

Drainage Committee Meeting
Of the
Assumption Parish Police Jury

Wednesday, July 14, 2021
4:20 O'clock p.m.

1. Committee members recorded as present were: Mr. Jamie Ponville, Chairman; Mr. Chris Carter, Mr. Irving Comeaux, Mr. Leroy Blanchard, Mr. Myron Matherne.
Committee member recorded as absent was: Mr. Patrick Johnson.
Other Police Juror recoded as present was: Mr. Ron Alcorn, Mr. Michael Dias.
2. Committee member Leroy Blanchard offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Chris Carter, "THAT, the committee approve tabling all items on agenda until next meeting." The motion was unanimously adopted.
3. Committee member Leroy Blanchard offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Chris Carter, "THAT, there being no further business to come before the Drainage Committee, the meeting be adjourned." The motion was unanimously adopted.

Sandy B Foret
Accountant

Jamie Ponville
Drainage Committee Chairman

Personnel Committee Meeting
Of the
Assumption Parish Police Jury

Wednesday, July 14, 2021
4:30 O'clock p.m.

1. Committee members recorded as present were: Mr. Chris Carter, Chairman; Mr. Irving Comeaux, Mr. Ron Alcorn, Mr. Michael Dias, Mr. Leroy Blanchard, Mr. Jamie Ponville, Committee member recorded as absent was: Mr. Patrick Johnson. Other Police Juror recorded as present was: Mr. Myron Matherne.
2. Committee member Michael Dias offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Leroy Blanchard, "THAT, the committee approve the end of probationary period for Allen Eschette effective 7/8/2021." The motion was unanimously adopted.
3. Committee member Michael Dias offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Ron Alcorn, "THAT, the committee approve and authorize the hiring of Mr. Courtney Picou, Master Equipment Operator at a grade 5 step 12, \$15.25 per hr. to be effective after all pre-employment test are successfully completed." The motion was unanimously adopted.
4. Police Juror Jamie Ponville offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Ron Alcorn, "THAT, there being no further business to come before the Personnel Committee, the meeting be adjourned." The motion was unanimously adopted.

Sandy BI Foret
Secretary-Treasurer

Chris Carter
Personnel Committee Chairman

Finance Committee Meeting
Of the
Assumption Parish Police Jury

Wednesday, July 14, 2021
4:35 O'clock p.m.

1. Committee members recorded as present were: Mr. Irving Comeaux, Vice-Chairman; Mr. Ron Alcorn, Mr. Michael Dias, Mr. Chris Carter, Mr. Myron Matherne.
Committee member recorded as absent was: Mr. Patrick Johnson/
Other Police Jurors recorded as present were: Mr. Jeff Naquin, Mr. Leroy Blanchard, Mr. Jamie Ponville.
2. Committee member Myron Matherne offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Ron Alcorn, "THAT, the committee approve payment of bills submitted through July 8, 2021." The motion was unanimously adopted.
3. Vice Chairman Irving Comeaux recognized Tiffani Dorsa, CPA, Postlethwaite & Netterville, stated that they have audited the financial statements for the Assumption Parish Police Jury for the year ended December 31, 2020 and have issued a report therein dated June 30, 2021. She stated that as apart of the audit they made a study and evaluation of internal accounting control to the extent they considered necessary to evaluate the system as required by auditing standards. However, she stated that during the course of the audit, they became aware of several matters that are opportunities for strengthening internal controls or operating efficiency. She proceeded to state the comments and suggested recommendations and stated that the information is solely for the use the Jurors and management of the Police Jury and should not be used for any other purpose. Ms. Dorsa stated that she was proud to state that there were no findings or deficiencies to report and issued a letter to management for opportunities for improvement. She stated that the Federal Programs was also audited and there were no matters to identify in that process.
4. Committee member Michael Dias offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Ron Alcorn, "THAT, the following matter be added to the agenda." The motion was unanimously adopted.
5. Vice-Chairman Irving Comeaux requested comments, questions or concerns regarding the revoking of the cancellation of lease with Capital One. Following three (3) calls, there were no comments received.
6. Committee member Myron Matherne offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Michael Dias, "THAT, the committee approve revoking the cancellation of the lease with Capital One to allow the Clerk of Court Office utilization of the space for a 50/50 share of the rental cost. The motion was unanimously adopted.
7. Committee member Ron Alcorn offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Chris Carter, "THAT, there being no further business to come before the Finance Committee, the meeting be adjourned." The motion was unanimously adopted.

Sandy B. Foret
Accountant

Irving Comeaux, Vice Chairman
Finance Committee

Economic Development Committee Meeting
Of the
Assumption Parish Police Jury

Wednesday, July 14, 2021
4:50 O'clock p.m.

