

April 19, 2023

On Wednesday, April 19, 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 March 15, 2023
11. Mr. Cedric Floyd – Introduction of an Ordinance to Merge and Consolidate Precincts Based on Louisiana Revised Statute 18:532 and 18:532.1
12. Mr. Cisco Rey, Mr. Jesse Pollard, and Ms. Liz Pierre – Consider a Resolution Approving an Annual Payment in Lieu of Tax in Accordance with a Term Sheet Issued by the Northwest Louisiana Finance Authority to Hollis Creek PV I, LLC.
13. Authorize Advertisement for Bids for the Excavation of Cells 8 & 9 at the Sabine Parish Sanitary Landfill
14. Ratify Opening Three Bank Accounts for the 2023 Landfill Revenue Bonds
15. Award Contract for Landfill Gas Collection System
16. Adopt a Resolution Authorizing the Engagement of Counsel for the Purpose of Negotiating the Purchase of Sabine Parish Property, and/or Expropriating Such Property, for Public Use, Namely to Expand the Existing Sabine Parish Landfill
17. Authorize Advertisement of Bid for the Purchase of 2023-Year Model or Newer Excavator for the Solid Waste Landfill
18. Authorize Advertisement of Bid for the Purchase of 2023-Year Model or Newer Articulated Hauler for the Solid Waste Landfill
19. Authorize a New Position for an Additional Operator at the Solid Waste Landfill
20. Adopt a Resolution Approving the Issuance, Sale and Delivery of Not Exceeding Three Hundred Five Thousand Dollars (\$305,000) of Limited Tax Bonds, Series 2023, of Wards 1 and 2 Fire Protection District No.1 of the Parish of Sabine, State of Louisiana
21. Adopt a Resolution Authorizing Investment in the Louisiana Asset Management Pool, Inc. (LAMP)
22. Adopt a Resolution Authorizing the President to Accept and Maintain LRSP Signs and Stripping (Vernon, Sabine)
23. Review Bids for Herbicide Treatment of Selected Roads and Award Contract
24. Consider Approval of a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the City of Many, Louisiana to Reclaim, Compact, and Overlay Airport Road
25. Consider Approval of a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Sabine Parish Sheriff to Provide for Two Deputies to Operate Security Checkpoint at South Capitol Street Entrance

26. Ratify Approval of President Ricky L. Sepulvado to Sign the Settlement Participation Forms for Opioid Settlements with CVS, Walgreens, and Walmart
27. Consider a Loan from the General Fund to Road District 18 (Ward 1) for Motor Grader Repairs
28. Declare Certain Equipment Surplus and Approve the Sale of the Equipment through Electronic Auction (govdeals.com)
29. Consider Abandoned Property at Acadian Shores in Ward 5
30. Adopt a Fair Housing Proclamation
31. Consider the Lease of Parish Property for Oil and Gas Exploration
32. Recognize the Zwolle High School Men's Basketball Team for 16<sup>th</sup> State Championship
33. Recognize the Many High School Football Team for Winning 2022 State Championship
34. Recognize the Many High School Fishing Team
35. Recognize the Many High School Band
36. Recognize the Many High School Men's Weightlifting Team
37. Consider appointment of Scott Gowen as Director of the Parish Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness
38. Consider appointment of David Davis as Assistant Director of the Parish Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness
39. Discuss Grading Work in Road District 9, Ward 3
40. Authorize Payment of Approved Bills
41. Appropriate and Transfer Sales Tax for April Operations (\$425,000)
42. Committee Reports
43. Financial Report
44. Operations
45. 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. William E. Ruffin.

4. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Kenneth M. Ebarb.

5. Amend the Agenda

There was no amendment to the agenda.

6. Adopt the Agenda

Resolution No. 9245

Motion by Ebarb and seconded by Byrd 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 on the grader work done in Road District 9 (Ward 3). He commended the work that had been done on the ditches, but he noted that there is needed improvement crowning the roads. He also suggested hiring a road inspector.

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

Mrs. Rebekah Stiegemeyer commented on the reclaiming of parish roads.

Ms. Lutrisa Gasaway commented on the road maintenance in the Yellow Pine area. She stressed the need for new culverts in the area.

Ms. Lauren Basone commented on the roads in the Big Bass area. She noted that they are in bad shape and are very muddy. She requested gravel for the roads.

Mr. Everett Hebert requested that an item concerning the sale of water from Toledo Bend be included as an agenda item for the May 17<sup>th</sup> meeting.

#### 8. Representative Rodney Schamerhorn

No representative from Mr. Rodney Schamerhorn's office was present at the meeting.

