

November 15, 2023

On Wednesday, November 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. Representative Larry Bagley
10. Planning Commission
11. Appoint Dr. Sarah Ebarb as the New Sabine Parish Representative to the Northwest Louisiana Human Services District
12. Alex Washington – Consider Entering an Agreement to Seek Damages for Water Contamination
13. Kendra Brevelle – Mission Boost LLC – Grant Writer
14. Mike Busada – Adopt a Resolution Approving Payment in Lieu of Tax Agreements in Accordance with a Term Sheet; Requesting the Northwest Louisiana Finance Authority Enter into Said Payment in Lieu of Tax Agreements; and Providing for Other Matters with Respect Thereto
15. Mr. Gerald Long- Discuss Broad Band Service
16. Accept the Minutes of the Previous Regular Meeting Held October 18, 2023
17. Consider Reappointment of Secretary Treasurer
18. Stan Hazlip- 2024 Renewal of Health and Dental Insurance
19. Introduce an Ordinance Establishing a Fifteen Miles Per Hour Speed Limit on the North End of Patrick Road Located in Ward 7 (Road District 4)
 - 19a. An Ordinance Temporarily Moving the Polling Place for Precincts 1-2, 1-3, and 5-3 from the Florien Civic Center, 106 High School Drive, Florien, Louisiana , to the Depot, 220 West Port Arthur Avenue, Florien, Louisiana
 - 19b. Approve the Purchase of a Truck to be Converted to a Water Truck for Wards 6 & 10 (Road Districts 1 & 11)
20. Approve the Addition of a Special Revenue Fund to Account for the Opioid Settlement Money to the Financial Records of the Sabine Parish Police Jury
21. Restrict the Proceeds from Litigation to Pay Closure/ Post-Closure Costs at the Landfill
22. Approve Entering a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Village of Converse, Louisiana for Rip Rap to be Provided to the Police Jury
23. Set Date and Time for Public Hearing on Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2024
24. Review and Approve 2024 Library Board Budget
25. Approve Membership in the Coordinating & Development Corporation for Fiscal Year 2024
26. Re-appoint Ricky L. Sepulvado as a Commissioner on the North Sabine Fire District

- 26a. To Appoint Mr. Darrell McCain to Complete the Term of Mr. Kaleb Herrington as a Commissioner for the Wards 1 and 2 Fire Protection District Number 1
27. Re-appoint Randy Byrd as a Commissioner on the North Sabine Fire District
28. Re-appoint Michael Walker to the Board of Commissioners for the South Toledo Bend Water District
29. Re-appoint Matthew Ward as Member of the Sabine Parish Ambulance Board
30. Consider Appointment of Jurors to the Sales Tax Commission
31. Consider Rescinding Resolution No. 3793 of August 21, 1996 (As Amended) Requiring a Six-Month Waiting Period for Re-Hires
32. Ratify Hiring Temporary Part-Time Truck Driver for Road Department
33. Parish Transportation Act Priority List (3 Years – 2024,2025, 2026)- Reminder Only
34. Authorize Payment of Approved Bills
35. Appropriate and Transfer Sales Tax for November Operations (\$425,000)
36. Committee Reports
37. Financial Report
- 38 Operations
39. 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, Ronny Bison, Eric Garcie, Ricky ”K-Wall” Sepulvado, and Kenneth M. Ebarb,

The following jurors were absent or arrived late: Stephen Steinke and “Randy” Byrd.

3. Prayer

Prayer was led by Mr. William E. Ruffin.

4. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Eric Garcie.

5. Amend the Agenda

Public comments on the motion to amend the agenda were allowed prior to any vote to add an item to the agenda.

Resolution No. 9410

Motion by Ruffin and seconded by Stewart to amend the agenda to include the following items:

Item 19a - An Ordinance Temporarily Moving the Polling Place for Precincts 1-2, 1-3, and 5-3 from the Florien Civic Center, 106 High School Drive, Florien, Louisiana , to the Depot, 220 West Port Arthur Avenue, Florien, Louisiana

Item 19b - Approve the Purchase of a Truck to be Converted to a Water Truck for Wards 6 & 10 (Road Districts 1 & 11)

Item 26a – To Appoint Mr. Darrell McCain to Complete the Term of Mr. Kaleb Herrington as a Commissioner for the Wards 1 and 2 Fire Protection District Number 1

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

Yeas: 7 - Stewart, McCormic, Ruffin, Bison, Garcie, Sepulvado, and Ebarb

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 2 – Steinke and Byrd

6. Adopt the Agenda

Resolution No. 9411

Motion by Bison and seconded by Ebarb to adopt the agenda as amended.