1. Committee members recorded as present were: Mr. Leroy Blanchard, Chairman; Mr. Ron Alcorn, Mr. Irving Comeaux, Mr. Michael Dias, Mr. Jamie Ponville.
Committee member recorded as absent was: Mr. Patrick Johnson.
Other Police Jurors recorded as present were: Mr. Jeff Naquin, Mr. Chris Carter, Mr. Myron Matherne.
2. Chairman Leroy Blanchard recognized Kevin Belanger, CEO South Central Planning & Development Commission (SCPDC), who stated that on June 28, 2021 a board meeting was held discussing how regional economic development occurs in the 4 parishes in the region. He stated that SCPDC is a liaison for the U.S. Department of Commerce and every year they put together a comprehensive economic development strategy. He stated that this strategy is a culmination of all aspects of economic development allies from around the region. He then stated that there was a lot of discussion of what takes place at the State level. He stated that the Parish President sits on the board and assists with putting together a plan to address the needs and concerns of the parishes. He then stated that relative to the State the parish has the ability with the Federal Government to control what the regional board does but no control when it comes to localize planning commissions or economic development. Mr. Belanger then stated that the Bayou Region Board suggested that they consult with the Secretary of LED to communicate and ask for more involvement and to have more accountability allowing the Jury and or Parish President to have a say so in the overall process of how the funds are spent. Currently the funds are spent through the South Louisiana Economic Council, who has been receiving these monies for the past 35 yrs. They are a private non-profit which is called NGO (Non-Governmental Organization). The SCP board discussed this matter and thought that it would be best that those funds should flow through their commission so they could create the accountability and measurement that are looked at with the Economic Development and given to the Parishes. He then stated that they prepared a letter for the Parish President to sign relative to bringing accountability and how things are functioning. In response, Police Juror Jeff Naquin stated that the Jury hadn't seen anything for South Louisiana Economic Council for many years and they attended the meeting 2 weeks ago. He then stated that sending the letter and getting a little aggressive for Assumption Parish could help. In response, Chairman Leroy Blanchard stated that the Jury had an Economic Development Coordinator who was not able to perform those duties because of the APCC management. He then stated that the Parish had not seen anything because there is no parish employee seeking it indicating that the employee needs to be put in place. He then stated that since President Patrick Johnson was a part of the discussion, he would suggest that the matter be tabled until he is present to update the Jury on his views of the meeting so the Jury can have both sides of the conversation and he supports sending the letter. In response, Kevin Belanger stated that this was a good comment but President Patrick Johnson has bestowed and approved for Juror Jeff Naquin to serve in that capacity and he was in attendance at the meeting and did participate therefore, he would be the one to update the Jury relative to the meeting. Chairman Leroy Blanchard then asked why is a representative there who does not sit on the Economic Development Committee. He stated that the Economic Development Committee had a meeting with South Louisiana Economic Council (SLEC) relative to the path forward and because Mr. Naquin wasn't on the committee, he wasn't in attendance. In response, Kevin Belanger stated that SCPDC will not get any funds from what is received from SLEC, they are interested in making sure that the funds flow through the commission so the highest elected officials can see where the funds are going. He stated that SLEC will still play a role on how economic development is delivered and if the secretary of LED can be persuaded to allow those funds to come to SCPDC they will put together a detailed work plan and they will see that SLEC contends to the plan. He added that today there is no oversight by any public body over that entity. He then handed out a document that the LA Economic Development Department puts out and it talks about establishing an economic development organization in a competitive environment. He also stated that it talks about how the organization can be private, public and the pros and cons and stated that SCPDC would like to, once the Secretary receive the letter, go through the document with SLEC, at the table, so they can relay to them what they are actually doing. If it's contrary to any of the parishes, they would have a chance to redirect the revenues to whomever they choose. He then stated that SCPDC is not after any money they just want to assist and ensure that what is being done federally is matching what is going on statewide and locally. A brief discussion was held regarding putting accountability into the process of using tax payer's funds that hasn't been in 35 yrs. Following the discussion, Mr. Belanger stated that the commission wants to make sure the funds are spent wisely and efficiently. He added that the parishes have no say so in the process but what they are proposing will allow for an effective change. Following a brief discussion, the committee agreed to making a change.
3. Committee member Jamie Ponville offered a motion, "THAT, the matter be tabled until the next meeting."
4. Committee member Irving Comeaux offered a countermotion, seconded by Mr. Michael Dias 'THAT, the committee approve and authorize the Police Jury President to sign a letter to the

Secretary of LED requesting accountability into the process of using tax payer's funds wisely and efficiently." The motion was adopted with Jamie Ponville and Leroy Blanchard voting nay.

5. Chairman Leroy Blanchard recognized the Accountant, who stated that the Secretary-Treasurer wants the Jury to decide what direction they want to go in with the Economic Development/Grant writer position. In response, Chairman Leroy Blanchard reiterated that the Secretary-Treasurer believes some of the candidates will remove themselves once the budget for the position is revealed. Therefore, it is the committees wish to move forward with the proposed salary and allow her to make a recommendation based upon her interviews. Committee member Ron Alcorn suggested that none of the applicants be ruled out until salary is discussed. Following a discussion relative to the position that was advertised for, the committee agreed to interview and present the salary.
6. Committee member Irving Comeaux offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Jamie Ponville, "THAT, the committee approve to continue the interview process." The motion was unanimously adopted.
7. Committee member Jamie Ponville offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Michael Dias, "THAT, there being no further business to come before the Economic Development Committee, the meeting be adjourned." The motion was unanimously adopted.

Sandy B. Foret
Accountant

Leroy Blanchard, Chairman
Economic Development Committee

Solid Waste Committee Meeting
Of the
Assumption Parish Police Jury

Wednesday, July 14, 2021
5:00 O'clock p.m.

