

March 15, 2023

On Wednesday, March 15, 2023, at 9:00 a.m., the Police Jury of Sabine Parish, State of Louisiana met in open and regular session.

AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Prayer
4. Pledge of Allegiance
5. Amend the Agenda
6. Adopt the Agenda
7. Public Comments
8. Representative Rodney Schamerhorn
9. Planning Commission
10. Accept the Minutes of the Previous Regular Meeting Held February 15, 2023
11. Adopt an Ordinance to Move the Polling Place for Precinct 6-4B from the North Sabine Fire Protection District Central Station Located at 919 Hammond Street, Zwolle, Louisiana, 71486 to the North Sabine Fire Protection District Fire Station located at 16525 Hwy. 171, Zwolle, Louisiana 71486
12. Adopt an Ordinance to Move the Polling Place for Precinct 8-2 from the North Sabine Fire Protection District Central Station Located at 919 Hammond Street, Zwolle, Louisiana, 71486 to the North Sabine Fire Protection District Fire Station located at 16525 Hwy. 171, Zwolle, Louisiana 71486
13. Adopt an Ordinance to Authorize an Act of Sale by the Parish of Sabine to Sell Certain Adjudicated Properties (Parcels 9040053250) by Public Auction; and, Further Providing with Respect Thereto
14. Adopt an Ordinance to Rescind Ordinance 11 of 2021 (An Ordinance Establishing No Through Trucks for Oak Hill Road in Road District 17 {Ward 4} as Amended by Ordinance 6 of 2022) and Ordinance 11 of 2022 (An Ordinance Prohibiting Trucks Traveling on Weathy Lane in Road District 15 {Ward 5})
15. Approve Annual Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with Sabine Parish Dixie Youth
16. Authorize President Ricky Lane Sepulvado to Sign the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement for the Opioid Settlement
17. Authorize Secretary-Treasurer William Earl Weatherford to Coordinate with the Accountants in Securely Obtaining Bank Information for the Transfer of Funds for Sabine Parish
18. Approve Entering an Agreement for the Purchase of Financial Accounting Software from Edmunds GovTech
19. Mr. Hunter Malmay- Review Bids and Award Contract for the Purchase of a Road Motor Grader for Road District 19
20. Approve the Purchase of a John Deere 6110M Cab Tractor and a 2023 Diamond Mower Through State Contract for Road Districts 4 and 20.
21. Approve Revised Equipment Rate Schedule for the Road Department
22. Consider Hiring Additional Employees for Laydown Crew
23. Authorize Payment of Approved Bills
24. Appropriate and Transfer Sales Tax for March Operations (\$425,000)

25. Authorize the Finance Committee to Approve Transfers of Funds from Various Banks to the Louisiana Asset Management Pool, Inc. (LAMP)
26. Committee Reports
27. Financial Report
28. Operations
29. Adjournment

1. Call to Order

President Ricky L. Sepulvado called the meeting to order.

2. Roll Call

The roll was called by the Secretary Treasurer. The following jurors were present: “Bo” Stewart, Mike McCormic, William E. Ruffin, Stephen Steinke, “Jeff” Davidson, Eric Garcie, Ricky ”K-Wall” Sepulvado, Kenneth M. Ebarb, and “Randy” Byrd.

3. Prayer

Prayer was led by Mr. Stephen Steinke.

4. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Mike McCormic.

5. Amend the Agenda

There was no amendment to the agenda.

6. Adopt the Agenda

Resolution No. 9230

Motion by McCormic and seconded by Stewart to adopt the agenda.

This resolution having been submitted to a vote; the vote thereon was as follows:

Yeas: 9 - Stewart, McCormic, Ruffin, Steinke, Davidson, Garcie, Sepulvado, Ebarb, and Byrd

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 0

7. Public Comments

Police Jury President, Ricky L. Sepulvado, allowed a period of public comment on any item on the agenda.

Mr. Pat Scarborough commented concerning the proposed cooperative endeavor agreement with the Sabine Parish Dixie Youth.

Mrs. Joy Scarborough commented concerning her disagreement with the Police Jury's adopted rules for public comments concerning agenda items.

Mrs. Rebekah Stiegemeyer commented concerning her disagreement with the Police Jury's policy of charging a reasonable fee for providing requested copies of public records.