#### 9. Planning Commission

Mr. Peter Nugent, Chairman of the Sabine Parish Planning Commission, reported that there were several projects underway in the parish but the weather had slowed the work.

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

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

Resolution No. 9246

Motion by Ruffin and seconded by Garcie to accept the minutes of the regular meeting held 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

11. Mr. Cedric Floyd – Introduction of an Ordinance to Merge and Consolidate Precincts Based on Louisiana Revised Statute 18:532 and 18:532.1

Mr. Cedric Floyd, with Data Center, briefly discussed an ordinance to merge and consolidate the Parish's precincts.

President Sepulvado introduced, by name, "An Ordinance to Establish and Merge Precincts Consistent with the 2022 Sabine Parish Police Jury Districts in Accordance with Louisiana Revised Statutes 18:532 and 18:532.1".

12. Mr. Cisco Rey, Mr. Jesse Pollard, and Ms. Liz Pierre – Consider a Resolution Approving an Annual Payment in Lieu of Tax in Accordance with a Term Sheet Issued by the Northwest Louisiana Finance Authority to Hollis Creek PV I, LLC.

Resolution No. 9247

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN ANNUAL PAYMENT  
IN LIEU OF TAX IN ACCORDANCE WITH A TERM  
SHEET ISSUED BY THE NORTHWEST LOUISIANA  
FINANCE AUTHORITY TO HOLLIS CREEK PV I, LLC.**

**WHEREAS**, the Northwest Louisiana Finance Authority ("**NLFA**") 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 NLFA, 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 of Louisiana (the "**State**"), or any political subdivision thereof or any other taxing body; and

**WHEREAS**, NLFA has arranged to acquire a solar photovoltaic facility (the "**Solar Project**") and potentially an optional Energy Storage facility (the "**Optional Energy Storage Project**," and together with the Solar Project, the "**Project**") in the Parish of Sabine (the "**Parish**")

pursuant to a Term Sheet issued to Hollis Creek PV I, LLC (the “*Term Sheet*”), which is attached hereto as **Exhibit A** and incorporated herein; and

**WHEREAS**, NLFA intends to lease the Project to Hollis Creek PV I, LLC (the “*Lessee*”), a limited liability company organized and existing under the laws of the state of Delaware and qualified to do business in the State, and pursuant to La. R.S. 9:2347(M) and subject to the approval of the Sabine Parish Police Jury, as the governing authority of the Parish, and the approval of the beneficiary of NLFA, NLFA will require 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 Authority (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; and

**WHEREAS**, the Term Sheet provides that the PILOT shall commence upon the conveyance of the Project to the Authority 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**, as an independently existing public trust authorized and empowered under Chapter 2-A of Title 9 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended (La. R.S. 9:2341 through 9:2347, inclusive) (the “*Act*”), the PILOT for the Project may be required by NLFA only if the Sabine Parish Police Jury, as the governing authority within whose boundaries the Project is to be located, approves by resolution the PILOT, in accordance with La. R.S. 9:2347(M);

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Police Jury of the Parish of Sabine 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 approve the PILOT to be paid by the Lessee for the Project in an amount not to exceed the amount of taxes that would otherwise be due if the Project were not owned by the Authority, in accordance with the 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 Steinke, a record vote was taken and the following result was had:

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

**NAYS: 0**

**ABSTAIN: 0**

**ABSENT: 0**

**WHEREUPON**, the presiding officer declared the above Resolution duly adopted in full on this, the 19th day of April, 2023.

s\Ricky L. Sepulvado \_\_\_\_\_  
Ricky L. Sepulvado, President

s\William E. Weatherford \_\_\_\_\_  
William E. Weatherford, Secretary-Treasurer

**13. Authorize Advertisement for Bids for the Excavation of Cells 8 & 9 at the Sabine Parish Sanitary Landfill**

Resolution No. 9248

On motion by Ebarb and seconded by Stewart:

WHEREAS, Mader Engineering has completed the specifications and contract documents for the excavation of Cells 8 & 9 at the Sabine Parish Sanitary Landfill, and

WHEREAS, the engineers would like to advertise for bids on May 3, May 10, and May 17, 2023

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Mader Engineering is hereby authorized to advertise for bids for the excavation of Cells 8 & 9 at the Sabine Parish Sanitary Landfill.

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

14. Ratify Opening Three Bank Accounts for the 2023 Landfill Revenue Bonds

Resolution No. 9249

On motion by Ruffin and seconded by Byrd:

WHEREAS, the Sabine Parish Police Jury has finalized the issuance of six million dollars (\$6,000,000) of Series 2023 Landfill Revenue Bonds for construction of cells 8 & 9 at the Sabine Parish Sanitary Landfill, and

WHEREAS, The Sabine Parish Police Jury was required to open three new bank accounts for the deposit of funds relating to the bonds as follows:

- 2023 Landfill Revenue Bond Operating
- 2023 Landfill Revenue Bond Sinking Fund
- 2023 Landfill Revenue Bond Reserve Fund

and,

WHEREAS, these accounts were opened to facilitate issuance of the bonds,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the opening of these accounts is hereby approved and ratified.

