

September 16, 2020

On Wednesday September 16, 2020 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. Accept the Minutes of the Previous Meetings: Regular Meeting- August 19, 2020 and Special Called Meeting – August 31, 2020
9. Ms. Kristin Delahoussaye – Discuss the Capital Area Finance Authority
10. Planning Commission
11. Convene as Board of Ad Valorem Tax Review
12. Adopt the Adjusted Millage Rates
13. Set Forth the Adjusted Millage Rates and Roll Forward to Millage Rates Not Exceeding the Maximum Authorized Rates
14. Federal Off System Bridge Replacement Program – Annual Certification of Compliance
15. Advertise for Bids for Materials, Supplies, and Services for 2021 (Opening 11/6/20)
16. Adopt an Ordinance Granting to CLECO Power, LLC , its Subsidiaries, Successors, and Assigns a Non-exclusive Franchise, Right, and Privilege for a Period of Twenty-Five (25) Years to Erect , Construct, Maintain, and Operate Lines, Poles, Wires, Structures, and Other Equipment and Appurtenances, and Use the Public Places, Roads, Streets, Alleys, Ways, and Other Public Servitudes Within the Unincorporated Areas of Sabine Parish, Louisiana, for the Purpose of the Generation, Transmission, Distribution, and Sale of Electric Current, Energy and/or Power
17. Review Bids for 12/14 Yard Dump Truck and Award Contract
18. Consider Creating the Position of Administrative Assistant for the Secretary Treasurer
19. Discuss the Maintenance and Spraying of Fence Lines
20. Discuss Damage to Parish Roads by Trees Located on Private Land
21. Discuss Informing Police Jurors of Logging Permits Requested Within their District Prior to Issuance
22. Consider Charging a Fee to Texas Residents Dumping Garbage at Parish Compactor Sites
23. Approve the Hiring of a Temporary Laborer to Work in Ward 4 (Road District 17) During Employee Absence
24. Discuss the Position of Mechanic at the Shop
25. Consider Making Dump Site Manager a Full Time Position
26. Capital Improvement Program Priority List (3 Years – 2021,2022, 2023)- Reminder Only
27. Authorize Payment of Approved Bills
28. Appropriate and Transfer Sales Tax for September Operations (\$237,000)
29. Committee Reports
30. Operations
31. Adjournment

1. Call to Order

President Mike McCormic called the meeting to order.

Because of the COVID-19 public health emergency, the Sabine Parish Police Jury provided for attendance at the meeting via telephone and video conference.

President McCormic then read aloud the agenda.

2. Roll Call

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

5. Amend the Agenda

There was no amendment to the agenda.

6. Adopt the Agenda

Resolution No. 8644

Motion by Garcie 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, Davidson, Brown, Garcie, Sepulvado, Ebarb, and Byrd

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 0

7. Public Comments

Police Jury President, Mike McCormic, allowed a period of public comment on any item on the agenda. Mr. McCormic advised everyone that they would be allowed to comment later during the meeting on particular agenda items, if they desire. There were no public comments at this time.

8. Accept the Minutes of the Previous Meetings: Regular Meeting- August 19, 2020 and Special Called Meeting – August 31, 2020

All police jurors have previously been provided written copies of the minutes of the regular meeting held August 19, 2020 and of the special called meeting held August 31, 2020.

Resolution No. 8645

Motion by Brown and seconded by Davidson to accept the minutes of the regular meeting held August 19, 2020 and of the special called meeting held August 31, 2020.

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

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

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 0

9. Ms. Kristin Delahoussaye – Discuss the Capital Area Finance Authority

The Capital Area Finance Authority (CAFA) is a local housing finance authority located in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. CAFA provides programs that help qualified potential home buyers with their down payment and/or closing costs. CAFA works with approved

mortgage companies who work with the potential borrowers to finance the home. Saving for the down payment is one of the biggest obstacles in purchasing a home. CAFA's non-repayable down payment assistance can offer up to 7% of the final loan amount.

These programs are not just for low income borrowers or first-time homebuyers. Any homebuyer can qualify if they have the minimum FICO score and fit under the maximum DTI.

Ms. Delahoussaye explained that the Sabine Parish Police Jury must enter a cooperative endeavor agreement with CAFA for the citizens of the parish to be able to participate in the program. However, there is no risk to the parish and with 30 days' notice, the parish can terminate the agreement.

Resolution No. 8646

Motion by Ebarb and seconded by Sepulvado to approve entering a cooperative endeavor agreement with the Capital Area Finance Authority to provide for programs to assist potential home buyers with their down payment and/or closing costs and to authorize the Police Jury President to execute all necessary documents.