8. Representative Rodney Schamerhorn

No one representing representative Rodney Schamerhorn was present at the meeting.

9. Planning Commission

No one representing the Sabine Parish Planning Commission was present at the meeting.

10. Accept the Minutes of the Previous Regular Meeting Held February 15, 2023

All police jurors have previously been provided written copies of the minutes.

Resolution No. 9231

Motion by Stewart and seconded by Ebarb to accept the minutes of the regular meeting held February 15, 2023.

This resolution having been submitted to a vote; the vote thereon was as follows:

Yeas: 9 - Stewart, McCormic, Ruffin, Steinke, Davidson, Garcie, Sepulvado, Ebarb, and Byrd

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 0

11. Adopt an Ordinance to Move the Polling Place for Precinct 6-4B from the North Sabine Fire Protection District Central Station Located at 919 Hammond Street, Zwolle, Louisiana, 71486 to the North Sabine Fire Protection District Fire Station located at 16525 Hwy. 171, Zwolle, Louisiana 71486

ORDINANCE NO. 1 of 2023

AN ORDINANCE TO MOVE THE POLLING PLACE FOR PRECINCT 6-4B FROM THE NORTH SABINE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT CENTRAL STATION LOCATED AT 919 HAMMOND STREET, ZWOLLE, LOUISIANA 71486 TO THE NORTH SABINE FIRE PROPECTION DISTRICT FIRE STATION LOCATED AT 16525 HIGHWAY 171, ZWOLLE, LOUISIANA 71486

WHEREAS, the polling place for Precinct 6-4B has been the Central Station of the North Sabine Fire Protection District for many years, and

WHEREAS, The North Sabine Fire Protection District has constructed a new fire station located in Zwolle, Louisiana, and

WHEREAS, the Sabine Parish Registrar of Voters desires the polling place for Precinct 6-4B to be permanently located in the new fire station in Zwolle, Louisiana

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, that the polling place for Precinct 6-4B be permanently moved from the Central Fire Station of the North Sabine Fire Protection District located at 919 Hammond Street, Zwolle, Louisiana 71486 to the North Sabine Fire Protection District fire station located at 16525 Highway 171, Zwolle, Louisiana 71486, and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that this ordinance shall be in effect March 15, 2023 and it shall be published one time in the Official Journal of the Parish of Sabine, State of Louisiana, along with any other minutes of the meeting.

The foregoing ordinance having been offered upon a motion by Ruffin and seconded by Stewart was then submitted to an official vote and the vote thereupon was recorded as follows to wit:

Yeas: 9 - Stewart, McCormic, Ruffin, Steinke, Davidson, Garcie, Sepulvado, Ebarb, and Byrd

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 0

Thereupon, the President declared this ordinance adopted on this the 15th day of March, 2023, at the regularly scheduled meeting of the Police Jury of the Parish of Sabine.

s/William E. Weatherford
William E. Weatherford
Secretary Treasurer

s/Ricky L. Sepulvado
Ricky L. Sepulvado
President

12. Adopt an Ordinance to Move the Polling Place for Precinct 8-2 from the North Sabine Fire Protection District Central Station Located at 919 Hammond Street, Zwolle, Louisiana, 71486 to the North Sabine Fire Protection District Fire Station located at 16525 Hwy. 171, Zwolle, Louisiana 71486

ORDINANCE NO. 2 of 2023

AN ORDINANCE TO MOVE THE POLLING PLACE FOR PRECINCT 8-2 FROM THE NORTH SABINE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT CENTRAL STATION LOCATED

**AT 919 HAMMOND STREET, ZWOLLE, LOUISIANA 71486 TO THE NORTH
SABINE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT FIRE STATION LOCATED AT 16525
HIGHWAY 171, ZWOLLE, LOUISIANA 71486**

WHEREAS, the polling place for Precinct 8-2 has been the Central Station of the North Sabine Fire Protection District for many years, and

WHEREAS, The North Sabine Fire Protection District has constructed a new fire station located in Zwolle, Louisiana, and

WHEREAS, the Sabine Parish Registrar of Voters desires the polling place for Precinct 8-2 to be permanently located in the new fire station in Zwolle, Louisiana

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, that the polling place for Precinct 8-2 be permanently moved from the Central Fire Station of the North Sabine Fire Protection District located at 919 Hammond Street, Zwolle, Louisiana 71486 to the North Sabine Fire Protection District fire station located at 16525 Highway 171, Zwolle, Louisiana 71486, and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that this ordinance shall be in effect March 15, 2023 and it shall be published one time in the Official Journal of the Parish of Sabine, State of Louisiana, along with any other minutes of the meeting.