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

Yeas: 7 - Stewart, McCormic, Ruffin, Bison, Garcie, Sepulvado, and Ebarb

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 2 – Steinke and Byrd

7. Public Comments

Police Jury President, Ricky L. Sepulvado, allowed a period of public comment on any item on the agenda. There were no comments.

8. Representative Rodney Schamerhorn

Representative Rodney Schamerhorn was not present at the meeting.

9. Representative Larry Bagley

Representative Larry Bagley was not present at the meeting.

10. Planning Commission

No representative of the Sabine Parish Planning Commission was present at the meeting.

11. Appoint Dr. Sarah Ebarb as the New Sabine Parish Representative to the Northwest Louisiana Human Services District

James Tidwell resigned as Sabine Parish's representative on the board of the Northwest Louisiana Human Services District on September 10, 2023. The District has requested the Police Jury to identify and appoint a new Sabine Parish representative to the District Board.

Act 73 of the 2017 Louisiana regular session sets the required composition of the Board to include members with professional or personal knowledge in mental health, addictive disorders, developmental disabilities, finance, the judiciary, specialty courts, law enforcement, school-based healthcare, public health, or the coroner's office. The representative must also live and/or work in Sabine Parish.

Dr. Sarah Ebarb briefly discussed her qualifications to serve as a representative to the Northwest Louisiana Services District.

Resolution No. 9412

Motion by Stewart and seconded by Garcie to appoint Dr. Sarah Ebarb as the Sabine Parish Representative on the board of the Northwest Louisiana Human Services District.

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

Yeas: 7 - Stewart, McCormic, Ruffin, Bison, Garcie, Sepulvado, and Ebarb

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 2 – Steinke and Byrd

Mr. Randy Byrd joined the meeting.

12. Alex Washington – Consider Entering an Agreement to Seek Damages for Water Contamination

Mr. Alex Washington addressed the Jury concerning possible damages by 3M for water contamination. He requested permission to test water in Sabine Parish for contamination. He asked the Police Jury to enter into a legal services agreement to litigate a settlement if contamination is discovered. There will be no costs incurred by the Police Jury if there is no recovery of damages.

Resolution No. 9413

A Resolution Authorizing the Execution of a Legal Services Agreement with Baron & Budd, P.C., Cossich, Sumich, Parsiola & Taylor, L.L.C., Washington and Wells Law Firm, and Ronald J. Miciotto, L.L.C, and to Otherwise Provide with Respect Thereto

Motion by Ruffin and seconded by Stewart:

WHEREAS. The Police Jury of Sabine Parish (“Police Jury”) desires to engage outside counsel Baron & Budd, P.C., Cossich, Sumich, Parsiola & Taylor, L.L.C., Washington and Wells Law Firm, and Ronald J. Miciotto, L.L.C (“Outside Counsel”) to represent the Police Jury, including but not limited to its boards, commissions, and agencies in this matter and seeks to enter into a Legal Services Agreement with the Outside Counsel in relation thereto; and

WHEREAS, the Police Jury, including its boards, commissions, or agencies, has the right and/or obligation to pursue claims for damages, compensation and other relief (the “Cause of Action”) against the manufacturer(s) and supplier(s) of firefighting foam products (known as “aqueous film forming foam” or “AFFF”) and/or other products containing per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (“PFAS”) (including perfluorooctanoic acid (:PFOA”) perfluorooctane sulfonate (“PFOS”) and any other related compounds); and

WHEREAS, Police Jury, acting as the governing authority of the Sabine Parish, desires that the Outside Counsel be retained as special counsel for this purpose; and