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

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

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 0

10. Planning Commission

No member of the Sabine Parish Planning Commission was in attendance.

11. Convene as Board of Ad Valorem Tax Review

President Mike McCormic convened the police jury in its capacity as a Board of Ad Valorem Tax Review. The jurors were also presented a copy of a September 3, 2020 letter from the Sabine Parish Tax Assessor, Chris Tidwell, certifying that he has completed the assessment listings of Sabine Parish for the 2020 tax roll, at a total taxable value of \$230,567,884.

27 protests (Form 3101) were received and provided to all police jurors and the Tax Assessor, Chris Tidwell, for the Board of Ad Valorem Tax Review process as follows:

Assessment 2100002005
Logan 31-10-12 H-1
S/N 240699
Chesapeake Operating, LLC
C/O Ricardo A. Sanchez
P. O. Box 330 - OKCRS
Gainesville, TX 76241-0330

Assessment 2100002006
Labokay 27-10-13 H-1
S/N 240157
Chesapeake Operating, LLC
C/O Ricardo A. Sanchez
P. O. Box 330 - OKCRS
Gainesville, TX 76241-0330

Assessment 2100002003
Jackson 25-10-13 H-1

S/N 240412
Chesapeake Operating, LLC
C/O Ricardo A. Sanchez
P. O. Box 330 - OKCRS
Gainesville, TX 76241-0330

Assessment 2100002004
Logan 33-10-12 H-1
S/N 240564
Chesapeake Operating, LLC
C/O Ricardo A. Sanchez
P. O. Box 330 - OKCRS
Gainesville, TX 76241-0330

Assessment 2060013027
Chk Min 22-10-13 H-1
S/N 240983
Chesapeake Operating, LLC
C/O Ricardo A. Sanchez
P. O. Box 330 - OKCRS
Gainesville, TX 76241-0330

Assessment 2100006400
Evans 18-9-12 H-1
S/N 242811
Chesapeake Operating, LLC
C/O Ricardo A. Sanchez
P. O. Box 330 - OKCRS
Gainesville, TX 76241-0330

Assessment 2100002007
Nabors 24-10-13 H-1
S/N 240912
Chesapeake Operating, LLC
C/O Ricardo A. Sanchez
P. O. Box 330 - OKCRS
Gainesville, TX 76241-0330

Assessment 2100002008
Nabors 26-10-13 H-1
S/N 241423
Chesapeake Operating, LLC
C/O Ricardo A. Sanchez
P. O. Box 330 - OKCRS
Gainesville, TX 76241-0330

Assessment 2100002012
Chk Min 23-10-13 H-1
S/N 241705
Chesapeake Operating, LLC
C/O Ricardo A. Sanchez
P. O. Box 330 - OKCRS
Gainesville, TX 76241-0330

Assessment 2060013029
Evans 34-10-13 H-1
S/N 241648
Chesapeake Operating, LLC
C/O Ricardo A. Sanchez
P. O. Box 330 - OKCRS
Gainesville, TX 76241-0330

Assessment 2100002010
Logan 32-10-12 H-1
S/N 241625
Chesapeake Operating, LLC
C/O Ricardo A. Sanchez
P. O. Box 330 - OKCRS
Gainesville, TX 76241-0330

Assessment 2100002011
Gallaspy 20-10-12 H-1
S/N 241704
Chesapeake Operating, LLC
C/O Ricardo A. Sanchez
P. O. Box 330 - OKCRS
Gainesville, TX 76241-0330

Assessment 2070006254
Woolridge 23-10-12 H-1
S/N 241824
Chesapeake Operating, LLC
C/O Ricardo A. Sanchez
P. O. Box 330 - OKCRS
Gainesville, TX 76241-0330

Assessment 2100002013
Chk Min 35-10-13 H-1
S/N 241958
Chesapeake Operating, LLC
C/O Ricardo A. Sanchez
P. O. Box 330 - OKCRS
Gainesville, TX 76241-0330

Assessment 2100002015
Ezernack 4-9-12 H-1
S/N 242075
Chesapeake Operating, LLC
C/O Ricardo A. Sanchez
P. O. Box 330 - OKCRS
Gainesville, TX 76241-0330

Assessment 2100002018
Parks et al 12-9-13 H-1
S/N 242403
Chesapeake Operating, LLC
C/O Ricardo A. Sanchez
P. O. Box 330 - OKCRS
Gainesville, TX 76241-0330