The foregoing ordinance having been offered upon a motion by Ebarb and seconded by Ruffin was then submitted to an official vote and the vote thereupon was recorded as follows to wit:

Yeas: 9 - Stewart, McCormic, Ruffin, Steinke, Davidson, Garcie, Sepulvado, Ebarb, and Byrd

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 0

Thereupon, the President declared this ordinance adopted on this the 15th day of March, 2023, at the regularly scheduled meeting of the Police Jury of the Parish of Sabine.

s/William E. Weatherford
William E. Weatherford
Secretary Treasurer

s/Ricky L. Sepulvado
Ricky L. Sepulvado
President

13. Adopt an Ordinance to Authorize an Act of Sale by the Parish of Sabine to Sell Certain Adjudicated Properties (Parcels 9040053250) by Public Auction; and, Further Providing with Respect Thereto

ORDINANCE NO. 3 of 2023

AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE AN ACT OF SALE BY THE PARISH OF SABINE TO SELL CERTAIN ADJUDICATED PROPERTIES (PARCELS 9040053250) BY PUBLIC AUCTION; AND, FURTHER PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, the immovable properties described below were adjudicated to the Parish of Sabine, for nonpayment of taxes; and purchased at a public auction by high bidder:

- 1. PARCEL# 9040053250: UNDIVIDED 5/12TH INT IN: E/2 OF SW/4 OF SW/4 OF SEC. 13-710, NO MUNICIPAL ADDRESS**

Purchaser: INTERESTED PURCHASER Bid: \$844.26 Auction Date: MARCH 14, 2023

WHEREAS, the redemption period provided by Art. 7, §25 of the Louisiana Constitution has elapsed, established by Parish Ordinance No: 1 of 2017 and the owner of record has failed to redeem the adjudicated property; and

WHEREAS, LA R.S. 47: 2202 *et seq.* provides that the Parish may sell adjudicated property in accordance with law after the expiration of the period for redemption; and

WHEREAS, the Parish of Sabine has declared the property described below surplus and not needed for a public purpose and to dispose of said property in accordance with LA R.S. 47:2202, *et seq.*; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with L.A. R.S. 47:2202 the Parish of Sabine has set a minimum bid for public sale for each property and

WHEREAS, the Parish offered these properties to the highest bidder at the time of sale and

WHEREAS, the property described herein above was offered at public auction on listed dates.

NOW BE IT ORDAINED by the Sabine Parish Police Jury, that any Act of Sale of the above-described property shall contain the following conditions and requirements:

- 1) The properties shall be sold in accordance with LS-R.S. 47:2201 *et. seq.*, without any warranty, from either the Parish or Management Company, whatsoever, even as to the return of the purchase price.
- 2) The sale shall be on a form approved by the Parish Attorney and that the sales price is paid by certified funds at or near the time of the sale.
- 3) The sale shall include a reservation of all mineral rights to the Parish, but shall convey all surface rights.
- 4) The following shall be completed prior to closing of sale:

- a. E&P Consulting Services, LLC shall certify in writing to the Parish Attorney that they have examined the mortgage records, conveyance records, probate and civil suit records of the Parish of Sabine and that attached to this certification will be a written list of names and last known addresses of all owners, mortgagees, and any other person who may have a vested or contingent interest in the property, or who has filed a request for notice as provided in the former provisions LS-R.S. 33:4720.17(B), as indicated in those records.
- b. E&P Consulting Services, LLC has provided notice to those persons identified in accordance with LS-R.S. 47:2201 *et. seq.* Proof of said notice will be filed in the records of Sabine Parish immediately after the Act of Sale.
- c. At the time of closing, the E&P Consulting Services, LLC will certify in writing to Parish Attorney and Clerk of Court that the number of days mandated by LS-R.S. 47:2201 *et. seq.* has elapsed since the above required notice was made or attempted and that the property has not been redeemed by the payment of the taxes owed.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, by the Sabine Parish Policy Jury, that the Police Jury President is hereby authorized to execute a Cash Sale of the above-described adjudicated properties to the highest acceptable bidder as named. The Cash Sale shall contain all of the above conditions and requirements and shall be executed within the timelines specified.