WHEREAS, the “Outside Counsel“ have proposed to represent the Police Jury with no fee charged unless a recovery is obtained.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED Police Jury of Sabine Parish in due, regular and legal session convened that the President of the Police Jury be and he is hereby authorized to execute, for and on behalf of the Police Jury of Sabine Parish , a Legal Services Agreement with Baron & Budd, P.C., Cossich, Sumich, Parsiola & Taylor, L.L.C., Washington and Wells Law Firm, and Ronald J. Miciotto, L.L.C to provide legal representation, counsel, and advice to the Police Jury of Sabine Parish,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That if any provision or item of this resolution or the application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items or applications of this resolution which can be given effect without the invalid provisions, items or applications, and to this end, the provisions of this resolution are hereby declared to be severable. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all resolutions or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

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

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

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 – Steinke

13. Kendra Brevelle – Mission Boost LLC – Grant Writer

Kendra Brevelle with Mission Boost, LLC addressed the Police Jury. Mission Boost LLC is a company located in Echo, Louisiana that is led by an experienced grant writer and consultant with over twenty years of experience in managing federal, state and local grants. Ms. Brevelle discussed her experience and qualifications.

14. Mike Busada – Adopt a Resolution Approving Payment in Lieu of Tax Agreements in Accordance with a Term Sheet; Requesting the Northwest Louisiana Finance Authority Enter into Said Payment in Lieu of Tax Agreements; and Providing for Other Matters with Respect Thereto

Mr. Mike Busada discussed the SR Sabine LLC Solar Project PILOT Agreement with the Northwest Louisiana Finance Authority. He noted that the agreement was substantially the same as the two agreements previously approved by the Sabine Parish Police Jury.

Resolution No. 9414

A RESOLUTION APPROVING PAYMENT IN LIEU OF TAX AGREEMENTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH A TERM SHEET; REQUESTING THE NORTHWEST LOUISIANA FINANCE AUTHORITY ENTER INTO SAID PAYMENT IN LIEU OF TAX AGREEMENTS; AND PROVIDING FOR OTHER MATTERS WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, the Parish of Sabine, State of Louisiana (the “*Parish*”), is a political subdivision of the state of Louisiana (the “*State*”); and

WHEREAS, the Sabine Parish Police Jury acts as the governing authority of the Parish (the “*Sabine Parish Police Jury*”); and

WHEREAS, SR Sabine, LLC, a corporation qualified to do business in the State (the “*Company*” or “*Lessee*”), desires to construct a solar photovoltaic facility in the Parish with a capital investment of approximately \$840 million (the “*Project*”); and

WHEREAS, in order to make the Project economically viable, the Company has requested economic development financing in the form of certain tax abatements; and

WHEREAS, the Sabine Parish Police Jury has found and determined that attracting the Project to Sabine Parish would provide substantial benefits including, but not limited to, increased ad valorem and sales and use tax revenue for the Parish and additional energy offerings to attract new business and industry, which when taken together result in benefits to the Parish equal to or greater than the benefits requested by the Company; and

WHEREAS, the Northwest Louisiana Finance Authority (“*NWLFA*”) is a statutorily authorized local public trust permitted to acquire and hold property for one or more of its public purposes as set forth in R.S. 9:2341(B) and upon acquisition by NWLFA, such property is declared for purposes of R.S. 9:2347(M) to be public property used for essential and

governmental purposes and such property is thereby exempt from all taxes of the Parish, the State, or any political subdivision thereof or any other taxing body; and

WHEREAS, the Parish requests NWLFA take title to the Project and lease it back to the Company for a period of twenty (20) years pursuant to a term sheet (the "*Term Sheet*"), which is attached hereto as **Exhibit A** and incorporated herein; and

WHEREAS, the Parish desires the Lessee to pay annually to parish or municipal taxing authorities, and to any other taxing body in the Parish, through the entity responsible for collecting ad valorem taxes for each taxing body (collectively, the "*Tax Collector*"), a sum in lieu of ad valorem taxes in an amount not to exceed the amount of taxes that would otherwise be due if the Project were not owned by the NWLFA (a "*PILOT*"), in accordance with the Term Sheet, in order to compensate such authorities for services rendered by them to the Project, which sum the Tax Collector shall collect and enforce payment of in accordance with the statutory provisions of La. R.S. 39:1002 as statutory impositions, subject to the approval of the beneficiary of NWLFA; and