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

15. Award Contract for Landfill Gas Collection System

The Sabine Parish Police Jury has requested proposals to provide renewable energy recovery at the Sanitary Landfill. Proposals were due by March 31, 2023. A committee was formed by President Sepulvado to review and rate the proposals received.

Resolution No. 9250

On Motion by Ruffin and seconded by McCormic:

WHEREAS, the Sabine Parish Police Jury has received three (3) proposals to provide renewable energy recovery at the Sanitary Landfill, and

WHEREAS, a selection committee has been established by President Sepulvado and the committee has reviewed the proposals received, and

WHEREAS, the selection committee has ranked the proposals as follows:

<b>Company</b>	<b>Total Points Awarded</b>
Gage Renewables	586
RNGC Holdings, LLC	403
Hunt, Guillot, and Associates, LLC	280

,and

WHEREAS, the selection committee recommends Gage Renewables be awarded the contract to provide renewable energy recovery at the Sanitary Landfill:

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sabine Parish Police Jury enter a contractual agreement with Gage Renewables, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the police jury president and the secretary treasurer are hereby authorized to sign and otherwise execute and agreement with Gage Renewables to provide renewable energy recovery at the Sanitary Landfill.

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



16. Adopt a Resolution Authorizing the Engagement of Counsel for the Purpose of Negotiating the Purchase of Sabine Parish Property, and/or Expropriating Such Property, for Public Use, Namely to Expand the Existing Sabine Parish Landfill

Resolution No. 9251

The following Motion and Resolution was offered by Ruffin who moved for its adoption, and seconded by Steinke at the April 19, 2023 meeting of the Sabine Parish Police Jury (the “Police Jury”):

WHEREAS, the Police Jury requires counsel for the purposes of negotiating the purchase of Sabine Parish property, and/or expropriating such property, for public use, namely to expand the existing Sabine Parish landfill; and

WHEREAS, the Police Jury does not have counsel on its staff, and the Sabine Parish District Attorney’s Office has advised that it does not have civil experience with expropriation actions, nor sufficient resources to promptly assist with these matters; and

WHEREAS, The Police Jury proposes to retain the following outside counsel for these purposes, at the following legal rates:

1. J. Chris Guillet, Corkern, Crews, Guillet & Johnson, LLC, 616 Front Street, Natchitoches, Louisiana (318-352-2302), \$250 per hour.
2. Mark Begnaud, McCoy, Roberts & Begnaud, 300 St. Denis Street, Natchitoches, Louisiana (318-352-6495), \$250 per hour.

These attorneys have experience in commercial matters, property valuation, the representation of parish governing authorities, and expropriation. The Police Jury does not anticipate paying for duplicate services; rather, both of these lawyers are practitioners in small firms that shall associate with one another for the purposes of properly dividing the tasks in the case, to move the matters promptly (similar to the manner in which associates operate in large law firms); and

WHEREAS, the hourly rate shall be \$250.00, because both of these counsel have more than twenty years of experience in the practice of law, with extensive commercial and real estate experience, as well as extensive trial experience, and experience representing public bodies; this rate is equal to or less than typical legal rates in this area for comparable legal work; and

WHEREAS the term shall be October 4, 2022 through the completion of the purchase or expropriation of the property necessary to expand the landfill facilities in Sabine Parish; and

WHEREAS, the scope of this legal representation does not involve federal claims; and

WHEREAS, this resolution shall take effect immediately; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sabine Parish Police Jury, pursuant to La. R.S. 42:262 and applicable law, does hereby retain and employ the law firms of J. Chris Guillet, Corkern, Crews, Guillet & Johnson, LLC and Mark Begnaud, McCoy, Roberts & Begnaud as special counsel; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution and proposed contract described herein be submitted to the Attorney General for the State of Louisiana for approval.

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

Whereupon the Resolution was declared adopted by the Sabine Parish Police Jury on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2023.

I, Ricky L. Sepulvado, President of the Sabine Parish Police Jury, under authority vested in me under the law, hereby certify the above and foregoing to be a true and exact copy of a resolution adopted by the said Police Jury at its meeting held April 19, 2023, at which a quorum was present, and the same has not been revoked, rescinded or altered in any manner, and is in full force and effect.

s/Ricky L. Sepulvado  
Ricky L. Sepulvado, President

Witnessed this 19<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2023.