1. Committee members recorded as present were: Mr. Jeff Naquin, Chairman; Mr. Irving Comeaux, Mr. Michael Dias, Mr. Chris Carter, Mr. Myron Matherne.
Committee members recorded as absent was: Mr. Patrick Johnson.
Other Police Jurors recorded as present were: Mr. Ron Alcorn, Mr. Leroy Blanchard, Mr. Jamie Ponville.
2. Chairman Jeff Naquin recognized Jamie with Waste Pro, who stated that it's been two (2) weeks and there are about 500 carts to deliver and the list is growing. He stated that they have subbed out another company and by the end of the week deliveries to Pierre Part and Napoleonville will be completed and by Monday he would have an ETA on the remaining areas of the parish. A response team has been formed to give up to day information on carts, pick-up, missed pick-ups, etc. He stated that they have increased the trucks on the ground to facilitate the trash pick-up. He added that as they go, they are seeing less carts to be used under this contract. In response, Chairman Jeff Naquin stated that there will be some hiccups but all the Parish is asking is that Waste Pro stays on top of the collection. Jamie also stated that the ETA on the trucks are still planned for the end of August and once in effect, they will have their route ware installed with real time GPS guidance. In response, Jamie stated that damage to carts on the Hwy will be the responsibility of the public. He stated that the trucks reach about 4 ft. He further stated that he can try to isolate those issues but will get with the Jury to come up with a plan. Following a discussion relative to damaged carts, Police Juror Leroy Blanchard stated that the contract stated that damaged and stolen carts will be replaced by the contractor. He stated that he submitted the pricing for roll off and commercial bins to President Johnson and added a discount rate for non profit that have festivals, etc. In response, he stated that they are delivering about 70-80 carts a day so by the end of next week they will be completed. In response to people receiving more than one cart with one water meter, Police Juror Leroy Blanchard stated that he spoke with Mr. Murphy regarding and was informed that Waste Pro will run a duplicate check, approach those residents and offer the resident to pay for the 2nd cart or it needs to be returned. A brief discussion was held regarding the Parish collection for 1 cart and Waste Pro collecting for 2 carts.
3. Chairman Jeff Naquin recognized the OHSEP Director, who stated that he has a new resident applying for a permit and requested the process for getting a garbage can. He also stated that the individual will have a unit with 4 residents. Following a discussion, the committee agreed that the matter would be reported to the Secretary-Treasurer once the account is set up. Police Juror Leroy Blanchard stated that this was discussed and decided that if a resident calls Waste Pro requesting a cart, Waste Pro will then call the Waterworks to verify before a cart is delivered. Committee member Irving Comeaux stated that he and the Secretary-Treasurer spoke with the Waterworks Manager, who was also unaware of how 1 meter service 2 residents had been occurring and stated that the Waterworks also benefits from making sure the count was accurate. Police Juror Ron Alcorn suggested that a letter be sent to the Waterworks as it relates to new residents and request that their information be forwarded to Waste Pro. In response, Police Juror Chris Carter stated that he spoke with the Waterworks Manager and was told that this information should be provided by the Police Jury to Waste Pro. Following a brief discussion, Chairman Jeff Naquin stated that the Secretary-Treasurer and the OHSEP Director should get together and set up a system that should be followed.
4. Chairman Jeff Naquin recognized Police Juror Leroy Blanchard, who stated that he had several residents asking about the procedure so he proceeded to read the ordinance. He then stated that there are a few things that need to be updated to reflect what is being done. He then pointed out cost for illegal dumping being \$25 and stated that the State statute starts at \$1,000. A brief discussion was held relative to an increase in that fee. He then stated that the curbside collection time should be changed from 7 a.m. to 6 a.m. and stated that section 9:59 relative to the rate structure needs to be determined how it will be handled. He stated that he has a constituent that pays 5 garbage fees on 1 meter. In response, he stated that the individual has a business and was told he generated enough garbage and needed to obtain 5 cans. He then proposed that if a person request a 3rd cart it would be at the fee of \$25 but any more would require that you get a dumpster. In response, Jamie stated that Waste Pro will charge the \$65 for the 2nd cart and the initial fee but a 2nd \$25 fee for the 3rd cart. A brief discussion was held regarding the current size of the cart (90 gal as opposed to the old contract allowed (3) 30 gal. cans. They also discussed what should constitute getting a dumpster, why the business with 5 cans and 1 meter was being charged the amount stated and the previous contractor was charging by roof tops. Following the brief discussion, Chairman Jeff Naquin stated that he would follow up on this matter therefore, the committee took no action and will address the changes at an upcoming meeting.

5. Committee member Michael Dias offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Chris Carter, "THAT, there being no further business to come before the Solid Waste Committee, the meeting be adjourned." The motion was unanimously adopted.

Sandy B. Foret
Accountant

Jeff Naquin, Chairman
Solid Waste Committee

Engineering/Grants Committee Meeting
Of the
Assumption Parish Police Jury

Wednesday, July 14, 2021
4:50 O'clock p.m.

1. Committee members recorded as present were: Mr. Irving Comeaux, Chairman; Mr. Leroy Blanchard, Mr. Ron Alcorn, Mr. Michael Dias, Mr. Jamie Ponville, Committee member recorded as absent was: Mr. Patrick Johnson. Other Police Jurors recorded as present were: Mr. Jeff Naquin. Mr. Chris Carter, Mr. Myron Matherne.
2. Chairman Irving Comeaux recognized Jacob Loeske, GIS Engineering, who stated that it's been a busy past 3 weeks. He stated that they were able to put a few crews out to complete the canals that were originally designated and those that were added after the May flood. He stated that they were able to do some of the levees but still have the Labadieville levee to complete, did a few hydro surveys in Lake Verrett up to Pierre Part Bay and a few other upcoming locations. He further stated that there is more surveying to do but it will take some time. Mr. Loeske stated that in the last 3 months they surveyed 87 miles and have drone footage along with some pictures. He continued to inform the committee of upcoming work for the master plan outside the parish jurisdiction. He stated that a substantial meeting was held at the Port in Baton Rouge with Congressman Graves, Senator Rick Ward, representatives from the west side of the river, Corp of Engineers, CPRA, several other parishes, the Parish Engineer, and several Jurors were in attendance. He stated that they spoke about additional funding that's available. He stated that It was a great meeting and Assumption Parish was heard. He stated that he gave a presentation for the upper delta along with Assumption. Mr. Loeske stated that there is \$600 million coming in from the Biden's Administration at which \$300 million was dedicated to a water sector council. Out of that \$300 million, they are addressing HB 2 funding, Capital Outlay, and any remaining funds. There will be a submission of an application due August 1, 2021 but there are no rules, etc. at this time. He stated that they are all working together along with a regional approach to a plan. He then stated that Congressman Graves mentioned funding for elevating roads as well as the need for smaller and larger pump stations in the area or region. He added that each parish will require support from each other. Mr. Loeske stated that Tuesday, July 20, 2021 at 6 p.m. he will be presenting the Assumption Parish Phase 1 Plan to the Lower Delta in Donaldsonville and the need for funding for the Master Plan. He then reviewed the mapping of the areas that have been surveyed and stated that all of this data is being input in to continue to build the model. He presented the overall chart of where they are and stated that the time chart is indicating that they are 22% complete of the entire Master Plan and this week they will be tapped out of the \$120,000 allocation. Therefore, he stated that additional funding is needed to continue the efforts of surveying and modeling. He then stated that March 2022 is where they will take the surveying and existing modeling and propose the new projects for the plan. He stated that from June to September they will close on the 18 months and finalize the project scope, have meetings, have a form in hand and advertise for bids and go out for projects. Chairman Irving Comeaux initiated a discussion regarding the Donner Canal Project. In response, Jacob Loeske gave a brief explanation of the Region Plan and it facets. Committee member Leroy Blanchard stated that Congressman Graves stated that there is funding now that's why the projects needs to be identified because the amount of money that has been sent to Louisiana for these types of projects is sufficient to fund a large project like what's being discussed. He also stated that the upper Parishes realizes that projects in Assumption Parish helps them.
3. Chairman Irving Comeaux recognized the Accountant, who stated that the contract agreement requires federal language because its federal funding used.
4. Committee member Ron Alcorn offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Jamie Ponville, "THAT, the committee approve the amendment #1 and #2 between Assumption Parish Police Jury and GIS Engineering, LLC Inc., for the Master Drainage Plan Phase I & II to include the required "Federal Compliance Provisions for Professional Service Contracts and authorize the President to sign." The motion was unanimously adopted.
5. Chairman Irving Comeaux recognized committee member Michael Dias, who stated that the Parish Engineer prepared a scope to go out for RFQ's for the geotechnical services for Attakapas Landing. The Parish Engineer stated that the Police Jury requested that he prepare a scope of services for a RFQ package for going out for proposals g geotechnical services for Attakapas Landing. He stated that it was prepared and forward to everyone. He then requested the Jury's next step, advertising, scoring, etc. Committee member Ron Alcorn suggested that the Parish use CJ Savoie professional services and enter into an agreement for such.
6. Committee member Ron Alcorn offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Jamie Ponville, "THAT, the committee approve to enter into an agreement with CJ Savoie Engineering for the Attakapas Landing Geotechnical Services." The motion was unanimously adopted.