WHEREAS, the Term Sheet provides that the PILOT shall commence upon the conveyance of the Project to the NWLFA and shall terminate at 11:59 P.M. on the last day of the two hundred and fortieth (240) month after commencement (the "*PILOT Termination Date*"), and that full ad valorem taxes will be paid to the Tax Collector following the PILOT Termination Date; and

WHEREAS, the Sabine Parish Police Jury further requests that NWLFA effectuate through a contractual payment in-lieu-of tax (a "*Contractual PILOT*") an exemption from the state-imposed sales and use taxes on construction material and equipment purchased during initial construction of the Project, while facilitating the collection of funds equal to the amount of sale and use taxes that would otherwise be due to all local taxing bodies but for the Contractual PILOT and transferring said funds to each taxing body.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Sabine Parish Police Jury that:

Section 1. The foregoing whereas clauses are hereby adopted as set forth in the preamble to this Resolution.

Section 2. This Parish does hereby request that the NWLFA enter into the PILOT agreements in accordance with the attached and approved Term Sheet.

Section 3. The President and Secretary-Treasurer are hereby authorized, empowered, and directed to take forthwith any and all such action as may be necessary to carry into effect the provisions of this Resolution.

Section 4. If any one or more of the provisions of this Resolution shall for any reason be held to be illegal or invalid, such illegality or invalidity shall not affect any other provision of this Resolution, but this Resolution shall be construed and enforced as if such illegal or invalid provisions had not been contained herein. Any constitutional or statutory provision enacted after

the date of this Resolution which validates or makes legal any provision of this Resolution which would not otherwise be valid or legal, shall be deemed to apply to this Resolution.

Section 5. This Resolution shall immediately take effect upon adoption.

Said Resolution having been read and considered by a quorum of the Police Jury, on motion to adopt by McCormic, seconded by Ebarb, a record vote was taken and the following result was had:

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

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 - Steinke

WHEREUPON, the presiding officer declared the above Resolution duly adopted in full on this 15th day of November 2023.

Ricky L. Sepulvado
President

William E. Weatherford
Secretary-Treasurer

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FINANCE TERM SHEET

Authority: Northwest Louisiana Finance Authority

Company: SR Sabine, LLC

Parish: Sabine Parish, Louisiana

Property: Certain immovable real property located on the Site (as outlined in **Exhibit A**).

Project: Transformation of the Site into a solar photovoltaic facility with a capital investment of at least \$840,957,000. The Project will have a nameplate capacity of 450 MWac utilizing thousands of PV modules that are transformed to 34.5kV for delivery via underground cables to a substation.

Lease Term: The Lease shall expire after twenty (20) years or upon the termination of the Incentive Period (defined below).

Property Tax Incentive: Exemption of Project from eighty percent (80%) of ad valorem taxes for a period of twenty (20) years (the “**Incentive Period**”).

Payment in Lieu of Taxes: During the time in which the Authority owns the Project, the Company shall be responsible for making an annual payment in lieu of taxes (the “**Annual PILOT**”). The payments reflect a percentage of ad valorem taxes that would otherwise be paid by the Company if not for the abatement.

Base PILOT Payments: The Base PILOT payments are equal to 20% of the ad valorem taxes that would otherwise be due in a given tax year but for the PILOT Agreement.

Option to Purchase: The Company shall have the option to purchase the Project from the Authority for a purchase price of \$1,000 at any time upon payment in full of any amounts that are actually then due, owing and/or past due under the Lease.

Fees: The Company agrees to pay the following fees:

- (a) At the signing of this term sheet, the non-refundable application fee in the amount of \$3,000.
- (b) Upon execution of the Act of Conveyance of the Project, or a substantial portion thereof, the closing fee of the Authority in the amount of 1/10th of 1% of the capital cost of the property subject to the exemption under the PILOT,
- (c) Upon execution of the PILOT Lease Agreement and S&U PILOT Agreement (defined below), the legal fees of counsel to the Authority; and
- (d) On the 1st day of December in each calendar year, commencing the year immediately following the conveyance of the Project, or a substantial portion thereof, to the Authority, the Company shall pay to the Authority an annual administrative fee in the amount of 1/20th of 1% of the capital cost of the property subject to the exemption under the PILOT.