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

17. Authorize Advertisement of Bid for the Purchase of 2023-Year Model or Newer Excavator for the Solid Waste Landfill

The Solid Waste Committee met March 31, 2023. Mr. Pete Chreene, Superintendent of the Sanitary Landfill, reported that mud sales have increased significantly at the landfill and that he is renting an articulated dirt truck and an excavator solely for work related to the mud. He informed the Committee that renting these two pieces of equipment costs about \$19,000 per month. The Solid Waste Committee recommended purchasing the needed equipment.

Resolution No. 9252

On Motion by Steinke and seconded by Ebarb:

WHEREAS, mud sales at the solid waste landfill have increased substantially, and

WHEREAS, an additional excavator (track hoe) is required to handle the volume of mud being received, and

WHEREAS, the Solid Waste Committee has recommended that the Police Jury purchase a new excavator for use at the landfill;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Superintendent of the Solid Waste Landfill and the Secretary Treasurer are hereby authorized to develop specifications for the new excavator and advertise for bids.

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

18. Authorize Advertisement of Bid for the Purchase of 2023-Year Model or Newer Articulated Hauler for the Solid Waste Landfill

The Solid Waste Committee met March 31, 2023. Mr. Pete Chreene, Superintendent of the Sanitary Landfill, reported that mud sales have increased significantly at the landfill and that he is renting an articulated dirt truck and an excavator solely for work related to the mud. He informed the Committee that renting these two pieces of equipment costs about \$19,000 per month. The Solid Waste Committee recommended purchasing the needed equipment.

Resolution No. 9253

On Motion by Garcie and seconded by Byrd:

WHEREAS, mud sales at the solid waste landfill have increased substantially, and

WHEREAS, an additional articulated haul truck is required to handle the volume of mud being received, and

WHEREAS, the Solid Waste Committee has recommended that the Police Jury purchase a new articulated haul truck for use at the landfill;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Superintendent of the Solid Waste Landfill and the Secretary Treasurer are hereby authorized to develop specifications for the new articulated haul truck and advertise for bids.

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. Authorize a New Position for an Additional Operator at the Solid Waste Landfill

The Solid Waste Committee met March 31, 2023. Mr. Pete Chreene, Superintendent of the Sanitary Landfill, reported that mud sales have increased significantly at the landfill. He is currently renting an excavator and an articulated haul truck to handle the increase in the volume of sales. He requested that a position for an additional equipment operator be established to provide an employee to operate the added equipment. The Solid Waste Committee has recommended creating an additional equipment operator position at the landfill.

Resolution No. 9254

On Motion by Stewart and seconded by McCormic:

WHEREAS, mud sales at the solid waste landfill have increased substantially, and

WHEREAS, an additional excavator and an additional articulated haul truck have been rented to handle the increase in mud sales, and

WHEREAS, an additional employee is needed to operate the added equipment, and

WHEREAS, the Solid Waste Committee has recommended that the Police Jury create a new position for another equipment operator at the landfill;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that a position for an additional equipment operator at the landfill be created, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the rate of pay for the equipment operator position is to be in the range of twenty dollars (\$20.00) to twenty-three dollars (\$23.00) per hour, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the position will not participate in the STEP Plan but will be eligible to participate in all other benefits offered by the Police Jury, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this position will be created immediately upon adoption by the 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

20. Adopt a Resolution Approving the Issuance, Sale and Delivery of Not Exceeding Three Hundred Five Thousand Dollars (\$305,000) of Limited Tax Bonds, Series 2023, of Wards 1 and 2 Fire Protection District No.1 of the Parish of Sabine, State of Louisiana

Resolution No. 9255

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

RESOLUTION

A resolution approving the issuance, sale and delivery of not exceeding Three Hundred Five Thousand Dollars (\$305,000) of Limited Tax Bonds, Series 2023, of Wards 1 and 2 Fire Protection District No. 1 of the Parish of Sabine, State of Louisiana.

