

AVOYELLES PARISH POLICE JURY
REGULAR SESSION- *Via Zoom Audio and Video*
Tuesday, August 11, 2020

The Police Jury of the Parish of Avoyelles, State of Louisiana, met in Regular Session, in the Meeting Room of the Parish Courthouse, on Tuesday, August 11, 2020, at 5:00 p.m. (CST) via Zoom

There were present: Elzie Bryant, Mark Borrel , Glenn McKinley, Kirby Roy, John Earles, Bobby Bordelon, Jacob Coco and McKinley Keller

Also present were: Kevin Bordelon, Civil Works Director; Ron Bordelon, Parish Engineer; Jonathan Gaspard, Assistant District Attorney; Laura Gaspard, Assistant Secretary/Treasurer; Joseph Frank, Director of Homeland Security; Douglas Burke, Kolder & Slaven and Co.; Aimee Dupuy, School Board Member; Latisha Small, School Board Member; Jimmy Landry, Spring Bayou Lake Commission

Absent were: Charles Jones

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America followed by and opening prayer, led by Kirby Roy.

There was no public attendance.

Roll call by Secretary-Treasurer.

Delegations:

Douglas Burke with Kolder & Slaven provided the report to the jury. There was unmodified opinion expressed on the financial statements. An unmodified opinion was expressed on compliance with each major federal program.

Secretary-Treasurer provided the financial report. This included available cash balances and budget to actual comparisons.

On motion by Mark Borrel, seconded by Jacob Coco, the Avoyelles Parish Police Jury does hereby adopt the minutes of a Special Meeting held on July 14, 2020, as printed in the “Weekly News”, official Journal of the Parish and mailed to all Jurors. On vote, the motion carried.

There was discussion regarding a leak at Little River Dam. Kevin Bordelon, Civil Works Director proposed a plan to repair said leak.

After a public meeting, with no one in attendance in person or via Zoom in regarding to the “No Wake Zone”, on motion by Bobby Bordelon, seconded by Mark Borrel, authorizing the Spring Bayou Restoration Team to install “No Wake Zone” buoys at Little River & Bay Sec. The SBRT will bear all cost. On vote, the motioned passed.

On motion by Elzie Bryant, seconded by Mark Borrel authorizing the president to sign all documents relating to the Council on Aging 5311 Federal Grant and to effectuate the same. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mark Borrel, seconded by John Earles, to support and facilitate where necessary the Cultural Arts Guidelines, and further acknowledge the local governing authorities with jurisdiction over the cultural district fully endorse and authorize the application with the understanding that local sales tax will be exempt on sales of original works of art within the boundary of the district. On vote, the motion carried.

On motion by Bobby, seconded by Jacob Coco, the Avoyelles Parish Police Jury does accept the Financial Report as presented by Secretary-Treasurer (Budget to Actual included). On vote, the motion carried.

On motion by Mark Borrel, seconded by Bobby Bordelon, the Police Jury will participate as part of the Strong Start Plan in conjunction with the Avoyelles Parish School Board. The APSB will be installing Access Points that will provide wireless internet access. The access point offered by APPJ will be located at the LSU Ag Center in Mansura. On vote, the motion carried.

On motion by McKinley Keller, seconded by Mark Borrel, upon recommendation by Pan American Engineers to accept and award to the low bidder T.L. Construction Parish wide Roadway Improvements, Phase III Project. On vote, the motion carried.

On motion by Jacob Coco, seconded by Mark Borrel, authorizing the disbursements of DOJ grant funds \$33,086.00. On vote, the motion carried.

On motion by McKinley Keller, seconded by Glenn McKinley, upon recommendation by Pan American awarding Solid Waste Yard Improvements to the low bidder, M.D. Descant, LLC, \$1,311,947.75. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by McKinley Keller, seconded by Mark Borrel, upon recommendation by Pan American to award to the low bidder M.D. Descant Public Works Administrative Building Project \$698,000.00. On vote, the motion carried.

On motion by Mark Borrel, seconded by Jacob Coco, to approve to renew the Xerox Lease for 12th JDC/Judge's Office, \$370.73 for 48 months. On vote, the motion carried.