Sales & Use Tax PILOT: The Authority shall effectuate an exemption from the state-imposed sale and use taxes on construction material and equipment purchased during initial construction of the project, which shall commence upon the execution of the sales and use tax PILOT Agreement (the “**S&U PILOT Agreement**”) and end upon the receipt of certificate of occupancy (the “**Construction Period**”).

On a quarterly basis during the Construction Period, Company shall make an administrative payment to the Authority equal to 30% of the state-imposed sales and use taxes that would otherwise be due but for a S&U PILOT Agreement. Additionally, Company shall also make a payment to the Authority equal to 100% of the local, nonstate sales and use taxes that would otherwise be due but for a S&U PILOT Agreement, which funds will be provided to all local

taxing authorities in amounts corresponding to the amount of sales and use taxes that would have otherwise been collected by those authorities but for the S&U PILOT.

This term sheet (the “**Term Sheet**”) provides a summary of certain financial terms offered to the Company by Sabine Parish. The terms herein are subject to additional terms and conditions as negotiated by the parties and contained in a PILOT Lease and a S&U PILOT Agreement, along with related documents (the “**PILOT Documents**”). This Term Sheet serves as a basis to move forward pursuant to the guidelines contained herein. By signing below, the parties agree to work in good faith to negotiate the PILOT Documents. Neither party is bound to execute the PILOT Documents. This Term Sheet is subject to approval of the Sabine Parish Police Jury and the Authority. This Term Sheet shall expire within ninety (90) days of execution, or upon the execution of the PILOT Lease, whichever occurs first.

Accepted on this ____ day of _____, 2023 by:

NORTHWEST LOUISIANA FINANCE AUTHORITY

By: _____
Name: _____
Its: _____

SILICON RANCH CORPORATION

By: _____
Name: _____
Its: _____

15. Mr. Gerald Long- Discuss Broad Band Service
Mr. Gerald Long was not present. No action was taken.

Resolution No. 9415

Motion by Ebarb and seconded by Stewart to table Mr. Gerald Long’s discussion of broad band service until the January 2024 regular meeting.

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

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

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 - Steinke

16. Accept the Minutes of the Previous Regular Meeting Held October 18, 2023

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

Resolution No. 9416

Motion by Bison and seconded by Ruffin to accept the minutes of the regular meeting held October 18, 2023.

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

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

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 - Steinke

17. Consider Reappointment of Secretary Treasurer

Louisiana Revised Statute 33:1651 requires the Police Jury to appoint a secretary treasurer for a term of two years. Secretary Treasurer Weatherford's term of office will expire January 11, 2024.

Resolution No. 9417

Motion by Byrd and seconded by Garcie to appoint William E. Weatherford as Secretary Treasurer of the Sabine Parish Police Jury for a term of two years from January 11, 2024, until January 11, 2026.

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

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

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 - Steinke

18. Stan Hazlip- 2024 Renewal of Health and Dental Insurance

Mr. Stan Hazlip presented a renewal proposal for group health care and dental coverage from the Parish Government Risk Management Agency (PGRMA). There were no significant changes from the prior year's coverage. The following are significant features of the option presented to the Police Jury:

- \$750/ \$2,250 deductible
- \$3,500 out-of-pocket maximum

- 100% coverage for insulin and diabetic supplies
- 80% co-insurance in network- 60% co-insurance out of network

The estimated annual premium is \$1,176,334.71, an increase of approximately 2.5% (\$29,845.95).

Resolution No. 9418

Motion by McCormic and seconded by Ruffin:

WHEREAS, the Parish Government Risk Management Agency (PGRMA) has provided a renewal option to provide group health insurance and dental coverage, and

WHEREAS, the option retains the coverage historically provided to Police Jury employees,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sabine Parish Police Jury hereby accepts the PGRMA renewal proposal with an estimated annual premium of \$1,176,334.71, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Secretary Treasurer, William E. Weatherford, is hereby authorized to sign and otherwise execute the acceptance of the renewal offer.

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

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

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 - Steinke

19. Introduce an Ordinance Establishing a Fifteen Miles Per Hour Speed Limit on the North End of Patrick Road Located in Ward 7 (Road District 4)

Secretary Treasurer Weatherford introduced the proposed ordinance by reading it aloud.