Assessment 2100002019
Parks et al 1-9-13 H-1
S/N 242404
Chesapeake Operating, LLC
C/O Ricardo A. Sanchez
P. O. Box 330 - OKCRS
Gainesville, TX 76241-0330

Assessment 2100002020
Nabors 19-10-12 H-1
S/N 242461
Chesapeake Operating, LLC
C/O Ricardo A. Sanchez
P. O. Box 330 - OKCRS

Gainesville, TX 76241-0330

Assessment 2100027101a
Ezernack 3 H-1
S/N 242642
Chesapeake Operating, LLC
C/O Ricardo A. Sanchez
P. O. Box 330 - OKCRS
Gainesville, TX 76241-0330

Assessment 2100002021
Chk Min 36-10-13 H-1
S/N 242620
Chesapeake Operating, LLC
C/O Ricardo A. Sanchez
P. O. Box 330 - OKCRS
Gainesville, TX 76241-0330

Assessment 2100002022
Logan 28-10-12 H-1
S/N 242622
Chesapeake Operating, LLC
C/O Ricardo A. Sanchez
P. O. Box 330 - OKCRS
Gainesville, TX 76241-0330

Assessment 2100033900
Tatum 7-9-12 1H
S/N 244607
Chesapeake Operating, LLC
C/O Ricardo A. Sanchez
P. O. Box 330 - OKCRS
Gainesville, TX 76241-0330

Assessment 2100002024
Ezernack 10-9-13 H-1
S/N 242862
Chesapeake Operating, LLC
C/O Ricardo A. Sanchez
P. O. Box 330 - OKCRS
Gainesville, TX 76241-0330

Assessment 2100027101B
Ezernack 10-9-13 H-2
S/N 247404
Chesapeake Operating, LLC
C/O Ricardo A. Sanchez
P. O. Box 330 - OKCRS
Gainesville, TX 76241-0330

Assessment 2060013025
Chk La Minerals 28-10-13 H-1
S/N 240216
Chesapeake Operating, LLC
C/O Ricardo A. Sanchez
P. O. Box 330 - OKCRS
Gainesville, TX 76241-0330

Assessment 0076033200
Family Dollar- Pleasant Hill
2458 W. Main Street
Pleasant Hill, LA 71065

Flagpole Peak Investments
C/O Paradigm Tax Group
Attn: Ryan Cullen
840 Gessner Rd., Ste. 320
Houston, TX 77024

Assessment 0087023350
Family Dollar- Zwolle
2550 S. Obrie Street
Zwolle, Louisiana 71486
James Lynn Enterprises, Inc.
C/O Paradigm Tax Group
Attn: Ryan Cullen
840 Gessner Rd., Ste. 320
Houston, TX 77024

Chesapeake Operating LLC provided the Board for Ad Valorem Tax Review an affidavit setting forth the Assessor's Fair Market Value and the Taxpayer's Fair Market Value. The Company requested relief from the Board for Ad Valorem Tax Review and requested that the Taxpayer's Fair Market Value be approved by the Board.

No one was present to represent the Family Dollar- Pleasant Hill or the Family Dollar- Zwolle.

Tax Assessor Chris Tidwell and Mr. Carl Chance attended the meeting to respond to the protests. Mr. Chance explained how the Assessor's Office calculated the fair market value of the properties.

Any protests should be addressed today and no additional meetings of the Board for Ad Valorem Tax Review would be necessary and the Board can be adjourned. The Board has the option to either uphold or not uphold the Tax Assessor in the assessments. If the assessments are upheld, the matter can then be appealed to the Louisiana Tax Commission by the taxpayer. There are four levels of appeal. The first is between the taxpayer and the Tax Assessor, then the Board for Ad Valorem Tax Review, then the Louisiana Tax Commission, and finally the courts.

The Jurors desired to uphold the Sabine Parish Tax Assessor. Secretary Treasurer Weatherford then read aloud a resolution which would uphold the Tax Assessor and accept the tax roll values.

