

Special Meeting
Of the
Assumption Parish Police Jury

Wednesday, March 29, 2023
5:00 O'clock p.m.

1. The Special Meeting of the Assumption Parish Police Jury was called to order by Police Jury President Leroy Blanchard in the Assumption Parish Police Jury Chamber located at 4813 Highway 1, Napoleonville, Louisiana.
2. Police Jurors recorded as present were: Mr. Ron Alcorn, Ward 1; Mr. Jeff Naquin, Ward 2; Mr. Patrick Johnson, Ward 4; Mr. Michael Dias, Ward 5; Mr. Chris Carter, Ward 6; Mr. Leroy Blanchard, Ward 7; Mr. Jamie Ponville, Ward 8, Mr. Myron Matherne, Ward 9.
Police Juror recorded as absent was: Mr. Irving Comeaux, Ward 3.
3. President Leroy Blanchard led the prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.
4. President Leroy Blanchard requested comments, questions or concerns regarding any item on the agenda. Following three (3) calls, there were no comments received.
5. President Leroy Blanchard recognized Jacob Loeske, GIS Engineering, who suggested the APCC Sewer System to be submitted for the Clear Water State Revolving Funds (CWSRF) – DEQ application and the 1% Loan Program. He then stated that Assumption Parish meets the criteria for the loan forgiveness and the amount is determined prior to acceptance and commitment of the Parish. The application is due Friday, March 31, 2023 and the cost estimate is \$300,000.
6. Police Juror Jeff Naquin offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Ron Alcorn, “THAT, the Police Jury approve adoption of a resolution for an application to Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) for Assumption Parish Community Center Sewer Treatment Plant.” The motion was unanimously adopted. (resolution attached)
7. Jacob Loeske, GIS Engineering requested approval for GIS along with C.J. Savoie Engineers to prepare the application for the Clear Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) for Assumption Parish with no associated cost to the Jury.
8. Police Juror Ron Alcorn offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Myron Matherne, “THAT, the Police Jury approve and authorize GIS Engineering, LLC along with CJ Savoie Engineers to prepare the application to CWSRF for the Assumption Parish Community Center sewer treatment plant at no cost to the Police Jury.” The motion was unanimously adopted. (resolution attached)
9. President Leroy Blanchard recognized Kevin Belanger & Cassie Parker of South Central Planning Development Commission, who stated that 90% of the Transportation Alternatives Program Project is complete. He stated that there are still waiting on some missing information from the Parish Engineer. He then stated that tomorrow, March 30, 2023 at 4:30 is the deadline for the submission of the application. He added that the cut off with the application in hand will be tomorrow, if missed, South Central Planning will continue to work to develop the application packets. Mr. Belanger then stated that they must have a resolution of support of the match for the application. He then insisted that no more than two (2) applications will be approved and stated that Belle Rose has a good chance of being funded. In response, the Parish Engineer stated that we're down to the 11th hour therefore, he can only provide as much as time permits. Mr. Belanger then suggested that the Police Jury select two (2) projects to submit for the TAP Project application. Following a brief discussion, the Police Jury selected Belle Rose Sidewalks at a cost of \$1,064,000 and La. Hwy 403 Sidewalks at a cost of \$283,800 using State Engineering. The also agreed that the match would be budgeted through the Road Fund, up to 15% only.
10. Police Juror Chris Carter offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Jamie Ponville, “THAT, the Police Jury approve a resolution requesting the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development to accept the Belle Rose Sidewalks and Highway 403 Sidewalks Projects as part of its Transportation Alternatives Program.” The motion was unanimously adopted. (resolution attached)
11. President Leroy Blanchard recognized the Parish Engineer, who stated that the permits for Hwy 70 Cross Culvert Project have already been submitted, He then stated that the cost estimate for two (2) 36” culverts for the project is \$50,000. Following a brief discussion, the Jury agreed to use Non-GOMESA Bond funds and to authorize the Parish Engineer to go out for a 30 day bid.
12. Police Juror Jamie Ponville offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Michael Dias, “THAT, the Police Jury approve and authorize the use of \$50,000 of Non-Bond GOMESA funds for the Highway 70 Cross Culvert Project and authorize the Parish Engineer to go out for 30 day bid.” The motion was unanimously adopted. (resolution attached)

13. Police Juror Chris Carter offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Ron Alcorn, "THAT, the Police Jury approve adding the following matters to the agenda." The motion was unanimously adopted.
14. President Leroy Blanchard requested comments, questions or concerns regarding GIS Engineering performing survey of Gilbert Dupaty Memorial Park for the Land Water Conservation Application. Following three (3) calls, there were no comments received.
15. Police Juror Ron Alcorn offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Myron Matherne, "THAT, the Police Jury approve and authorize GIS Engineering LLC to perform a survey of Gilbert Dupaty Memorial Park in the amount of \$12,000 and funded from Ward 1 Recreation allocation." The motion was unanimously adopted. (resolution attached)
16. Police Juror Ron Alcorn offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Chris Carter, "THAT, there being no further business to come before the Police, the meeting be adjourned." The motion was unanimously adopted.