ORDINANCE No. 17 of 2023

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A FIFTEEN (15) MILES PER HOUR SPEED LIMIT ON THE NORTH END OF PATRICK ROAD LOCATED IN WARD 7 (ROAD DISTRICT 4)

WHEREAS, the Sabine Parish Police Jury is responsible for the safety of individuals traveling on parish roads, and

WHEREAS, the current posted speed limit for the north end of Patrick Road, located in Road District 4 (Ward 7), allows drivers to travel at speeds of up to forty-five (45) miles per hour without being issued a citation, and

WHEREAS, the Sabine Parish Police Jury has determined that this is a dangerous speed for travel on the north end of Patrick Road located in Road District 4 (Ward 7).

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, that the maximum speed limit for any vehicle travelling on the north end of Patrick Road, located in Road District 4 (Ward 7) shall be fifteen (15) miles per hour.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that this ordinance shall be in effect December 31, 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.

19a. An Ordinance Temporarily Moving the Polling Place for Precincts 1-2, 1-3, and 5-3 from the Florien Civic Center, 106 High School Drive, Florien, Louisiana, to the Depot, 220 West Port Arthur Avenue, Florien, Louisiana

ORDINANCE No. 16 of 2023

AN ORDINANCE TEMPORARILY MOVING THE POLLING PLACE FOR PRECINCTS 1-2, 1-3 AND 5-3 FROM THE FLORIEN CIVIC CENTER, 106 HIGH SCHOOL DRIVE, FLORIEN, LOUISIANA, TO THE DEPOT, 220 WEST PORT ARTHUR AVENUE, FLORIEN, LOUISIANA

WHEREAS, the Florien Civic Center, 106 High School Drive, Florien, Louisiana, has become unavailable as a polling place for Precincts 1-2, 1-3, and 5-3 for the election to be held November 18, 2023,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, that the polling place for Precincts 1-2, 1-3, and 5-3 be temporarily moved (for the November 18, 2023 election only) from the Florien Civic Center located at 106 High School Drive, Florien, Louisiana, to the depot located at 220 West Port Arthur Avenue, Florien, Louisiana. Subsequent to the November 18, 2023 election, the polling place for Precincts 1-2, 1-3, and 5-3 will revert back to the Florien Civic Center located at 106 High School Drive, Florien, Louisiana.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that this ordinance shall be in effect November 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 Bison and seconded by Stewart was then submitted to an official vote and the vote thereupon was recorded as follows to wit:

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

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 – Steinke

19b. Approve the Purchase of a Truck to be Converted to a Water Truck for Wards 6 & 10 (Road Districts 1 & 11)

The Road and Shop Committee has met and recommends that Wards 6 and 10 (Road Districts 1 & 11) purchase a small truck to be converted into a water truck.

Resolution No. 9419

On motion by Ebarb and seconded by Byrd:

WHEREAS, Wards 6 & 10 (Road Districts 1 & 11) are in need of a small water truck; and

WHEREAS, there is a two-ton truck available for purchase at a cost of approximately \$20,000; and

WHEREAS, said truck can be converted into a water truck.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Wards 6 & 10 (Road Districts 1 & 11) are hereby authorized to purchase said truck and convert it to a water truck.

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

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

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 - Steinke

20. Approve the Addition of a Special Revenue Fund to Account for the Opioid Settlement Money to the Financial Records of the Sabine Parish Police Jury

The Sabine Parish Police Jury is receiving monies through an opioid litigation settlement. These proceeds are considered a “Special Revenue” source of funding and should be properly accounted for in a separate special revenue fund to clearly report the receipt of revenues and the disbursement of those monies.

Resolution No. 9420

Motion by McCormic and seconded by Stewart:

WHEREAS, the Sabine Parish Police Jury is currently receiving monies from an opioid litigation settlement, and

WHEREAS, the Sabine Parish Police Jury expects to receive monies from the opioid litigation settlement for a period of eighteen years, and

WHEREAS, the receipt and disbursements of these funds are required to be segregated to provide a clear record of the transactions

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sabine Parish Police Jury hereby authorizes and approves the addition of a special revenue fund to the Police Jury's financial accounts to account for opioid litigation settlement funds, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Secretary Treasurer William E. Weatherford is hereby authorized to add a special revenue fund entitled "Opioid Litigation Settlement" to the accounting records of the Police Jury