The foregoing ordinance having been offered upon a motion by McCormic and seconded by Steinke was then submitted to an official vote and the vote thereupon was recorded as follows to wit:

YEAS: 9 - Stewart, McCormic, Ruffin, Steinke, Davidson, Garcie, Sepulvado, Ebarb, and Byrd

NAYS: 0

ABSTAINED: 0

ABSENT: 0

Thereupon, the President declared this ordinance adopted on this the 15th day of March 2023, at the regularly scheduled meeting of the Police Jury of the Parish of Sabine.

s/William E. Weatherford
William E. Weatherford
Secretary Treasurer

s/Ricky L. Sepulvado
Ricky L. Sepulvado
President

14. Adopt an Ordinance to Rescind Ordinance 11 of 2021 (An Ordinance Establishing No Through Trucks for Oak Hill Road in Road District 17 {Ward 4} as Amended by Ordinance 6 of

2022) and Ordinance 11 of 2022 (An Ordinance Prohibiting Trucks Traveling on Weathy Lane in Road District 15 {Ward 5})

ORDINANCE NO. 4 of 2023

AN ORDINANCE TO RESCIND ORDINANCE 11 OF 2021 (AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING NO THROUGH TRUCKS FOR OAK HILL ROAD IN ROAD DISTRICT 17 {WARD 4} AS AMENDED BY ORDINANCE 6 OF 2022) AND ORDINANCE 11 OF 2022 (AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING TRUCKS TRAVELING ON WEATHY LANE IN ROAD DISTRICT 15 {WARD 5})

WHEREAS, Ordinance 11 of 2021 provides that no through trucks will be allowed to travel on the asphalt section of Oak Hill Road; a section of road approximately one and one-half (1½) miles long running from Highway 6 to the intersection with Pioneer Road, located in Road District 17 (Ward 4), and

WHEREAS, Ordinance 6 of 2022 amended Ordinance 11 of 2021 to allow trucks providing local deliveries to travel on the asphalt section of Oak Hill Road, and

WHEREAS, Ordinance 11 of 2022 prohibited trucks, other than local deliveries, to travel on Weathy Lane

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, that Ordinance 11 of 2021, Ordinance 6 of 2022, and Ordinance 11 of 2022 are hereby rescinded.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that this ordinance shall be in full force and effect on March 15, 2023, and it shall be published one time in the Official Journal of the Parish of Sabine, State of Louisiana, along with any other minutes of the meeting.

The foregoing ordinance having been offered upon a motion by McCormic and seconded by Ebarb was then submitted to an official vote and the vote thereon was recorded as follows to wit:

Yeas: 8 - Stewart, McCormic, Ruffin, Steinke, Garcie, Sepulvado, Ebarb, and Byrd

Nays: 1 - Davidson

Abstain: 0

Absent: 0

Thereupon, the President declared this ordinance adopted on this the 15th day of March 2023, at the regularly scheduled meeting of the Police Jury of the Parish of Sabine.

s/William E. Weatherford
William E. Weatherford
Secretary Treasurer

s/Ricky L. Sepulvado
Ricky L. Sepulvado
President

15. Approve Annual Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with Sabine Parish Dixie Youth
Every year, the Sabine Parish Police Jury provides the Sabine Parish Dixie Youth funds which are split equally between the five municipalities that participate in the program. This amount of funding is included in the 2023 Police Jury Budget.

Resolution No. 9232

Motion by Ruffin and seconded by Steinke to authorize the Police Jury President to execute a cooperative endeavor agreement with the Sabine Parish Dixie Youth to provide \$7,000 in funding for the program.

This resolution having been submitted to a vote; the vote thereon was as follows:

Yeas: 8 - McCormic, Ruffin, Steinke, Davidson, Garcie, Sepulvado, Ebarb, and Byrd

Nays: 1 - Stewart

Abstain: 0

Absent: 0

16. Authorize President Ricky Lane Sepulvado to Sign the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement for the Opioid Settlement

Proposed nationwide settlement agreements have been reached that would resolve opioid litigation brought by states, local political subdivisions, and special districts against pharmaceutical manufacturers. Louisiana settlement proceeds will be distributed directly to parish governments and sheriffs. The Sabine Parish Police Jury will receive .35% of the allocation.