WHEREAS, Wards 1 and 2 Fire Protection District No. 1 of the Parish of Sabine, State of Louisiana (the "District"), proposes to issue not exceeding \$305,000 of Limited Tax Bonds, Series 2023 (the "Bonds") for the purpose of constructing and improving fire protection facilities for the Issuer, including purchasing fire fighting equipment and emergency equipment for the Issuer and paying costs of issuance of the Bonds; and

WHEREAS, the Bonds are payable from a pledge of the revenues to be derived by the District from the levy and collection of a tax of ten and twenty-four hundredths (10.24) mills to be levied through the year 2028, pursuant to an election held therein on April 29, 2017, and the pledge of revenues to be derived by the District from the levy and collection of a tax of eight and fifty hundredths (8.50) mills to be levied through the year 2031, pursuant to a special election held therein on April 24, 2021 (collectively, the "Tax"); and

WHEREAS, as required by Article VI, Section 15 of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana of 1974, it is now the desire of this Police Jury to approve the issuance of said Bonds of the District;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Police Jury of the Parish of Sabine, State of Louisiana, acting as the governing authority of the Parish of Sabine, State of Louisiana, that:

SECTION 1. In compliance with the provisions of Article VI, Section 15 of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana of 1974, and in accordance with the request of the Board of Commissioners of Wards 1 and 2 Fire Protection District No. 1 of the Parish of Sabine, State of Louisiana, this Police Jury hereby approves the issuance, sale and delivery of not exceeding \$305,000 of Limited Tax Bonds, Series 2023, of the District, the Bonds to mature not later than March 1, 2029, bear interest at a rate or rates not exceeding 4.50% per annum and to be secured by and payable from a pledge of the revenues to be derived by the District from the Tax.

SECTION 2. Neither the Parish of Sabine nor this Police Jury shall be liable in any manner for the payment of said Bonds, and no funds of the Parish nor of the Police Jury shall be pledged to the payment thereof.

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

MEMBERS	YEAS	NAYS	ABSENT	ABSTAIN
Thomas Stewart	_____	_____	_____	___X___
Mike McCormic	___X___	_____	_____	_____
Stephen Steinke	___X___	_____	_____	_____
William E. Ruffin	___X___	_____	_____	_____
Jeff Davidson	___X___	_____	_____	_____
Eric Garcie	___X___	_____	_____	_____
Ricky Sepulvado	___X___	_____	_____	_____
Kenneth M. Ebarb	___X___	_____	_____	_____
Randy Byrd	___X___	_____	_____	_____

And the resolution was declared adopted on this, the 19th day of April, 2023.

/s/ William E. Weatherford

/s/ Ricky Sepulvado

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Secretary-Treasurer

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President

21. Adopt a Resolution Authorizing Investment in the Louisiana Asset Management Pool, Inc. (LAMP)

Resolution No. 9256

On Motion by Ruffin and seconded by McCormic:

WHEREAS, the Sabine Parish Police Jury is a “public entity” as that term is defined in the Articles of Incorporation of LAMP, Inc., and is subject to the restrictions imposed under the laws of the State of Louisiana with respect to the investment of funds of municipalities, parishes and other political subdivisions (a “Public Entity”); and

WHEREAS, such Public Entity has received and reviewed the Depositing Members’ Information Statement and such other documents as it deems material related to an investment in the Louisiana Asset Management Pool (the “LAMP”), including documents relating to the organization and investment policies of the LAMP; and

WHEREAS, such Public Entity has determined that an investment in the LAMP is consistent with its investment authority, including any limitations imposed under the laws of the State of Louisiana, and such Public Entity now desires, from time to time, to invest its funds in the LAMP.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that such Public Entity is hereby authorized and empowered to enter into an “Account Application & Agreement Form” for the purpose of establishing one or more accounts for investment purposes in the LAMP; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the individuals named below, in their capacities as authorized officers, employees or agents of such Public Entity , are hereby authorized and empowered to invest and transfer, in their sole discretion, funds from any such account established in the LAMP for the benefit of such Public Entity; to issue letters of instruction related to any such account or investments thereunder; and to take any and all other actions which they , in their discretion, deem necessary or appropriate in connection with the establishment of one or more accounts in the LAMP and the investment of funds thereunder:

William E. Weatherford – Secretary Treasurer  
Ali L. Vines – Assistant Secretary Treasurer

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. Adopt a Resolution Authorizing the President to Accept and Maintain LRSP Signs and Striping (Vernon, Sabine)

Resolution No. 9257

The following Resolution offered and adopted:

**RESOLUTION**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PRESIDENT TO ACCEPT AND MAINTAIN LRSP SIGNS AND STRIPING (VERNON, SABINE)**

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**WHEREAS**, the Sabine Parish Police Jury participated in a Federal Aid Project No. H.013763 for LRSP Signs and Striping (Vernon, Sabine); and

**WHEREAS**, the Sabine Parish Police Jury entered into an agreement with the State of Louisiana, Department of Transportation and Development for State Project No. H.013763; and

**WHEREAS**, Nation Service Company, Inc. was awarded the contract for LRSP Signs and Striping (Vernon, Sabine); and

**WHEREAS**, the City/Federal/State project has been satisfactorily completed.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Sabine Parish Police Jury, in regular session convened, that the Sabine Parish Police Jury hereby accepts the improvements made for LRSP Signs and Striping (Vernon, Sabine).