7. Chairman Irving Comeaux recognized the OHSEP Director, who stated that the final walk through of the Cancienne Canal was done with the contractor and the landowner. He stated that a punch list of items was done and he is recommending substantial completion.
8. Committee member Leroy Blanchard offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Michael Dias, "THAT, the committee approve and grant substantial completion for Parish Wide Drainage Project (Cancienne Canal)." The motion was unanimously adopted.
9. The OHSEP Director stated that change order #4 is a deduction of \$57,100 to line up the contractor with the amount that was actually spent. He stated that the cost was reduced by not seeding the entire project because grass was already there. In response, he stated that the funds can't be used it will go back to the State CDBG funding.
10. Committee member Ron Alcorn offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Jamie Ponville, "THAT, the committee approve change order #4 for the Parish Wide Drainage Project (Cancienne Canal)." The motion was unanimously adopted.
11. Chairman Irving Comeaux recognized the Parish Engineer, who stated that the change order is a final adjustment change order for additional pavers. He stated that the overall project is still within DOTD budget so no additional funding is needed from the Jury. He then stated that the amount of the change order is \$2,951.79 and recommends approval. He then stated that substantial completion will be requested at the next meeting. In response, he stated that the contractor did get paid but the parish is still holding some funds plus a retainage bond held by DOTD that covers any item including the punch list.
12. Committee member Michael Diss offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Jamie Ponville, "THAT, the committee approve Change Order #1 for the Napoleonville Lanier Park and authorize the President to sign." The motion was unanimously adopted.
13. The Parish Engineer then stated that he and the Parish Manager have attempted to get several quotes to repair the Bayou Drive bridge. He stated that they have only received 1 quote which is within the \$100,000 budget. The quote was received from Byron Talbot Construction in the amount of \$81,323.50. He then stated that he and the Parish Manager are in agreement and recommends approval to accept. In response, the Parish Engineer stated that the design will maintain a lane for traffic.
14. Committee member Ron Alcorn offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Jamie Ponville, "THAT, the committee approve and accept the quote submitted by Byron Talbot Construction in the amount of \$81,323.50 for the Bayou Drive Bridge Repair." The motion was unanimously adopted.
15. Committee member Jamie Ponville offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Ron Alcorn, "THAT, the committee approve a hardship variance for side and rear setbacks at 114 Grand Coupe Lane." The motion was unanimously adopted.
16. Chairman Irving Comeaux recognized the OHSEP Director, who stated that the entire southeast of Louisiana has the highest level of COVID 19 with the exception of a few parishes. He stated that the Parish current rate is 11.5% from 7.8 last week and 5.3% the week prior to that. He stated that there are some changes and they are not sure if it's due to the Delta Variant. He stated that there were some things that happened to the Parish internally as well therefore, some additional precautions have been enacted especially for the meeting tonight. He added that the safest way to deal with this is to get vaccinated. He stated that an event was held on yesterday and 24 people received the vaccination. He also stated that there are some tentative discussions being held regarding the booster, what will happen and how to do a mass population. He stated that there was an event held in Labadieville and they are still looking for places to host these events. He also stated that they are looking for groups that are interested in doing a group setting. In response, he stated that Assumption Parish is less than 30% vaccinated. In reply to the school system, the OHSEP Director stated that the Superintendent stated he would make the push regarding the vaccine.
17. The OHSEP Director stated that the Cancienne Canal is closed out. He stated that the Marais Canal and Generator Projects are in the final completion just waiting for the inspection and getting gas meters. He stated that at the next meeting the report should be that they are completed with all the CDBG Projects.
18. Chairman Irving Comeaux recognized committee member Leroy Blanchard, who stated that GIS has expended the 1st allocation and is now requesting additional funding for continued surveying. in the amount of \$120,000. He stated that GIS will be meeting with USDA and NRCS to apply for the funding to complete the project. He added that if the allocation is made and we get funding before the additional allocation is spent, the funds will not be spent. He then stated that this will assist for an additional 4 months of continued surveying.
19. Committee member Ron Alcorn offered a motion seconded by Mr. Jamie Ponville, "THAT, the committee approve an additional \$120,000 to GiS Engineering for continued surveying for 4 more months of the Drainage Master Plan." The motion was unanimously adopted.

20. Committee member Michael Dias offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Jamie Ponville, 'THAT, there being no further business to come before the Engineering/Grants Committee, the meeting be adjourned.' The motion was unanimously adopted.

Sandy B. Foret
Accountant

Irving Comeaux, Chairman
Engineering/Grants Committee

Public Hearing (Proposed 3-Way stop at Carol Street and Linda Street)
Of the
Assumption Parish Police Jury

Wednesday, July 14, 2021
5:50 O'clock p.m.

1. Committee members recorded as present were: Mr. Irving Comeaux Vice-Chairman; Mr. Ron Alcorn, Mr. Jeff Naquin, Mr. Michael Dias, Mr. Chris Carter, Mr. Leroy Blanchard, Mr. Jamie Ponville, Mr. Myron Matherne.
Committee member recorded as absent was: Mr. Patrick Johnson.
2. Vice Chairman Irving Comeaux stated that the purpose of the public hearing is to receive public comments, questions or concerns regarding the proposed 3-Way stop at Carol Street and Linda Street. He opened the meeting to the public. He recognized Donna Landry, Carol Drive, who stated that there are several families with small children and grandchildren. She stated that the speed down that particular street has increased the last few years. She then stated that she would like to prevent something from happening to any of the children therefore, they are hoping a 3-Way Stop would help. She also stated that putting a 3-Way Stop at both streets would be better so she asked that it be considered. Following three (3) calls, there were no comments received.
3. Committee member Michael Dias offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Leroy Blanchard, "THAT, there being no further business to come before the Public Hearing, the hearing be adjourned." The motion was unanimously adopted.