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

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

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 – Steinke

21. Restrict the Proceeds from Litigation to Pay Closure/ Post-Closure Costs at the Landfill

Resolution No. 9421

Motion by Bison and seconded by Byrd:

WHEREAS, the Sabine Parish Police Jury recently received \$7,500,000 in settlement of claims concerning the Sabine Parish Sanitary Landfill, and

WHEREAS, this amount is the current value of the expected expense to be incurred for closure/post-closure costs at the landfill, and

WHEREAS, these monies have been deposited in the Louisiana Asset Management Plan (LAMP) to earn interest at a rate sufficient to fully fund the costs of closure/post-closure costs associated with the landfill

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sabine Parish Police Jury hereby restricts the principal and any interest earned on that amount to the purpose of providing for closure/post closure costs incurred by the Sabine Parish Sanitary Landfill

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Secretary Treasurer William E. Weatherford is hereby instructed to establish this restriction in the accounting records of the Landfill Fund of the Parish

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

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

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 – Steinke

22. Approve Entering a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Village of Converse, Louisiana for Rip Rap to be Provided to the Police Jury

The Sabine Parish Police Jury desires to enter a cooperative endeavor agreement with the Village of Converse, Louisiana for the Village to provide rip-rap material to be disposed at the Sabine Parish Sanitary Landfill.

Resolution No. 9422

Motion by Ruffin and seconded by Stewart:

WHEREAS, the Sabine Parish Sanitary Landfill is in need of rip-rap material, and

WHEREAS, Article VII Section 14 (C) of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana provides that “For a public purpose, the state and its political subdivisions ...may engage in cooperative endeavors with each other” and

WHEREAS, the Village of Converse, Louisiana has indicated a willingness to provide approximately fifteen (15) loads of rip-rap materials needed by the Sabine Parish Sanitary Landfill;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sabine Parish Police Jury is hereby authorized to enter a cooperative endeavor agreement with the Village of Converse, Louisiana, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the police jury president is hereby authorized to execute any documents necessary to complete the agreement.

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

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

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 – Steinke

23. Set Date and Time for Public Hearing on Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2023

Louisiana Revised Statute 39:1307(A) requires a police jury with total expenditures of \$500,000 or more from general fund and any special revenue funds to afford the public an opportunity to participate in the budget process prior to adoption of the budget.

The Sabine Parish Police Jury will adopt its 2024 Budget at its regularly scheduled meeting which will be held following the public hearing on the 2024 Budget on Wednesday, December 20, 2023.

Resolution No. 9423

Motion by Stewart and seconded by Byrd to hold a public hearing on the 2024 Budget in the Police Jury Meeting Room in the Courthouse located at 400 S. Capitol Street, Room 101, Many, Louisiana, on December 20, 2023 at 8:30 a.m.

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

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

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 – Steinke

24. Review and Approve 2024 Library Board Budget

The Sabine Parish Library Board has presented its Proposed 2024 Budget to the Sabine Parish Police Jury for its review and approval.

Resolution No. 9424

On motion by Ebarb and seconded by Ruffin:

WHEREAS, the Sabine Parish Library Board has completed its 2024 Proposed Budget estimating total revenues of \$12,750 and total expenditures of \$832,640 with an estimated deficit of \$819,890 to be paid with existing fund balance.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sabine Parish Police Jury has reviewed and approves the 2024 Proposed Budget of the Sabine Parish Library Board.

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

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

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 – Steinke

25. Approve Membership in the Coordinating & Development Corporation for Fiscal Year 2024

The Sabine Parish Police Jury has received a request for annual membership dues for 2024 from The Coordinating & Development Corporation.

Resolution No. 9425

Motion by Ruffin and seconded by McCormic to authorize membership in The Coordinating & Development Corporation and approve payment of \$9,220.00 in annual dues for the year 2024.

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

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

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 – Steinke

26. Re-appoint Ricky L. Sepulvado as a Commissioner on the North Sabine Fire District

The term for Mr. Ricky L. Sepulvado as a commissioner for the North Sabine Fire District expires January 9, 2024.

Resolution No. 9426

Motion by Ruffin and seconded by Stewart to re-appoint Mr. Ricky L. Sepulvado as a commissioner for the North Sabine Fire District for a two-year term ending January 9, 2026.