Resolution No. 8647

Motion by Sepulvado and seconded by Byrd:

WHEREAS, the Sabine Parish Police Jury, acting as a Board of Ad Valorem Tax Review, commenced public hearings today, and

WHEREAS the Police Jury hereby certifies that twenty-seven (27) protests of assessment have been received as follows:

Assessment 2100002005
Logan 31-10-12 H-1
S/N 240699
Chesapeake Operating, LLC
C/O Ricardo A. Sanchez
P. O. Box 330 - OKCRS
Gainesville, TX 76241-0330

Assessment 2100002006
Labokay 27-10-13 H-1
S/N 240157
Chesapeake Operating, LLC

C/O Ricardo A. Sanchez
P. O. Box 330 - OKCRS
Gainesville, TX 76241-0330

Assessment 2100002003
Jackson 25-10-13 H-1
S/N 240412
Chesapeake Operating, LLC
C/O Ricardo A. Sanchez
P. O. Box 330 - OKCRS
Gainesville, TX 76241-0330

Assessment 2100002004
Logan 33-10-12 H-1
S/N 240564
Chesapeake Operating, LLC
C/O Ricardo A. Sanchez
P. O. Box 330 - OKCRS
Gainesville, TX 76241-0330

Assessment 2060013027
Chk Min 22-10-13 H-1
S/N 240983
Chesapeake Operating, LLC
C/O Ricardo A. Sanchez
P. O. Box 330 - OKCRS
Gainesville, TX 76241-0330

Assessment 2100006400
Evans 18-9-12 H-1
S/N 242811
Chesapeake Operating, LLC
C/O Ricardo A. Sanchez
P. O. Box 330 - OKCRS
Gainesville, TX 76241-0330

Assessment 2100002007
Nabors 24-10-13 H-1
S/N 240912
Chesapeake Operating, LLC
C/O Ricardo A. Sanchez
P. O. Box 330 - OKCRS
Gainesville, TX 76241-0330

Assessment 2100002008
Nabors 26-10-13 H-1
S/N 241423
Chesapeake Operating, LLC
C/O Ricardo A. Sanchez
P. O. Box 330 - OKCRS
Gainesville, TX 76241-0330

Assessment 2100002012
Chk Min 23-10-13 H-1
S/N 241705
Chesapeake Operating, LLC
C/O Ricardo A. Sanchez
P. O. Box 330 - OKCRS
Gainesville, TX 76241-0330

Assessment 2060013029
Evans 34-10-13 H-1

S/N 241648
Chesapeake Operating, LLC
C/O Ricardo A. Sanchez
P. O. Box 330 - OKCRS
Gainesville, TX 76241-0330

Assessment 2100002010
Logan 32-10-12 H-1
S/N 241625
Chesapeake Operating, LLC
C/O Ricardo A. Sanchez
P. O. Box 330 - OKCRS
Gainesville, TX 76241-0330

Assessment 2100002011
Gallaspy 20-10-12 H-1
S/N 241704
Chesapeake Operating, LLC
C/O Ricardo A. Sanchez
P. O. Box 330 - OKCRS
Gainesville, TX 76241-0330

Assessment 2070006254
Woolridge 23-10-12 H-1
S/N 241824
Chesapeake Operating, LLC
C/O Ricardo A. Sanchez
P. O. Box 330 - OKCRS
Gainesville, TX 76241-0330

Assessment 2100002013
Chk Min 35-10-13 H-1
S/N 241958
Chesapeake Operating, LLC
C/O Ricardo A. Sanchez
P. O. Box 330 - OKCRS
Gainesville, TX 76241-0330

Assessment 2100002015
Ezernack 4-9-12 H-1
S/N 242075
Chesapeake Operating, LLC
C/O Ricardo A. Sanchez
P. O. Box 330 - OKCRS
Gainesville, TX 76241-0330

Assessment 2100002018
Parks et al 12-9-13 H-1
S/N 242403
Chesapeake Operating, LLC
C/O Ricardo A. Sanchez
P. O. Box 330 - OKCRS
Gainesville, TX 76241-0330

Assessment 2100002019
Parks et al 1-9-13 H-1
S/N 242404
Chesapeake Operating, LLC
C/O Ricardo A. Sanchez
P. O. Box 330 - OKCRS
Gainesville, TX 76241-0330

Assessment 2100002020
Nabors 19-10-12 H-1
S/N 242461
Chesapeake Operating, LLC
C/O Ricardo A. Sanchez
P. O. Box 330 - OKCRS
Gainesville, TX 76241-0330

Assessment 2100027101a
Ezernack 3 H-1
S/N 242642
Chesapeake Operating, LLC
C/O Ricardo A. Sanchez
P. O. Box 330 - OKCRS
Gainesville, TX 76241-0330

Assessment 2100002021
Chk Min 36-10-13 H-1
S/N 242620
Chesapeake Operating, LLC
C/O Ricardo A. Sanchez
P. O. Box 330 - OKCRS
Gainesville, TX 76241-0330