Sandy B. Foret
Accountant

Irving Comeaux
Vice-Chairman

Regular Meeting
Of the
Assumption Parish Police Jury

Wednesday, July 14, 2021
6:00 O'clock p.m.

1. The Regular Meeting of the Assumption Parish Police Jury was called to order by Police Jury Vice-President Irving Comeaux 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. Irving Comeaux, Ward 3; 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 Jurors recorded as absent were: Mr. Patrick Johnson, Ward 4.
3. Vice-President Irving Comeaux led the prayer and Police Juror Chris Carter led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.
4. Police Juror Myron Matherne offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Ron Alcorn, "THAT, the Police Jury approve the minutes of June 23, 2021." The motion was unanimously adopted.
5. Vice-President Irving Comeaux opened the meeting to the public for any public comments, questions or concerns regarding the items listed on the agenda. He recognized Beryl Gomez, 664 Michel Rd., Pierre Part, LA, who stated that relative to transparency it was a little disappointing to hear South Central Planning come before you and give a presentation of meetings that were held by Parish Presidents and had there not been discussion by the Jury would not be evident. Therefore, she thinks transparency is important and SCP didn't present it in that format. Following three (3) calls, there were no comments received.
6. Vice-President Irving Comeaux recognized Drainage Committee Chairman Jamie Ponville, who stated that the committee met and recommended the following matters: tabling all items on agenda until next meeting.
7. Police Juror Jamie Ponville offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Ron Alcorn, "THAT, the Police Jury approve the Drainage Committee report as presented." The motion was unanimously adopted.
8. Vice-President Irving Comeaux recognized Personnel Committee Chairman Chris Carter, who stated that the committee met and recommended the following matters: end of probationary period for Allen Eschette effecting 7/8/2021 and authorize the hiring of Mr. Courtney Picou, Master Equipment Operator at a grade 5 step 12, \$15.25 per hr. to be effective after all pre-employment test are successfully completed.
9. Police Juror Chris Carter offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Myron Matherne, "THAT, the Police Jury approve the Personnel Committee report as presented." The motion was unanimously adopted. (resolution)
10. Vice-President Irving Comeaux stated that the Finance Committee met and recommended the following matters: payment of bills submitted through July 8, 2021, received an audit presentation from Postlethwaite & Netterville and revoked the cancellation of lease with Capital One to allow the Clerk of Court Office utilization of the space for a 50/50 cost share of the rental cost.
11. Police Juror Jeff Naquin offered a motion offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Michael Dias, "THAT, the Police Jury approve the Finance Committee report as presented." The motion was unanimously adopted. (resolution attached)
12. Vice President Irving Comeaux recognized Economic Development Committee Chairman Leroy Blanchard, who stated that the committee met and recommended the following matters: authorized the President to sign a letter to the Economic Development Commission requesting that South Central Planning & Development participate in the reporting and accountability of funds distributed in our area and agreed to give some direction to the Secretary-Treasurer at the next meeting.
13. Police Juror Leroy Blanchard offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Ron Alcorn, "THAT, the Police Jury approve the Economic Development Committee report as presented." The motion was adopted with Juror Chris Carter voting nay to the 2nd item.
14. Vice President Irving Comeaux recognized Solid Waste Committee Chairman Jeff Naquin, who stated that the committee met and recommended the following; received an update from Jamie with Waste Pro relative to garbage collection and discussed the solid waste ordinance and revisions.

15. Police Juror Jeff Naquin offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Michael Dais, "THAT, the Police Jury approve the Solid Waste Committee report as presented." The motion was unanimously adopted.
16. Vice President Irving Comeaux stated that the Engineering/Grants Committee met and recommended the following matters: received an update from GIS Engineering and approved an additional \$120,000 for continued surveying for 4 more months for the Drainage Master Plan, the amendment #1 and #2 between Assumption Parish Police Jury and GIS Engineering, LLC Inc. for the Master Drainage Plan Phase I & II to include the required "Federal Compliance Provisions for Professional Service Contracts and authorize the President to sign, enter into an agreement with CJ Savoie Engineering for the Attakapas Landing Geotechnical Services, grant substantial completion for Parish Wide Drainage Project (Cancienne Canal), change order #4 for the Parish Wide Drainage Project (Cancienne Canal), Change Order #1 for the Napoleonville Lanier Park and authorize the President to sign, accept the quote submitted by Byron Talbot Construction in the amount of \$81,323.50 for the Bayou Drive Bridge Repair, hardship variance for side and rear setbacks at 114 Grand Coupe Lane, received an update on the Coronavirus Pandemic and the Disaster Recovery Grants.
17. Police Juror Jamie Ponville offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Jeff Naquin, "THAT, the Police Jury approve the Engineering/Grants Committee report as presented." The motion was unanimously adopted. (resolutions attached)
18. Vice President Irving Comeaux stated that a Public Hearing was held regarding a 3-way Stop at Carol and Linda Streets. He stated that comments were received from Donna Landry in favor of the proposed 3-Way Stop. He stated that she also recommended that the 3-Way Stop be placed at both corners.
19. Police Juror Jeff Naquin offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Jamie Ponville, "THAT, the Police Jury approve adoption of the ordinance for the proposed 3-Way stop at Carol and Linda Streets." The motion was unanimously adopted. (ordinance attached)
20. Vice Chairman Irving Comeaux recognized Andrea Hollins and Javon Butler with SeLah Production Inc., who thanked the Jury for allowing them to speak and introduce their production. Ms. Javon Butler, Director of SeLah Production, Inc., stated that they are present to share their mentorship program that they have been doing throughout the parishes for the young people. She stated that they specialize in acting, singing, dancing and performing arts. She stated that Andrea Hollin, Chief Operating Officer will explain the program and hope that the Jury will consider sponsoring a child. She stated that their goal is to have 35-40 children sponsored for the upcoming session of the program. She thanked Mr. Chris Carter for sponsoring a child. Ms. Andrea Hollins stated that they specialize in career mentorship in acting, singing and dancing as well as life skills (social, moral). She stated that our young kids are very talented and they make sure they realize that even if they are not athletic or in the stem of science, technology, math, etc. that arts can be a career for them. She reiterated that they like to make the kids aware that there are other alternatives and options in life other than what they see. She stated that they partner with the Big Buddy Program in East Baton Rouge and Greater Grace in St. James. She further stated that they are hosting the stardom camp at the Lafond Performing Art Center State of the Art facility. Following her presentation, Ms. Hollins again asked that the Jurors consider becoming a sponsor for a child. Ms. Butler finished the presentation by stating that they do plays internationally and stated that the program is supported by Lieutenant Governor Nungessor. In response, Ms. Butler stated that this is her first endeavor in Assumption Parish but is reaching out to kids from different parishes. She stated that she's looking to partner with Assumption Parish Library and do a performing arts production here. She added that there is a program scheduled at the St. James Library in August.
21. Vice President Irving Comeaux recognized Gail Richard, who thanked the Jury for having the Bayou Pierre Part bridge repaired. She stated that they were the lucky ones that were stranded for 2 days on their house boat but thanks to Juror Ponville who assisted to have their boat moved. She then stated that after the repairs, she would like the bridge to be maintained. She also stated that the opening times of the bridge are good for those that are retired but the working people would like to have recreation on the weekend. She then asked that the Jury consider operation of the bridge on the weekend so that the working people can enjoy recreation. A brief discussion was then held regarding the hiring of an individual to work the bridge on the weekend for house boats. Following the discussion, Police Juror Jamie Ponville stated that he would be in favor of hiring a part-time person to open and close the bridge on the weekend only for \$25 per opening to come from the recreation fund. In response, Brain Blankenship stated that he was in contact with Coastal Bridge regarding the upgrading of the contract. He stated that they discussed the electrical repairs and will send someone out to give an estimate on the cost for repairs. Police Juror Jamie Ponville stated that this bridge must be repaired and operable. Police Juror Ron Alcorn reminded the Jury that \$100,000 has been allocated to three (3) of the bridges in the Pierre Part area under the Road Program.
22. Police Juror Jamie Ponville offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Myron Matherne, "THAT, the Police Jury approve hiring of a part-time individual to open the Lee Drive Draw Bridge on the weekend at \$25 per opening to be funded through Ward 8 recreation fund." The motion was unanimously adopted. (resolution attached)