On motion by Bobby Bordelon, seconded by Jacob Coco, to approve final payment to BRUDD Construction for Road District No. 2 Project, \$32,818.54. On vote, the motion carried.

On motion by Jacob Coco, seconded Bobby Bordelon, approving payment of \$24,530.90 to T.L. Construction for a Road District No. 2 Project, RFP No. 1. On vote, the motion carried.

On motion by John Earles, seconded by McKinley Keller, authorizing the adoption of a Resolution after receiving five (5) proposals from Land Bank/Sponsors for mitigation of 0.2 acres related to clearing, grubbing and excavation activities required for Project 5- Bunkie for wildlife mitigation. Upon recommendation by Pan American to award to the low bidder, RES \$1,400.00. On vote, the motion carried.

On motion by Jacob Coco, seconded by Bobby Bordelon, approving payment of Invoice #27664, to Pan American Engineers for Work Order No. 5- Road District No. 2 Project, \$4,000.00 for engineering services. On vote, the motion carried.

On motion by John Earles, seconded by Elzie Bryant, to adopt the Initial Annual Certification of Compliance with State of Louisiana Off System Bridge Program.

**INITIAL ANNUAL CERTIFICATION
OF COMPLIANCE WITH
STATE OF LOUISIANA
OFF SYSTEM REPLACEMENT PROGRAM**

WHEREAS the code of Federal Regulations as enacted by the United States Congress mandates **that** all structures defined as bridges located on all public roads shall be inspected, rated for safety load capacity and posted in accordance with the National Bridge Inspecting Standards and that an inventory of these bridges be maintained by each State; and,

WHEREAS the responsibility to inspect, rate, and load post these bridges under the authority of Avoyelles Parish in accordance with those standards is delegated by the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development to Avoyelles Parish.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the governing authority of Avoyelles Parish (herein referred to as the Parish) that the Parish in a regular meeting assembled does hereby certify to the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (herein referred to as DOTD) that for the period 1st of October 2020 through 30th of September 2021,

1. The Parish has performed all interim inspection on all Parish owned or maintained bridges in accordance with National Bridge Inspection Standards.
2. All bridges owner or maintained by the Parish have been structurally analyzed and rated by the Parish as to the safe load capacity in accordance with AASHTO Manual for Maintenance Inspection of Bridges, The load posting information that had been determined by the LA DOTD for all bridges where the maximum legal load under Louisiana State Law exceeds the load permitted under the operating rate as determined above will be critically reviewed by the Parish to reflect all structural changes, any obsolete structural rating or any missing structural ratings.
3. All parish owned or maintained bridges which require load posting or closing are load posted or closed in accordance with the table in the DOTD Engineering Directives and Standards Manual Directive No. 1.1.1.8. All DOTD supplied loads posting information concerning a bridge had been critically reviewed by the parish Engineer prior to loads posting.
4. All bridges owned or maintained by the Parish are shown on the attached list in the format specified by the DOTD. Corrections to date supplies to the Parish by the DOTD are noted.

These stipulations are prerequisites to participation by the Parish in Off-System Bridge Replacement Program.

On vote, the motion carried.

On motion by Mark Borrel, seconded by Elzie Bryant to table an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Avoyelles Parish School Board to maintain Lake Long turnaround. On vote, the motion to table passed.

On motion by Bobby Bordelon, seconded by Glenn McKinley, to adopt a resolution to construct approaches at Couvliion Street R/R Crossing. The contractor will remove the existing asphalt and add stone on the approaches to build them back up. The work will be done starting at the track and extending out 40 feet. This will be done on both sides of the crossing. Then the contractor will come back with 4” of asphalt (two lifts of 2” a lift) for the final roadway. On vote, the resolution offered for adoption was approved.

On motion by McKinley Keller, seconded by Mark Borrel, to replace the late Planing Commission Member, Pete Riche, with Sullivan Batiste. On vote, the motion carried.

Item 27- calling for a motion to replace Samuel Brunet on the Planning Commission was tabled.

On motion by Mark Borrel, seconded by Elzie Bryant, 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 Mark Borrel, seconded by Jacob Coco, the meeting adjourned.

s/Kirby Roy
President

s/Jamey M. Wiley
Secretary-Treasurer

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