Assessment 2100002022
Logan 28-10-12 H-1
S/N 242622
Chesapeake Operating, LLC
C/O Ricardo A. Sanchez
P. O. Box 330 - OKCRS
Gainesville, TX 76241-0330

Assessment 2100033900
Tatum 7-9-12 1H
S/N 244607
Chesapeake Operating, LLC
C/O Ricardo A. Sanchez
P. O. Box 330 - OKCRS
Gainesville, TX 76241-0330

Assessment 2100002024
Ezernack 10-9-13 H-1
S/N 242862
Chesapeake Operating, LLC
C/O Ricardo A. Sanchez
P. O. Box 330 - OKCRS
Gainesville, TX 76241-0330

Assessment 2100027101B
Ezernack 10-9-13 H-2
S/N 247404
Chesapeake Operating, LLC
C/O Ricardo A. Sanchez
P. O. Box 330 - OKCRS
Gainesville, TX 76241-0330

Assessment 2060013025
Chk La Minerals 28-10-13 H-1
S/N 240216
Chesapeake Operating, LLC
C/O Ricardo A. Sanchez
P. O. Box 330 - OKCRS

Gainesville, TX 76241-0330

Assessment 0076033200
Family Dollar- Pleasant Hill
2458 W. Main Street
Pleasant Hill, LA 71065
Flagpole Peak Investments
C/O Paradigm Tax Group
Attn: Ryan Cullen
840 Gessner Rd., Ste. 320
Houston, TX 77024

Assessment 0087023350
Family Dollar- Zwolle
2550 S. Obrie Street
Zwolle, Louisiana 71486
James Lynn Enterprises, Inc.
C/O Paradigm Tax Group
Attn: Ryan Cullen
840 Gessner Rd., Ste. 320
Houston, TX 77024

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sabine Parish Police Jury, acting in its capacity as a Board of Ad Valorem Tax Review, upholds the Assessor in the protests listed herein above, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Sabine Parish Police Jury hereby certifies that no additional meetings of the Board of Ad Valorem Tax Review will be necessary, and the Board is adjourned, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the police jury accepts and approves the 2020 property tax roll values of \$230,567,884 as presented by Sabine Parish Tax Assessor Chris Tidwell.

The foregoing resolution was read in full, at which time a quorum was present and voting, and the resolution was adopted by the following votes on the 16th day of September 2020:

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

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 0

The police jury then returned to regular session as the above resolution had completed the Board of Ad Valorem Tax Review business.

12. Adopt the Adjusted Millage Rates

Resolution No. 8648

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Sabine Parish Police Jury of the Parish of Sabine, Louisiana, in a public meeting held on September 16, 2020, which meeting was conducted in accordance with the Open Meetings Law and the additional requirements of Article VII, Section 23(C) of the Louisiana Constitution and R.S. 47:1705(B), that the following **adjusted millage rates** be and they are hereby levied upon the dollar of the assessed valuation of all property subject to ad valorem taxation within said Parish for the year 2020, for the purpose of raising revenue:

MILLAGE

Road District #18 (Tax for: Road Maintenance)	10.80 mills
Road District #19 (Tax for: Road Maintenance)	13.58 mills
Road District #16 (Tax for: Road Maintenance)	10.05 mills
Road District #9 (Tax for: Road Maintenance)	10.13 mills
P. W. Humane Society (Tax for: Animal Shelter)	1.68 mills
Parish Wide General Alimony (Tax for: General Alimony)	4.80 mills
Road District #17 (Tax for: Road Maintenance)	10.80 mills
Road District #15 (Tax for: Road Maintenance)	13.59 mills
Road District #1 (Tax for: Road Maintenance)	17.22 mills
Road District #4 (Tax for: Road Maintenance)	13.88 mills
Road District #20 (Tax for: Road Maintenance)	22.58 mills
Road District #11 (Tax for: Road Maintenance)	24.87 mills
Fire District 1 (Wards 1&2) (Tax for: Fire Protection)	10.20 mills
Fire District 1 (Wards 1&2) (Tax for: Fire Protection)	8.47 mills
Fire District 1 (Wards 3&4) (Tax for: Fire Protection)	5.11 mills
North Sabine Fire #1 (Tax for: Fire Protection)	5.39 mills
North Sabine Fire #2 (Tax for: Fire Protection)	7.00 mills
Health Unit (Tax for: Health Unit)	1.04 mills
Parish Wide Library (Tax for: Library)	5.27 mills

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Assessor of the Parish of Sabine, shall extend upon the assessment roll for the year 2020 the taxes herein levied, and the tax

collector of said Parish shall collect and remit the same to said taxing authority in accordance with law.