The Police Jury must execute a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Opioid Abatement Administration Corporation to participate in the distribution.

Resolution No. 9233

Motion by Davidson and seconded by Stewart to authorize President Ricky L. Sepulvado to sign and otherwise execute a cooperative endeavor agreement with the Opioid Abatement Administration Corporation for settlement of the opioid litigation.

This resolution having been submitted to a vote; the vote thereon was as follows:

Yeas: 9 - Stewart, McCormic, Ruffin, Steinke, Davidson, Garcie, Sepulvado, Ebarb, and Byrd

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 0

17. Authorize Secretary-Treasurer William Earl Weatherford to Coordinate with the Accountants in Securely Obtaining Bank Information for the Transfer of Funds for Sabine Parish

Parishes receiving a distribution through the Opioid Litigation Settlement must authorize a person to coordinate with the accountants in securely obtaining bank information for the transfer of funds to the Parish.

Resolution No. 9234

Motion by Stewart and seconded by Ruffin to authorize Secretary Treasurer William E. Weatherford to coordinate with the accountants in securely obtaining bank information for the transfer of funds from the settlement of the opioid litigation to the Sabine Parish Police Jury.

This resolution having been submitted to a vote; the vote thereon was as follows:

Yeas: 9 - Stewart, McCormic, Ruffin, Steinke, Davidson, Garcie, Sepulvado, Ebarb, and Byrd

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 0

18. Approve Entering an Agreement for the Purchase of Financial Accounting Software from Edmunds GovTech

The financial accounting software currently utilized by the Police Jury has several weaknesses. The Secretary Treasurer and several jurors have reviewed other software to find a better software package.

Resolution No. 9235

On motion by Steinke and seconded by McCormic:

WHEREAS, the Secretary Treasurer has determined that the financial software currently used by the Police Jury has several weaknesses including the inability to reconcile the Master Bank Account and the inability to track and accrue employees' paid time off, and

WHEREAS, the Secretary Treasurer and several jurors have reviewed alternative software packages to determine if they better meet the needs of the Parish, and

WHEREAS, Edmunds GovTech software offers superior functionality

NOW BE IT RESOLVED, that the Secretary Treasurer is hereby authorized to sign and otherwise execute a sales agreement to purchase a subscription to Edmunds GovTech software at

a first year cost of approximately \$62,588.00 and recurring annual fees of approximately \$27,438.00.

This resolution having been submitted to a vote; the vote thereon was as follows:

Yeas: 8 - McCormic, Ruffin, Steinke, Davidson, Garcie, Sepulvado, Ebarb, and Byrd

Nays: 1 - Stewart

Abstain: 0

Absent: 0

19. Mr. Hunter Malmay- Review Bids and Award Contract for the Purchase of a Road Motor Grader for Road District 19

The Sabine Parish Police Jury accepted sealed bids for a motor grader until 8:00 a.m. on February 23, 2023 at which time the bids were opened and publicly read aloud. One bid was received as follows:

Vendor	Description	Cost
Doggett	2023 John Deere 672G Grader 14 RIPR	\$390,000.00

Mr. Hunter Malmay, a salesperson for Doggett, informed the Police Jury that Doggett must order the requested machine. Due to market conditions, the motor grader will probably not be available within the ninety (90) day delivery period. However, Doggett will provide a “loaner” machine to the Jury for the period from ninety days after signing the purchase agreement until the new machine is delivered. Mr. Malmay stated that he expected delivery during August.

Resolution No. 9236

On motion by McCormic and seconded by Garcie:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Police Jury accepts the bid from Doggett in the amount of \$390,000.00 for a 2023 John Deere 672G Grader for Road District 19, Ward 8, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that President Ricky L. Sepulvado is hereby authorized to execute and sign any documents necessary to complete the purchase.