Kim M. Torres
Secretary-Treasurer

Leroy Blanchard
President

On a motion by Mr. Chris Carter, seconded by Mr. Jamie Ponville, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Assumption Parish Police Jury does hereby approve and request that the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development accept the following projects as part of its Transportation Alternatives Program:

- Belle Rose Sidewalks
- Highway 403 Sidewalks

WHEREAS Assumption Parish is committed to improving the quality of life of its residents by implementing transportation mobility improvements which foster safe and comfortable transportation, promote a healthy lifestyle, protect the environment, provide connectivity between neighborhoods, parks and commercial centers, and integrate walking and biking alternatives into the transportation network.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Assumption Parish Police Jury, the governing authority of said Parish;

SECTION 1. That Assumption Parish Police Jury will serve as local sponsor and prepare and submit an application for Transportation Alternative Program projects in accordance with the DOTD's Transportation Alternatives Information Guide for the projects listed above.

SECTION 2. That Assumption Parish Police Jury will provide ongoing maintenance with its existing work force and accept liability for the pedestrian facilities.

SECTION 3. That Assumption Parish Police Jury elects to have the State design and engineer the project.

SECTION 4. That Assumption Parish Police Jury does hereby approve a match of 10% not to exceed 15% for the said projects.

Upon being placed to a vote, the above resolution was adopted as follows:

Yeas: 8
Nays: 0
Absent: Irving Comeaux

On a motion by Mr. Jeff Naquin, and seconded by Mr. Ron Alcorn, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS the Parish of Assumption is in need of a new sewer treatment facility for the Assumption Parish Community Center and Emergency Shelter; and,

WHEREAS loans and/or grants for this project may be available through the Clean Water State Revolving Fund loan program operated by the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Policy Jury of the Parish of Assumption that:

Section 1. The Police Jury President is hereby authorized to submit a pre-application, application, and issue debt in the amount *not to exceed* \$ 300,000 to the Department of Environmental Quality on behalf of the Parish of Assumption for the purpose of placing this project on the Project Priority List for funding through the Clean Water State Revolving Fund loan program; and,

Section 2. The Police Jury President is further authorized to furnish such additional information as may reasonably be requested in connection with the pre-application; and,

Section 3. The Police Jury President is hereby designated as the Official Project Representative for the Parish of Assumption for any project that may result from the submission of the pre-application.

Upon being placed to a vote, the resolution was adopted as follows:

YEAS	<u>8</u>
NAYS	<u>0</u>
ABSENT	<u>Irving Comeaux</u>
ABSTAINING	<u>0</u>

On a motion by Mr. Ron Alcorn, and seconded by Mr. Myron Matherne, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLUTION

The Assumption Parish Police Jury does hereby approve and authorize GIS Engineering LLC, along with CJ Savoie Engineers to prepare the application to the Clean Water State Revolving Fund for the Assumption Parish Community Center Sewer Treatment Plant at no cost to the Assumption Parish Police Jury.

Upon being placed to a vote, the resolution was adopted as follows:

YEAS	<u>8</u>
NAYS	<u>0</u>
ABSENT	<u>Irving Comeaux</u>
ABSTAINING	<u>0</u>

On a motion by Mr. Jamie Ponville, seconded by Mr. Michael Dias, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Assumption Parish Police Jury does hereby approve and authorize the use of \$50,000 of Non-Bond GOMESA funds for the Highway 70 Cross Culvert project and authorize the Parish Engineer to go out for 30 day bid.

Upon being placed to a vote, the above resolution was adopted as follows:

Yeas: 8
Nays: 0
Absent: Irving Comeaux

On a motion by Mr. Ron Alcorn, seconded by Mr. Myron Matherne, the following resolution was adopted:
RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Assumption Parish Police Jury does hereby approve and authorize GIS Engineering LLC to perform survey work of the Gilbert Dupaty Memorial Park in the amount of \$12,000 to be funded from the Ward 1 Recreation allocation.

Yeas: 8

Nays: 0

Absent: Irving Comeaux