The foregoing resolution was read in full, and on motion by Ruffin and seconded by Garcie the roll was called on the adoption thereof, and the resolution was adopted by the following votes:

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

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 0

13. Set Forth the Adjusted Millage Rates and Roll Forward to Millage Rates Not Exceeding the Maximum Authorized Rates

Resolution No. 8649

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Sabine Parish Police Jury of the Parish of Sabine, Louisiana, in a public meeting held on September 16, 2020, which meeting was conducted in accordance with the Open Meetings Law and the additional requirements of Article VII, Section 23(C) of the Louisiana Constitution and R.S. 47:1705(B), that the taxing district voted to increase the millage rates, but not in excess of the prior year's maximum rates, on all taxable property shown on the official assessment roll for the year 2020, and when collected, the revenues from said taxes shall be used only for the specific purposes for which said taxes have been levied. Said millage rates are:

<u>Levy</u>	<u>Adjusted Rate</u>	<u>2020</u>
Road District #18 (Tax for: Road Maintenance)	10.80 mills	10.90 mills
Road District #19 (Tax for: Road Maintenance)	13.58 mills	15.51 mills
Road District #9 (Tax for: Road Maintenance)	10.13 mills	10.25 mills
Road District #11 (Tax for: Road Maintenance)	24.87 mills	25.64 mills
Fire District 1(Wards 1 &2) (Tax for: Fire Protection)	10.20 mills	10.24 mills
Fire District 1(Wards 1 &2) (Tax for: Fire Protection)	8.47 mills	8.50 mills

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Assessor of the Parish of Sabine, shall extend upon the assessment roll for the year 2020 the taxes herein levied, and the tax collector of said Parish shall collect and remit the same to said taxing authority in accordance with law.

The foregoing resolution was read in full, and on motion by Ebarb and seconded by Brown, the roll was called on the adoption thereof, and the resolution was adopted by no less than two-thirds of the total membership of the taxing authority voting in favor as

required by Article VII, Section 23(C) of the Louisiana Constitution and R.S. 47:1705(B). The votes were:

Yeas: 7 - McCormic, Ruffin, Brown, Garcie, Sepulvado, Ebarb, and Byrd

Nays: 2 – Stewart and Davidson

Abstain: 0

Absent: 0

14. Federal Off System Bridge Replacement Program – Annual Certification of Compliance

Resolution No. 8650

ANNUAL CERTIFICATION
OF COMPLIANCE WITH
STATE OF LOUISIANA
OFF SYSTEM BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROGRAM

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

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

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the governing authority of Sabine Parish (herein referred to as the Parish) that the Parish in regular meeting assembled does hereby certify to the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (herein referred to as DOTD) that for the period 1 October 2019 through 30 September 2020:

1. The Parish has performed all interim inspections on all Parish owned or maintained bridges in accordance with the National Bridge Inspection Standards.
2. All bridges owned or maintained by the Parish have been structurally analyzed and rated by the Parish as to the safe load capacity in accordance with AASHTO Manual for Maintenance Inspection of Bridges. The load posting information that has been determined by the LA DOTD for all bridges where the maximum legal load under Louisiana State law exceeds the load permitted under the operating rating as determined above has been critically reviewed by the Parish. Load posting information has been updated by the Parish to reflect all structural changes, and obsolete structural ratings or any missing structural ratings.
3. All Parish owned or maintained bridges which require load posting or closing are load posted or closed in accordance with the table in the DOTD Engineering Directives and Standards Manual Directive No. 1.1.1.S. All DOTD supplied load posting information concerning a bridge has been critically reviewed by the Parish Engineer prior to load posting.
4. All bridges owned or maintained by the Parish are shown on the attached list in the format specified by the DOTD. Corrections to data supplied to the Parish by LA DOTD are noted.

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

This resolution was considered section by section and as a whole and upon motion of Sepulvado being seconded by Ruffin was adopted by the following vote on this the 16th day of September, 2019.

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

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 0

15. Advertise for Bids for Materials, Supplies, and Services for 2021 (Opening 11/6/20)
Secretary Treasurer Weatherford advised the jurors that he and Road Superintendent Hughes will review the proposed bid advertisement for 2021 materials, supplies and services within the next few days and will make desired changes to it. The bids will be advertised in the local newspaper no later than October 14, 2020. The advertisement will be run in the official journal for three (3) consecutive weeks and the sealed bids will be opened in public on November 6, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. They will be presented to the police jury for review on November 18, 2020 and the bids will be awarded on December 16, 2020.