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the President is hereby authorized to sign any and all documents in connection with the furtherance of this Resolution.

The above and foregoing Resolution was read in full at open and legal session convened, was on motion to adopt by Ebarb, and seconded by Garcie, a record vote was taken and the following result was had:

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



Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 0

**WHEREUPON**, the presiding officer declared the above Resolution duly adopted in full on this 19<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2023.

**ATTEST:**

**s/William E. Weatherford**

**s/ Ricky L. Sepulvado**

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**William E. Weatherford**  
**Secretary Treasurer**

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**Ricky L. Sepulvado**  
**President**

23. Review Bids for Herbicide Treatment of Selected Roads and Award Contract

The Sabine Parish Police Jury advertised for sealed bids for the 2023 Roadside Vegetation Herbicide Application until 10:00 a.m. on March 17, 2023 at which time the bids were opened and publicly read aloud. Five sealed bids were received.

Resolution No. 9258

On motion by Davidson and seconded by Garcie:

WHEREAS, the Sabine Parish Police Jury has solicited sealed bids for herbicide treatment of selected roads, and

WHEREAS, five sealed bids were received as follows:

VENDOR		PRICE PER MILE
Edko		\$142/mile
IVMsolutions		\$150/Acre- Non-Responsive
Manco Vegetation Management, Inc		\$155/mile
Opterra Solutions		\$160/mile
ChemPro		\$175/mile

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Edko be awarded the contract for 2023 Roadside Vegetation Herbicide Application.

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. Consider Approval of a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the City of Many, Louisiana to Reclaim, Compact, and Overlay Airport Road

The Town of Many, Louisiana desires to enter a cooperative endeavor agreement with the Sabine Parish Police Jury to reclaim, compact, and overlay one and one-half (1 ½) miles of Airport Road

Resolution No. 9259

Motion by Ruffin and seconded by Stewart:

WHEREAS, the Airport Road is in need of overlay with asphalt, 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 Town of Many has agreed to pay the Sabine Parish Police Jury one-half (½) of the cost to reclaim, compact, and overlay Airport Road for a distance of one and one-half (1½) miles, and

WHEREAS, the Sabine Parish Police Jury has agreed to pay one-half (½) of the cost to reclaim, compact, and overlay Airport Road for a distance of one and one-half (1½) miles.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sabine Parish Police Jury is hereby authorized to enter a cooperative endeavor agreement with the Town of Many, Louisiana to reclaim, compact, and overlay Airport Road, 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: 9 - Stewart, McCormic, Ruffin, Steinke, Davidson, Garcie, Sepulvado, Ebarb, and Byrd

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 0

25. Consider Approval of a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Sabine Parish Sheriff to Provide for Two Deputies to Operate Security Checkpoint at South Capitol Street Entrance

The Sabine Parish Police Jury desires to enter a cooperative endeavor agreement with the Sabine Parish Sheriff to provide two deputies to be stationed at the Capitol Street entrance during normal hours to operate a security checkpoint from 7:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. each day.

Resolution No. 9260

Motion by Stewart and seconded by McCormic:

WHEREAS, the Sabine Parish Police Jury has been ordered to provide security for the courthouse, and

WHEREAS, the Sabine Parish Sheriff has indicated a willingness to provide two deputy sheriffs to provide security at the Capitol Street entrance, 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 Sabine Parish Sheriff has agreed to employ employee deputies who will be assigned to provide security for the courthouse, and

WHEREAS, the Sabine Parish Police Jury has agreed to reimburse the Sabine Parish Sheriff for the salaries and fringe benefit costs of the deputies providing courthouse security.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sabine Parish Police Jury is hereby authorized to enter a cooperative endeavor agreement with the Sabine Parish Sheriff to provide for courthouse security, 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: 7 - Stewart, McCormic, Ruffin, Steinke, Davidson, Sepulvado, and Byrd

Nays: 2 – Ebarb and Garcie

Abstain: 0

Absent: 0

26. Ratify Approval of President Ricky L. Sepulvado to Sign the Settlement Participation Forms for Opioid Settlements with CVS, Walgreens, and Walmart

A national settlement for opioid litigation concerning CVS, Walgreens, and Walmart has been achieved. A packet of “Settlement Participation Forms” was sent electronically to the Sabine Parish Police Jury. The electronic signature of the president of the police jury was required to participate in the settlement. There was a deadline of April 12, 2023 to participate in the settlement.