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

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

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 – Steinke

26a. To Appoint Mr. Darrell McCain to Complete the Term of Mr. Kaleb Herrington as a Commissioner for the Wards 1 and 2 Fire Protection District Number 1

Mr. Kaleb Herrington has resigned as a commissioner for Wards 1 and 2 Fire Protection District Number 1.

Resolution No. 9427

Motion by Stewart and seconded by Bison to appoint Mr. Darrell McCain as a commissioner for the Wards 1 and 2 Fire Protection District Number 1 to complete the term of Mr. Kaleb Herrington that ends on January 9, 2027.

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

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

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 – Steinke

27. Re-appoint Randy Byrd as a Commissioner on the North Sabine Fire District

The term for Mr. Randy Byrd as a commissioner for the North Sabine Fire District expires January 9, 2024.

Resolution No. 9428

Motion by Ebarb and seconded by Stewart to re-appoint Mr. Randy Byrd as a commissioner for the North Sabine Fire District for a two-year term ending January 9, 2026.

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

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

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 – Steinke

28. Re-appoint Michael Walker to the Board of Commissioners for the South Toledo Bend Water District

The Sabine Parish Police Jury has received correspondence from the South Toledo Bend Water District requesting the Police Jury to re-appoint Mr. Michael Walker to the Board of Commissioners of the District. Mr. Walker's term expires 1/17/2024.

Resolution No. 9429

Motion by Ruffin and seconded by Garcie to re-appoint Mr. Michael Wallker as a commissioner for the South Toledo Bend Water District for a five-year term ending January 17, 2029.

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

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

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 – Steinke

29. Re-appoint Matthew Ward as Member of the Sabine Parish Ambulance Board

The term for Matthew Ward as a board member for the Sabine Parish Ambulance Board expires December 3, 2023.

Resolution No. 9430

Motion by Byrd and seconded by Stewart to re-appoint Mr. Matthew Ward as a member of the Sabine Parish Ambulance Board for a five-year term ending December 3, 2028.

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

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

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 – Steinke

30. Consider Appointment of Jurors to the Sales Tax Commission

Resolution No. 9431

Motion by Bison and seconded by Byrd to table the consideration of the appointment of jurors to the Sales Tax Commission.

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

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

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 – Steinke

31. Consider Rescinding Resolution No. 3793 of August 21, 1996 (As Amended) Requiring a Six-Month Waiting Period for Re-Hires

No action taken.

32. Ratify Hiring Temporary Part-Time Truck Driver for Road Department

Mr. Hughes has asked the Jury to consider hiring a temporary, part-time truck driver. The consensus of the Jury was to hire a temporary, part-time truck driver. The temporary, part-time truck driver was hired November 8, 2023.

Resolution No. 9432

Motion by Ebarb and seconded by Garcie to ratify the hiring of a temporary, part-time truck driver on November 8, 2023.

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

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

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 – Steinke

33. Parish Transportation Act Priority List (3 Years – 2024,2025, 2026)- Reminder Only

Jurors were reminded the Jury needs to adopt a three (3) year Parish Transportation Act Priority List for roads for the years 2024, 2025, and 2026. This must be done prior to January 1, 2024, in order to comply with the Parish Transportation Act.

34. Authorize Payment of Approved Bills

Resolution No. 9433

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

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

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

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 – Steinke

35. Appropriate and Transfer Sales Tax for November Operations (\$425,000)

Resolution No. 9434

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

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

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

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 – Steinke

36. Committee Reports

There were no committee reports.

37. Financial Report

Secretary Treasurer, William E. Weatherford, noted that he and his employees are currently working on the amended budgets for 2023 and the proposed budgets for 2024. He informed the jurors that he would be scheduling meetings with them within the upcoming weeks to review the proposed budgets.

38. Operations

Road Superintendent Bobby Hughes presented the citations report to the jurors. He also presented a list of capital projects and a list of Parish Transportation Act projects completed and to be completed.

The Jury then discussed the purchase and installation of the pug mill to produce oil sand.

39. Adjournment

Resolution No. 9435

Motion by Stewart and seconded by Ebarb to adjourn.

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

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

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 – Steinke

s/William E. Weatherford

William E. Weatherford

Secretary Treasurer

s/Ricky L. Sepulvado

Ricky L. Sepulvado

President