This resolution having been submitted to a vote; the vote thereon was as follows:

Yeas: 9 - Stewart, McCormic, Ruffin, Steinke, Davidson, Garcie, Sepulvado, Ebarb, and Byrd

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 0

20. Approve the Purchase of a John Deere 6110M Cab Tractor and a 2023 Diamond Mower Through State Contract for Road Districts 4 and 20

The Road and Shop Committee met on March 1, 2023. The Committee discussed the purchase of a cab tractor with a sidearm for Road Districts 4 & 20 (Wards 7 & 9). The purchase of the tractor and sidearm is included in the 2023 budgets for the districts. The Road & Shop Committee recommends purchasing the equipment through State Contract.

Road Superintendent Hughes obtained quotes for the purchase of the equipment through State Contract as follows:

Vendor	Description	Cost
Goldman Equipment, L.L.C.	John Deere 6110M Cab Tractor	\$99,349.60
Goldman Equipment, L.L.C.	2023 Diamond Mowers DBM-C-N	\$75,762.93

Resolution No. 9237

On motion by Byrd and seconded by Ebarb:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Police Jury purchase for Road Districts 4 & 20 (Wards 7 & 9), through State Contract, a John Deere 6110M cab tractor for \$99,349.60 and a 2023 Diamond Mowers DBM-C-N for \$75,762.93, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Road Superintendent Bobby Hughes and Secretary Treasurer William E. Weatherford are hereby authorized to execute and sign any documents necessary to complete the purchase.

This resolution having been submitted to a vote; the vote thereon was as follows:

Yeas: 9 - Stewart, McCormic, Ruffin, Steinke, Davidson, Garcie, Sepulvado, Ebarb, and Byrd

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 0

21. Approve Revised Equipment Rate Schedule for the Road Department

The Sabine Parish Police Jury often performs repair work to Parish Roads that is the responsibility of third parties. The Parish maintains a rate schedule that is utilized to bill other parties for work done. Inflation has caused the existing rate schedule to no longer reflect the

actual costs of repairs and a revised schedule more accurately representing current costs must be adopted.

Resolution No. 9238

On motion by Steinke and seconded by Davidson:

WHEREAS, the existing rate schedule for road repairs no longer accurately reflects the actual costs of making repairs to parish roads, and

WHEREAS, a revised rate schedule accurately representing current actual costs for performing road repairs should be adopted

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the following rate schedule for road repairs be adopted:

Description	Hourly Rate
Compactor – Vibratory Drum	\$ 27.29
Distributor- Oil	\$ 44.18
Gradall- XL3100	\$104.57
Grader- 14’ Moldboard	\$100.61
Loader- 1 CY Bucket	\$ 41.05
Paver- Asphalt	\$252.13
Reclaimer- Zipper	\$214.97
Trackhoe- Mini	\$ 20.46
Trailer- Semi	\$ 8.79
Truck - Dump – 8 Yard	\$ 52.96
Truck – Dump – 14 Yard	\$ 78.59
Truck – Pickup – ½ Ton	\$ 11.75
Truck – Pickup – 1 Ton	\$ 16.81
Truck - Tractor	\$ 57.61
Man hour	\$ 32.50

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this rate schedule be effective as of March 15, 2023.

This resolution having been submitted to a vote; the vote thereon was as follows:

Yeas: 9 - Stewart, McCormic, Ruffin, Steinke, Davidson, Garcie, Sepulvado, Ebarb, and Byrd

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 0

22. Consider Hiring Additional Employees for Laydown Crew

Road Superintendent Bobby Hughes informed the Jury that two additional employees are needed to properly operate the laydown crew. He noted that a full crew should consist of seven employees and that currently only five employees are assigned to the crew.

Resolution No. 9239

On motion by Stewart and seconded by McCormic:

WHEREAS, the parish laydown crew should consist of a crew of seven employees, and

WHEREAS, the parish laydown crew currently consists of five employees,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that two (2) additional positions be added to the parish laydown crew to fully staff the crew at seven employees, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the two additional positions be paid at the rate of eighteen dollars (\$18.00) per hour and that the employees participate in the STEP Plan and be entitled to participate in all fringe benefit programs normally offered by the Police Jury, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the positions be authorized and effective as of March 15, 2023.