Resolution No. 9261

On motion by Steinke and seconded by Ruffin:

WHEREAS, a national settlement for opioid litigation concerning CVS, Walgreens, and Walmart has been achieved, and

WHEREAS, the Sabine Parish Police Jury desires to participate in that settlement, and

WHEREAS, the electronic signature of the president of the police jury on the “Settlement Participation Form” is required to participate in the settlement, and

WHEREAS, there was a deadline of April 12, 2023 for participation in the settlement, and

WHEREAS, the Police Jury President signed the participation form to ensure timely filing of the forms necessary to be included in the settlement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Jury hereby ratifies the authority of the President Ricky L. Sepulvado to sign and otherwise execute the “Settlement Participation Forms” necessary to participate in the opioid settlement.

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

27. Consider a Loan from the General Fund to Road District 18 (Ward 1) for Motor Grader Repairs

Road District 18 (Ward 1) has a road grader in need of significant repairs which will cost an estimated \$140,000. The District does not have the money necessary to pay for the needed repairs.

Resolution No. 9262

On motion by Ruffin and seconded by McCormic:

WHEREAS, Road District 18 (Ward 1) has a motor grader in need of major repairs that will cost an estimated \$140,000, and

WHEREAS, Road District 18 does not have sufficient funds to pay for the repairs and has requested financial assistance from the Jury, and

WHEREAS, the Finance Committee recommends loaning seventy thousand dollars (\$70,000) from the General Fund to Road District 18,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the General Fund loan Road District 18 the sum of seventy thousand dollars (\$70,000), and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the loan will be non-interest bearing and be scheduled for repayment by two annual payments of \$35,000 due March 1 of 2024 and March 1 of 2025.

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

28. Declare Certain Equipment Surplus and Approve the Sale of the Equipment through Electronic Auction (govdeals.com)

The Road Department has certain equipment that no longer serves a useful public purpose. This equipment should be declared surplus and sold through electronic auction.

Resolution No. 9263

On motion by Steinke and seconded by Stewart:

WHEREAS, the property listed below no longer serves a useful public purpose:

Unit	Manufacturer	Description	Serial Number	Minimum Bid
D-35	Ford	2007 F-650	3FRWF65G37V474935	\$1,000
BH-4	Massey Ferguson	393 Tractor	F24871	\$2,500
BH-8	Ford	1989 5000 Tractor	1101850	\$2,500

N/A	Kentwood	TK-7360HV	B8110449	None
N/A	Kentwood	TK-7160H	90700271	None
N/A	Motorolla	M1225	869YCN2076	None
N/A	Kentwood	TK-2360	B2601435	None
N/A	Kentwood	TK-2160	81000690	None
N/A	Kentwood	TK-2160	80902390	None

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the above listed properties are hereby declared surplus, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the sale of the above listed properties to the highest bidder, exceeding the minimum bid amount, through electronic auction with govdeals.com is hereby authorized.

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. Consider Abandoned Property at Acadian Shores in Ward 5

Mr. Peter Nugent informed the Police Jury that the right-of-way in the area known as the public use area as shown on the plat of Acadian Shores Subdivision Part I as per plat recorded under instrument No. 262623, said tract being between lots 3 and 4 of said subdivision, was abandoned over twenty years ago but that the paperwork was never filed with the Clerk of Court. He requested that the Jury formally abandon the property again and ensure that the proper paperwork be filed with the Parish Clerk.

Resolution No. 9264

On motion by Stewart and seconded by Garcie:

WHEREAS, a right-of-way on property located between lots No. 3 and No. 4 of Acadian Shores Subdivision was dedicated to the Sabine Parish Police Jury on June 22,1982, and

WHEREAS, this property was subsequently divided into two tracts, and

WHEREAS, the Sabine Parish Police Jury desires to abandon said right of way.

THEREFORE, NOW, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sabine Parish Police Jury hereby abandons its right-of-way on a .0048-acre tract being a portion of the area known as the public use area of

Acadian Shores Subdivision Part I as per plat recorded under instrument No. 262623 of the conveyance records of Sabine Parish, Louisiana, said tract being between lots 3 and 4 of said subdivision and located in Sections 4 and 5, Township 6 North, Range 13 West, Sabine Parish, Louisiana and being more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at a ½” iron rod set the most westerly corner of said Lot 3 on the Toledo Bend Reservoir taking line;

Thence, north 58 degrees 09 minutes 46 seconds west, a distance of 28.28 feet along the Toledo Bend Reservoir taking line to a ½” iron rod;

Thence, north 40 degrees 41 minutes 44 seconds east, a distance of 94.39 feet to a ½” iron rod set on the southwesterly right-of-way of Northcutt Slope Lane;

Thence: south 53 degrees 39 minutes 41 seconds east, a distance of 16.57 feet along said right-of-way to a ½” iron rod;