23. Police Juror Jamie Ponville offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Leroy Blanchard, "THAT, the Police Jury approve a Can Shake Permit for Church of God of Prophecy (8/14/21 & 11/20/21)." The motion was unanimously adopted.
24. Police Juror Ron Alcorn offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Jamie Ponville, "THAT, the Police Jury approve an occupational license for Magical Fairy Designs LLC, Cookie Krumbs & More, Eclipz Sports Bar and Carter's Construction #1 LLC." The motion was unanimously adopted.
25. Police Juror Ron Alcorn offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Jamie Ponville, "THAT, the Police Jury approve calling for a Special Meeting on Wednesday, July 21, 2021 at 5 p.m. to prioritize local drainage projects to be funded through GOMESA." The motion was unanimously adopted.
26. Police Juror Jeff Naquin offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Michael Dias, "THAT, the Police Jury approve adoption of a resolution in support of resuming federal offshore leasing in the Gulf of Mexico." The motion was unanimously adopted. (resolution attached)
27. Police Juror Chris Carter offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Jamie Ponville, "THAT, the Police Jury approve adoption of ordinance 21-05 levying grass cutting charges." The motion was unanimously adopted. (ordinance attached)
28. Police Juror Jeff Naquin offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Myron Matherne, "THAT, the Police Jury approve a letter of 'No Objection' for Troy Brown Special Event Permit sale of alcohol subject to all requirements being met." The motion was unanimously adopted.
29. Police Juror Jeff Naquin offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Jamie Ponville, "THAT, the Police Jury approve proclaiming August 11, 2021 as United Way Day in Assumption Parish." The motion was unanimously adopted. (proclamation attached)
30. Vice President Irving Comeaux stated that Highways 662 and 398 are in such deplorable state and very hard to drive on. He then requested that a letter be sent to the LA DOTD requesting that something be done.
31. Police Juror Ron Alcorn offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Jamie Ponville, "THAT, the Police Jury approve sending a letter to the LA DOTD regarding the condition of Hwy 662 and 398 and the request for repairs." The motion was unanimously adopted.
32. Vice President Irving Comeaux recognized Police Juror Ron Alcorn, who stated all parish wide sewer treatment plants that have been in existence over the last 20 yrs has cost the Parish over \$600,000 in repairs. He stated that the Federal Government implemented the American Rescue Act Funds that are geared to sewer improvement. He stated that in May 2021 the Parish received \$2 million to be used toward sewer infrastructure, etc. Therefore, he requested that those funds be used towards sewer improvement. He also stated that in 20222 the Parish will be receiving another \$2 million from the American Rescue Act. Mr. Alcorn stated that another facet to that which is the Legislative passed in the regular session a Water Sector Program which also adds to sewer treatment improvements Act 410. He then stated that he would like to apply for additional funding if needed which begins on August 1, 2021. A brief discussion was then held regarding the fee collected for sewer and the amount being paid by the Parish. Police Juror Leroy Blanchard requested that the motion is for estimates only. The Parish Engineer stated that he needed approval to move forward with assessing what needs to be done and then report back to the Police Jury with a full proposal and an estimated cost before approval is requested to move forward to construction. Police Juror Chris Carter requested that the Parish Engineer apply for the Act 410 Grant for Ewell/Virginia St. Sewer Plant.
33. Police Juror Ron Alcorn offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Chris Carter, "THAT, the Police Jury approve and authorize the Parish Engineer to move forward with assessing the parish wide sewer plants and report back with a proposal and an estimated cost." The motion was unanimously adopted.
34. Police Juror Jeff Naquin offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Ron Alcorn, "THAT, the Police Jury approve the 1st phase of the derelict structure procedure for dwelling located at 405 Maple St." The motion was unanimously adopted.
35. Police Juror Jeff Naquin offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Michael Dias, "THAT, the Police Jury approve the 1st phase of the derelict structure procedure for dwelling located at 102 Sophie St. (shed only)." The motion was unanimously adopted.
36. Police Juror Ron Alcorn offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Leroy Blanchard, "THAT, the Police Jury approve the 1st phase of the derelict structure procedure for dwelling located at lot on batture bd Ease of front by Hwy 308 North by property of D. Boutain (W1)." The motion was unanimously adopted.
37. Police Juror Ron Alcorn offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Chris Carter, "THAT, the Police Jury approve a liquor license application for Demarcus Patterson dba Eclipz Sports Bar and Hope Landry dba as Community Softball League." The motion was unanimously adopted.

