jones, Glenn McKinley, McKinley Keller, Amy Guidry-Acadian Ambulance, Rayford Laborde- Avoyelles Parish Planning Commission, Anthony Desselle- Avoyelles Parish Police Jury Sign Manager, Nealie Hale- Avoyelles Parish Librarian, Artha Hale, Ronald Coco, Travis Ducote, Brian Bordelon, Murell St. Romain, Laura Gaspard- Assistant Secretary-Treasurer, Joseph Frank- Director of Homeland Security & Emergency Preparedness, and Doug Burke- Auditor Kolder, Slaven & Company

Absent were: Kevin Bordelon, Civil Works Director

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance by McKinley Keller

Prayer by Charles Jones

Roll call by Secretary-Treasurer. Quorum present

On motion by Mark Borrel, seconded by Darrell Wiley, to adopt the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on June 14, 2022, printed in the "Weekly News", and mailed to all Jurors. On vote, the motion carried.

On motion by Glenn McKinley, seconded by John Earles, to accept the minutes of the Tourist Commission Meeting held on June 20, 2022, as presented. On vote, the motion carried.

On motion by Charles Jones, seconded by John Earles, to accept the financial report offered by the Secretary-Treasurer which displayed budget/actual. On vote, the motion carried.

Delegates:

Douglas Burke- Kolder & Slaven and Company-An unmodified opinion was expressed on compliance with each major federal program and financial statements.

Nelial Hale- Avoyelles Parish Librarian-Ms. Nealie asked the Jury to consider proceeding with the renovation to the existing Bunkie Library. In addition, to award to the apparent low bidder M.D. Descant.

Travis Ducote- Mr. Ducote is here requesting the Parish clean a canal adjacent to this property. He said there was a gentlemen agreement that was never fulfilled. In addition, he spoke briefly about a lawsuit filed against him by the state to obtain a portion of his property to install culverts. The state was awarded Eminent Domain as a result. He also expressed concern for an elderly neighbor whose home in danger of flooding if the parish failed to clean the canal. Mr. Ducote has lost several pieces of personal belongings due to high water levels. President Roy stated the canal was cleaned approximately 12 years ago. Our Civil Works Director was not in attendance due to a family

emergency, so he was not available to provide information. President Roy offered to meet with Pan American Engineers, Civil Works Director, Kevin Bordelon and Mr. Ducote to formulate a plan to alleviate the drainage issue.

Brian Bordelon-Mr. Bordelon expressed his concern and spoke on behalf of other residents and elected officials regarding a proposed green site on Cocoville Road. He is strongly against the Parish using the property to burn rubbish that would cause unpleasant smells, fumes, and nuisance smoke. He stated the area is a business district and would like to see economic growth. Mr. Bordelon went on to inform he Jury the Parish lost 2 potential business due to the condition of the area. President Roy and other Jurors advised Mr. Bordelon the proposed site would be gated with a fence, security cameras and a guard.

On motion by Charles Jones, seconded by Darrell Wiley, to award Capital Outlay, Phase V project, pending a negotiated deductive change order between APPJ and T.L. Construction. On vote, the motion carried.

On motion by, seconded by, to adopt a resolution of substantial completion for JB Luke Road, Phase I. On vote, the motion carried.

On motion by Charles Jones, seconded by Bobby Bordelon, to approve Lacombe's Fencing estimate to install fencing at Council on Aging. On vote, the motion carried.

On motion by McKinley Keller, seconded by John Earles, to award to the low bidder, M.D. Descant the Bunkie Library renovation project, \$1,092,000 with a deductive change order \$62,000. On vote, the motion carried.

On motion by Mark Borrel, seconded by Jacob Coco, to proceed with the drainage project behind the Avoyelles Parish Sheriff's Office, contingent upon the availability of funds from the state. This project is cash that requires no match by the parish. On vote, the motion carried.

On motion by John Earles, seconded by Mark Borrel, advertise to seek bids for Fuel and Aggregate. On vote, the motion carried.

On motion by John Earles, seconded by Charles Jones, to accept the Design Exception for Carbon Plant Road. On vote, the motion carried.

On motion by John Earles, seconded by Charles Jones, authorizing the Planning Commission to send a violation letter to Felicia and Darnell Allen and the Johnsons. On vote, the motion carried.

On motion by Darrell Wiley, seconded by Mark Borrel, to approve the revised Plat for Kaleb Saucier. On vote, the motion carried.

Upon recommendation by the Avoyelles Parish Planning Commission, on motion by John Earles, seconded by Charles Jones, to table the use of rough-cut wood for construction. On vote, the motion carried.

After conducting interviews, on motion by Glenn McKinley, seconded by Jacob Coco to hire Janet Jacobs as Permit Clerk, \$13.00/hr. On vote, the motion carried.

With unanimous consent, and no objection from the audience to add a personnel change to the agenda for discussion and vote. On motion by Bobby Bordelon, seconded by Jacob Coco, the motion carried.

On motion by Bobby Bordelon, seconded by Jacob Coco to appoint April McDaniel to the position of Permit Office Manager/ Floodplain Official, \$15.07. On vote, the motion carried.

On motion by Bobby Bordelon, seconded by John Earles, to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with Bordelonville and Fifth Ward Library, pending Attorney review. On vote, the motion carried.

On motion by Glenn McKinley, seconded by McKinley Keller, to appoint Eddie Pierite to the Parish Port Commission On vote, the motion carried.

On motion by Charles Jones, seconded by Bobby Bordelon, to introduce a Fiberoptic/Utility Right-Of-Way, calling for a public hearing on August 9, 2022, at 4:45 to hear objections to adopting said ordinance. On vote, the motion carried.

On motion by Bobby Bordelon, seconded by Darrell Wiley, to grant authority to the Secretary-Treasurer to pay bills and waive a reading of the whole. On vote, the motion carried.

There being no further business, on motion by John Earles, seconded by Jacob Coco, the meeting adjourned at 6:14 p.m.

s/Kirby Roy  
President

s/Jamey M.Wiley  
Secretary-Treasurer