Resolution No. 8651

Motion by Stewart and seconded by Ruffin to advertise for bids for road materials, supplies, and services for 2021, with the sealed bids to be opened on Friday, November 6, 2020 at 10:00 a.m., then presented to the Sabine Parish Police Jury at its regularly scheduled November 18, 2020 meeting. The bids will be taken under advisement until the regularly scheduled December 16, 2020 police jury meeting when they will be awarded.

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

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

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 0

16. Adopt an Ordinance Granting to CLECO Power, LLC , its Subsidiaries, Successors, and Assigns a Non-exclusive Franchise, Right, and Privilege for a Period of Twenty-Five (25) Years to Erect , Construct, Maintain, and Operate Lines, Poles, Wires, Structures, and Other Equipment and Appurtenances, and Use the Public Places, Roads, Streets, Alleys, Ways, and Other Public Servitudes Within the Unincorporated Areas of Sabine Parish, Louisiana, for the Purpose of the Generation, Transmission, Distribution, and Sale of Electric Current, Energy and/or Power
Secretary Treasurer Weatherford recommended tabling this item until the October regular meeting.

Resolution No. 8652

Motion by Stewart and seconded by Byrd to table consideration of an ordinance granting to CLECO Power, LLC, its subsidiaries, successors, and assigns a non-exclusive franchise, right, and privilege for a period of twenty-five (25) years to erect, construct, maintain, and operate lines, poles, wires, structures, and other equipment and appurtenances, and use the public places, roads, streets, alleys, ways, and other public servitudes within the unincorporated areas of Sabine Parish, Louisiana, for the purpose of

the generation, transmission, distribution, and sale of electric current, energy, and/or power until the October regularly scheduled meeting.

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

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

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 0

17. Review Bids for 12/14 Yard Dump Truck and Award Contract

The Sabine Parish Police Jury accepted sealed bids until 10:00 a.m., September 9, 2020 for a new (2021) 12/14-yard dump body truck. Two bids were received. The sealed bids were opened and publicly read aloud. All jurors have been provided copies of these bids.

The bids received were as follows:

Vendor	Make	Model	Cost
Pliier International	2021 International	HV607 SBA	\$104,352.20
All Truck Parts & Equipment Co. LLC	2021 Western Star	4700 SB	\$107,365.00

Resolution No. 8653

Motion by Ruffin and seconded by Stewart to accept the low bid from Pliier International for a 2021 International model HV607 SBA 12/14-yard dump body truck at a cost of \$104,352.20.

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

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

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 0

18. Consider Creating the Position of Administrative Assistant for the Secretary Treasurer

Secretary Treasurer Weatherford addressed the Police Jury and requested that the Position of Administrative Assistant for the Secretary Treasurer be created with a pay rate of \$15.00 per hour.

Resolution No. 8654

The following resolution was offered by Ruffin and seconded by Byrd:

WHEREAS, the workload of the Secretary Treasurer has significantly increased due to expanded operations within the Parish, and

WHEREAS, the Secretary Treasurer has requested the Police Jury to hire an additional clerical employee to assist him in the performance of administrative duties,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sabine Parish Police Jury hereby creates the position of Administrative Assistant for the Secretary Treasurer effective September 16, 2020, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the beginning rate of pay for this position shall be fifteen dollars (\$15.00) per hour with the employee participating in the normal STEP Plan increases, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this shall be a full-time position normally working forty (40) hours each week with the employee eligible to participate in available fringe benefits.

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

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

Nays: 1 - Stewart

Abstain: 0

Absent: 0

19. Discuss the Maintenance and Spraying of Fence Lines

Mr. Jeff Davidson stated that, in his district, unkept fence lines prevent the Parish from fully utilizing its mowing equipment. He inquired if the Parish could obtain chemical spraying equipment and spray problem areas. Mr. Garcie said that chemical spraying of fence lines had been tried in his area and had been abandoned because of legal implications.

Resolution No. 8655

Motion by Brown and seconded by Stewart to refer consideration of the maintenance and spraying of fence lines to the Road and Shop Committee.

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

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

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 0

20. Discuss Damage to Parish Roads by Trees Located on Private Land

Mr. Jeff Davidson informed the Police Jury that large trees growing close to Parish roads have root systems extending into the road sub-structure. If these trees are blown down, the roots destroy the roadbed.

Resolution No. 8656

Motion by Ebarb and seconded by Brown to refer discussion of the damage to Parish roads by trees located on private land to the Road and Shop Committee.