38. Police Juror Michael Dias offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Jeff Naquin, "THAT, there being no further business to come before the Assumption Parish Police Jury, the meeting be adjourned." The motion was unanimously adopted.

Sandy B. Foret
Accountant

Irving Comeaux
Vice President

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

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Assumption Parish Police Jury does hereby approve and authorize the use of an additional \$120,000 of GOMESA Funds (4 added months) for the continuation of Engineering Study for Phase II of the Drainage Master Plan with the anticipation of Grant Funding through NRCS to fund and finalize the study.

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

Yeas: 8
Nays: 0
Absent: Patrick Johnson

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

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Assumption Parish Police Jury does hereby approve and authorize substantial completion for the Parish Wide Drainage Project, Cancienne Canal.

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

Yeas: 8
Nays: 0
Absent: Patrick Johnson

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

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Assumption Parish Police Jury does hereby approve Change Order #4 for the Parish Wide Drainage Project, Cancienne Canal, for a reduction in the amount of \$57,100.

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

Yeas: 8
Nays: 0
Absent: Patrick Johnson

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

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Assumption Parish Police Jury does hereby approve and authorize the President to sign Change Order #1 for the Napoleonville Linear Park Project in the amount of \$2,951.79.

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

Yeas: 8
Nays: 0
Absent: Patrick Johnson

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

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Assumption Parish Police Jury does hereby approve and accept the lowest quote of \$81,323.50, submitted by Byron Talbot Construction, for the Bayou Drive Bridge Repair Project.

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

Yeas:	8
Nays:	0
Abstain:	0
Absent:	Patrick Johnson

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

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Assumption Parish Police Jury does hereby approve and grant a hardship variance for side and rear set back requirements at 114 Grand Coupe Lane.

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

Yeas: 8

Nays: 0

Absent: Patrick Johnson

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

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Assumption Parish Police Jury does hereby approve the hiring of a part-time individual to open the Lee Drive Draw Bridge on the weekend at \$25 per opening to be funded through Ward 8 recreation fund.

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

Yeas: 8

Nays: 0

Absent: Patrick Johnson

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

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Assumption Parish Police Jury does hereby approve and authorize contracting with CJ Savoie Engineering to provide estimates and design plans as required for improvements to the parish wide Sewer Facilities utilizing the Rescue Act funds.

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

Yeas: 8

Nays: 0

Absent: Patrick Johnson

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

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Assumption Parish Police Jury does hereby revoke the rental cancellation for the Capital One annex to allow the Clerk of Court Office utilization of the space for a 50/50 cost share of the rental cost.

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

Yeas: 8
Nays: 0
Absent: Patrick Johnson

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

RESOLUTION

**AUTHORIZING AMENDMENT OF PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES
CONTRACT WITH
GIS ENGINEERING, LLC
Master Drainage Plan Phase I & II**

WHEREAS the Assumption Police Jury did enter into an agreement with GIS Consulting Engineers, Inc., for professional engineering and related construction management services for its Master Drainage Plan Phase I & II, and

WHEREAS the project is being funded through GOMESA funds, and

WHEREAS it has been brought to our attention that the contract does not contain the required “FEDERAL COMPLIANCE PROVISIONS FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACTS,”

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Police Jury of Assumption Parish does hereby amend its contract with GIS Consulting Engineers, Inc., for the Master Drainage Plan Phase I & II to include the required “Federal Compliance Provisions for Professional Service Contracts.”

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

Yeas: 8
Nays: 0
Abstain: 0
Absent: Patrick Johnson

On a motion by Mr. Chris Carter, 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 the hiring of the following:

Mr. Courtney Picou., Master Equipment Operator, Grade 5 Step 12, \$15.25

To be effective after all pre-employment test are successfully completed.

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

Yeas: 8
Nays: 0
Absent: Patrick Johnson

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

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Assumption Parish Police Jury does hereby approve the end of the probationary period for the following employee accordingly:

Allen Eschette, Jr. 7/08/2021

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

Yeas: 8
Nays: 0
Absent: Patrick Johnson

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

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Assumption Parish Police Jury does hereby approve a 3-Way Stop at Carol Street and Linda Court.

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

Yeas:	8
Nays:	0
Absent:	Patrick Johnson
Abstain:	0

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WHEREAS, the United Way for South Louisiana provides much needed funding to its member agencies located in the Parishes of Assumption, Lafourche, St. Mary, and Terrebonne to provide services/assistance to residents of their communities and,

WHEREAS, United Way's mission is to be recognized as the best caring choice for donors and to provide financial support for local health and human service agencies benefiting the people of the surrounding areas, and

WHEREAS, with the support of others and donations, United Way is able to fund services related to cancer resources, counseling services, food distribution, childcare services, assisted living services, safe havens, emergency aids and other services; and

WHEREAS, for more than 125 years, United Way has evolved to meet the needs of the times and is united in caring for its community and those individuals who are unable to do so; and

WHEREAS, in order to provide these services annual campaigns are conducted to raise funds and the United Way of South Louisiana will kick off its annual campaign fundraiser on August 12, 2021.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Assumption Parish Police Jury, on behalf of the Police Jury President and the entire Assumption Parish Government, that August 12, 2021 be proclaimed:

“UNITED WAY DAY IN ASSUMPTION PARISH”

PATRICK JOHNSON
POLICE JURY PRESIDENT

IRVING COMEAUX
POLICE JURY VICE-PRESIDENT

ORDINANCE 21-05

Upon a motion presented by Chris Carter seconded by Jamie Ponville, the following ordinance was presented for adoption:

An Ordinance amending Ordinance 20-06 to authorize the levy of charges for grass Cutting as an assessment to be added to the annual Ad Valorem tax bill of the property involved and/or authorizing the placement of a lien on the property involved for non-payment of grass cutting charges in accordance with Assumption Parish Ordinance No. 89-04 as amended.