This resolution having been submitted to a vote; the vote thereon was as follows:

Yeas: 9 - Stewart, McCormic, Ruffin, Steinke, Davidson, Garcie, Sepulvado, Ebarb, and Byrd

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 0

23. Authorize Payment of Approved Bills

Resolution No. 9240

Motion by Ruffin and seconded by Stewart to pay the approved bills.

This resolution having been submitted to a vote; the vote thereon was as follows:

Yeas: 9 - Stewart, McCormic, Ruffin, Steinke, Davidson, Garcie, Sepulvado, Ebarb, and Byrd

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 0

24. Appropriate and Transfer Sales Tax for March Operations (\$425,000)

Resolution No. 9241

Motion by Stewart and seconded by Ruffin to appropriate and transfer \$425,000.00 from the Sales Tax Fund to the Parish-wide Transportation Fund for March 2023 operations.

This resolution having been submitted to a vote; the vote thereon was as follows:

Yeas: 9 - Stewart, McCormic, Ruffin, Steinke, Davidson, Garcie, Sepulvado, Ebarb, and Byrd

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 0

25. Authorize the Finance Committee to Approve Transfers of Funds from Various Banks to the Louisiana Asset Management Pool, Inc. (LAMP)

Resolution No. 9242

On motion by Steinke and seconded by Ruffin

WHEREAS, the Sabine Parish Police Jury has significant funds that are not expected to be used for several months, and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Asset Management Pool, Inc. (LAMP) currently pays a rate of return on deposits well in excess of the interest rate paid by local financial institutions,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Finance Committee is hereby authorized to approve and direct the transfers of funds from various financial institutions to the Louisiana Asset Management Pool, Inc. and the withdrawal of funds from LAMP, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary Treasurer and the Assistant Secretary Treasurer are authorized to act on behalf of the Sabine Parish Police Jury, to have authority to invest in the LAMP, and to enter a cooperative endeavor on behalf of the Parish, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary Treasurer, the Assistant Secretary Treasurer, and the Police Jury President are authorized contacts for LAMP, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary Treasurer, the Assistant Secretary Treasurer, and the Police Jury President are authorized to sign and otherwise execute any documents necessary to participate in the Louisiana Asset Management Pool, Inc. (LAMP).

This resolution having been submitted to a vote; the vote thereon was as follows:

Yeas: 8 - McCormic, Ruffin, Steinke, Davidson, Garcie, Sepulvado, Ebarb, and Byrd

Nays: 1 - Stewart

Abstain: 0

Absent: 0

26. Committee Reports

Courthouse and Jail Committee:

Mr. Stewart, Chairman of the Courthouse and Jail Committee gave a brief report on the improved security at the courthouse.

Road and Shop Committee:

Mr. Davidson requested a listing of roads to be repaired with Parish Transportation Act funds including an estimated date of work completion for each road.

27. Financial Report

Secretary Treasurer Weatherford provided a brief review of the financial position of the Parish. He provided each juror a summary of the current cash balances of the various funds and explained the restrictions on their use and planned expenditures of the monies.

28. Operations

Road Superintendent Bobby Hughes requested approval to hire a foreman trainee for Ward 8, Road District 19.

Resolution No. 9243

On motion by Stewart and seconded by Ruffin:

WHEREAS, the foreman for Road District 19 (Ward 8) will soon retire, and

WHEREAS, the Police Jury desires a smooth transition to a new foreman for that district;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that a position of foreman trainee for Road District 19 (Ward 8) be established, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the position be effective March 15, 2023 and terminate on December 31, 2023, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the rate of pay will be the base rate for a foreman as adjusted by any STEP increases, if applicable, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the position will participate in the STEP Plan and any other benefits normally provided to employees.

This resolution having been submitted to a vote; the vote thereon was as follows:

Yeas: 9 - Stewart, McCormic, Ruffin, Steinke, Davidson, Garcie, Sepulvado, Ebarb, and Byrd

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 0

29. Adjournment

Resolution No. 9244

Motion by Stewart and seconded by Ruffin to adjourn.

This resolution having been submitted to a vote; the vote thereon was as follows:

Yeas: 9 - Stewart, McCormic, Ruffin, Steinke, Davidson, Garcie, Sepulvado, Ebarb, and Byrd

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 0

s/William E. Weatherford
William E. Weatherford
Secretary Treasurer

s/Ricky L. Sepulvado
Ricky L. Sepulvado
President