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

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

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 0

21. Discuss Informing Police Jurors of Logging Permits Requested Within their District Prior to Issuance

Mr. Jeff Davidson inquired if the police juror of a road district could be informed of a request for a logging permit in his area before the permit is issued to the logger. Mr. Davidson explained that he would like to meet with the logger and discuss the project before the permit is issued. Secretary Treasurer Weatherford was directed to ask the District Attorney about the legality of a juror discussing a project with a logger prior to issuing a permit.

Resolution No. 8657

Motion by Sepulvado and seconded by Ebarb to refer discussion of informing police jurors of logging permits requested within their district prior to issuance to the Road and Shop Committee.

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

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

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 0

22. Consider Charging a Fee to Texas Residents Dumping Garbage at Parish Compactor Sites

Mr. McCormic noted that many Texas residents are bringing loads of garbage to the compactor station on Highway 6. There was a discussion concerning the difficulty of enforcing the requirement that a person placing garbage in the compactor station must be either a resident of the Parish or own a camp located in Sabine Parish.

Resolution No. 8658

Motion by Stewart and seconded by Ruffin to refer discussion of charging a fee to Texas residents dumping garbage at Parish compactor sites to the Solid Waste Committee.

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

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

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 0

23. Approve the Hiring of a Temporary Laborer to Work in Ward 4 (Road District 17) During Employee Absence

Road Superintendent Bobby Hughes addressed the Police Jury. An employee of the Road Department was seriously injured while clearing debris caused by Hurricane Laura. He is expected to be off work for three months. Mr. Hughes requested that the Jury authorize hiring a temporary employee to work full-time while the injured employee recovers.

Resolution No. 8659

The following resolution was offered by Sepulvado and seconded by Ebarb:

WHEREAS, a regular full time employee has been seriously injured while performing his normal work, and

WHEREAS, the injured employee is expected to be unable to return to work for at least three months,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sabine Parish Police Jury hereby authorizes the Road Superintendent to hire a temporary employee to work on a full-time basis until the injured employee can return to normal employment, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the beginning rate of pay for this temporary position shall be the normal rate of pay for a full-time employee with similar qualifications, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the temporary employee shall not be eligible to participate in available fringe benefits.

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

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

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 0

24. Discuss the Position of Mechanic at the Shop

No action was taken on this item.

25. Consider Making Dump Site Manager a Full Time Position

Road Superintendent Bobby Hughes provided the Jury a job description for the Dump Site Manager. This position was originally approved as a part-time job working twenty hours each week. Over time, the Dump Site Manager has taken many additional duties not contemplated at inception. Mr. Hughes requested that the job of Dump Site Manager be made a full-time position.

Resolution No. 8660

The following resolution was offered by Ruffin and seconded by Stewart:

WHEREAS, the duties of the Dump Site Manager have significantly increased and there exists a need for the position to be made a full-time job

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sabine Parish Police Jury hereby approves changing the job of Dump Site Manager to a full-time position normally working forty (40) hours each week, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the beginning rate of pay for this position shall be \$11.96 per hour.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Dump Site Manager shall participate in the STEP Plan and be eligible to participate in available fringe benefits.

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

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

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 0

Mr. Charlie Brown left the meeting at this time.

26. Capital Improvement Program Priority List (3 Years – 2021,2022, 2023)- Reminder Only

Jurors were reminded the Jury needs to adopt a three (3) year Parish Transportation Act Priority List for roads for the years 2021, 2022, and 2023. This must be done prior to January 1, 2021 in order to comply with the Parish Transportation Act.

27. Authorize Payment of Approved Bills

Resolution No. 8661

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, Davidson, Garcie, Sepulvado, Ebarb, and Byrd

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 - Brown

28. Appropriate and Transfer Sales Tax for September Operations (\$237,000)

Resolution No. 8662

Motion by Ruffin and seconded by Stewart to appropriate and transfer \$237,000.00 from the Sales Tax Fund to the Parish-wide Transportation Fund for September 2020 operations.

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

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

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 - Brown

29. Committee Reports

Solid Waste Committee:

President McCormic reported that the Solid Waste Committee had met with representatives from a company interested in starting a waste collection and hauling business in Sabine Parish. Preliminary discussions were held and the Solid Waste Committee anticipates continued discussions.

30. Operations

There was no discussion under operations.

31. Adjournment

Resolution No. 8663

Motion by Ruffin and seconded by Stewart to adjourn.

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

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

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 - Brown

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

s/Richard M. McCormic
Richard M. McCormic
President