Be It Ordained by the Assumption Parish Police Jury, convened in Regular Session on this 14 day of July 2021, that:

Section 1. The following properties, identified by assessment numbers, located within the Parish of Assumption, be levied with the stated charges due plus thirty percent for collection fees for non-payment of grass cutting, and said charges shall become an assessment and form part of the ad valorem taxes due on said property by the owner and when collected shall be credited to the general fund of the parish.

Assessment	Owner's Name	Charges	15% Adm. 15 % Coll	Total
600075150	H&L Improvements	\$ 41.19	\$ 12.36	\$ 53.55
400013640	Chrissie Burdis	28.51	8.55	37.06
200011750	G. Allen Kirkpatrick	57.01	17.10	74.11
700092900	Oscar Walker	57.01	17.10	74.11
100015850	Gerry & Ida Anderson Bush	57.01	17.10	74.11
100000300	Susan Bailey, Et Al	150.00	45.00	195.00
600013000	U.S. Bank Trust, N.A.	168.00	50.40	218.40
8600000150	Merriman-Skidmore American Legion Post #585	168.00	50.40	218.40

Section 2. The Secretary-Treasurer of the Assumption Parish Police Jury is also hereby authorized and directed to file a special assessment against the subject property for the above charges if collection is not made as a result of action authorized in Section 1 above within 60 days. A certified copy of said special assessment shall be filed with the Clerk of Court of Assumption Parish, who shall forthwith record same in the Mortgage Records of said Parish. Such assessment when so filed and recorded shall operate as a lien and privilege against the property herein assessed, which lien and privilege shall rank from the date of filing of the assessment in the Mortgage Records of said Parish and shall prime all other claims, mortgages and liens, except taxes and prior recorded special assessment liens.

Section 3. If any section, clause, paragraph, provision or portion of this Ordinance shall be held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such holding shall not affect any other section, clause, paragraph, provision or portion of this ordinance, the Police Jury of the Parish of Assumption hereby expressly declaring that it would have passed the remaining portions of this Ordinance with the invalid portions omitted.

Section 4. Other ordinances or parts of ordinance in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Section 5. This ordinance shall become effective immediately.

Section 6. This ordinance, having been submitted in writing, having been read and adopted by sections at a public meeting of said Police Jury was then submitted to an official vote as a whole, then vote thereon being as follows:

Yeas: 8
Nays: 0
Absent: Patrick Johnson

The Ordinance was declared this 14 day of July 2021.

Kim M. Torres
Secretary-Treasurer

Patrick Johnson
President

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

RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF RESUMING FEDERAL OFFSHORE LEASING IN THE GULF OF MEXICO

WHEREAS, the United States of America Offshore Oil and Gas Program, since its authorization by the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act (OCSLA), has provided significant energy to help fuel the great economy of America, and

WHEREAS, the United States of America Offshore Oil and Gas Program, has been very effective in helping America achieve energy security and strengthening our National Security, and

WHEREAS, the offshore industry and government have collaborated with groups such as the Coastal Conservation Association to create innovative ways to find beneficial cooperation such as the Rigs-to-Reef program, which benefits the recreational fishing community by repurposing obsolete structures of which nearly 600 reefed platforms in the United States Gulf of Mexico are home to almost seven million fish and other critical marine species, enriching marine life, and

WHEREAS, since its inception the United States of America Offshore Oil and Gas Program is responsible for helping to create hundreds of thousands of jobs with a significant economic impact and has generated hundreds of billions in royalty revenue for the United States Treasury, and

WHEREAS, the United States Congress in 2020 permanently funded the Land and Water Conservation Fund at \$900 million per year with wide bipartisan support. Relying solely on earnings from federal offshore oil and gas leasing, the Land and Water Conservation Fund has funded more than \$4 billion worth of projects since its inception in 1965 for purposes of conservation, recreation, restoration and protection of vital national resources, and

WHEREAS, since 2006, more than \$1 billion, funded exclusively by federal offshore lease revenues, has been disbursed to four Gulf energy-producing states through the Gulf of Mexico Energy Security Act to support coastal conservation and restoration projects; hurricane protection programs; and activities to implement marine coastal or conservation management plans, and

WHEREAS, in the most recent conservation legislation, the Great American Outdoors Act, the United States Congress set aside up to \$1.9 billion a year from federal offshore lease revenues for the next five years to repair facilities and infrastructure in our national parks, forests, wildlife refuges and American Indian Schools, and

WHEREAS, it is important for the funding of these conservation, recreation, restoration and protection efforts that the United States of America Offshore Oil and Gas Program continues, and

WHEREAS, the United States of America Offshore Oil and Gas Program has been managed in such a way that it is recognized as an environmentally advantaged energy producer with approximately half (53%) of the carbon intensity per barrel of other producing regions worldwide, and

WHEREAS, United States of America Offshore Energy represents a significant opportunity to help improve the health of our planet due to its low carbon intensity, and

WHEREAS, President Biden and Department of Interior Secretary Deb Haaland have caused regularly scheduled lease sales for offshore resources, previously authorized by administrations of both political parties, to be canceled resulting in great uncertainty for the economy, the energy, and the environment of America, and

WHEREAS, Terry A. Doughty of the United States District Court recently decided in a suit filed by the States of Louisiana, Alabama, Alaska, Arkansas, Georgia, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Oklahoma, Texas, Utah and West Virginia that the Executive Branch does not have the legal right to stop leasing Federal territory for Oil and Gas production without approval from Congress, and

WHEREAS, the future production of these oil and gas resources and consequently the funding of conservation, recreation, restoration and protection and further consequently the denial of environmentally advantaged, low carbon intensity barrels of production as a substitution for higher carbon intensity barrels of production from foreign sources; all will be negatively impacted by the continued cancellation of offshore lease sales.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Assumption Parish Police Jury, meeting on July 14, 2021, petitions President Biden and Secretary Haaland to immediately schedule Lease Sales for the Gulf of Mexico, a historic energy producing province, to assist in producing a larger portfolio of some of the planet's lowest carbon intensity barrels of oil and to assist in producing a larger portfolio of natural gas which can serve the Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) worldwide market; all in an effort to restore confidence, generate economic activity, enhance environmental stewardship, create American jobs, and strengthen national and energy security.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to President Biden, Secretary Haaland, members of the United States Congress, the City and Parish governing authorities within the State of Louisiana, the Louisiana Police Jury Association, the Louisiana Municipal Association, and the National Association of Counties.

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

Yeas: 8
Nays: 0
Absent: Patrick Johnson
Abstain:0