Thence, south 33 degrees 33 minutes 56 seconds west, a distance of 92.01 feet to the “Point of Beginning” containing 0.048 acre.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Sabine Parish Police Jury hereby abandons its right-of-way on a .0049-acre tract being a portion of the area known as the public use area of Acadian Shores Subdivision Part I as per plat recorded under instrument No. 262623 of the conveyance records of Sabine Parish, Louisiana, said tract being between lots 3 and 4 of said subdivision and located in Sections 4 and 5, Township 6 North, Range 13 West, Sabine Parish, Louisiana and being more particularly described as follows:

Commencing at a ½” iron rod set the most westerly corner of said Lot 3 on the Toledo Bend Reservoir taking line;

Thence, north 58 degrees 09 minutes 46 seconds west, a distance of 28.28 feet along the Toledo Bend Reservoir taking line to a ½” iron rod set at the “Point of Beginning” of the herein described tract;

Thence, north 58 degrees 09 minutes 46 seconds west, a distance of 28.28 feet along the Toledo Bend Reservoir taking line to a ½” iron rod;

Thence, north 47 degrees 22minutes 33 seconds east, a distance of 98.15 feet to a ½” iron rod set on the southwesterly right-of-way of Northcutt Slope Lane;

Thence, south 53 degrees 39 minutes 41 seconds east, a distance of 16.57 feet along said right-of-way to a ½” iron rod;

Thence, south 40 degrees 41 minutes 44 seconds west, a distance of 94.39 feet to the “Point of Beginning” containing 0.0049 acre

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

30. Adopt a Fair Housing Proclamation

April 11, 2023 marks the fifty-fifth milestone of the National Fair Housing Law of 1968 that prohibits discrimination in housing and declares a national policy to provide, within constitutional limits, for fair housing in the United States. The principle of Fair Housing is a fundamental concept and should be available for all Americans.

Equal Housing Opportunity is the achievement of a condition in which individuals of similar income levels, in the same housing market area, have a like range of housing choices available to them regardless of their race, color, religion, sex, national origin, or because they are physically disabled or have children.

Resolution No. 9265

On motion by McCormic and seconded by Steinke:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sabine Parish Police Jury hereby adopts the following Fair Housing Proclamation:

**PROCLAMATION**

WHEREAS, the 55<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the National Fair Housing Law, Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968, during the month of April, is an occasion for all Americans – individually and collectively – to rededicate themselves to the principle of freedom from housing discrimination whenever it exists; and

WHEREAS, this law guarantees each citizen the critical, personal element of freely choosing a home; and

WHEREAS, a fair housing law has been passed by the State of Louisiana, and implementation of the law requires the positive commitment, involvement, and support of each of our citizens; and

WHEREAS, the department and agencies of the State of Louisiana are to provide leadership in the effort to make fair housing not just an idea, but an ideal for all our citizens; and



WHEREAS, barriers that diminish the rights and limit the options of any citizen to freely choose a home will ultimately diminish the rights and limit the options of all.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ricky L. Sepulvado, President of the Sabine Parish Police Jury do hereby proclaim the month of April 2023, as Fair Housing Month.

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

31. Consider the Lease of Parish Property for Oil and Gas Exploration

The Sabine Parish Police Jury has received several offers for the lease of land for oil and gas exploration. Land owned by the Parish should be leased through issuance of a Request for Proposals (RFPs) that is publicly advertised.

Resolution No. 9266

On motion by McCormic and seconded by Steinke:

WHEREAS, the Sabine Parish Police Jury owns the mineral rights on several parcels of land located in Sabine Parish; and

WHEREAS, the Sabine Parish Police Jury desires to lease the land and mineral rights that it owns to the highest responsible bidder.

THEREFORE, NOW BE IT RESOLVED that the Sabine Parish Police Jury hereby authorizes the Secretary Treasurer to prepare and issue a request for proposals for the lease of land and mineral rights for the thirteen (13) net mineral acres in Sections 35 and 36, Township 9 North, Range 11 West, Sabine Parish Louisiana.

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

32. Recognize the Zwolle High School Men's Basketball Team for 16<sup>th</sup> State Championship

Resolution No. 9267

A RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING THE ZWOLLE HIGH SCHOOL MEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM FOR WINNING THE 16<sup>TH</sup> STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

On motion by Ebarb and seconded by Steinke to table recognizing the Zwolle High School Men's Basketball Team until the May 17<sup>th</sup> meeting.

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

33. Recognize the Many High School Football Team for Winning 2022 State Championship

Resolution No. 9268

A RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING THE MANY HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL TEAM FOR WINNING THE 2022 STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

On motion by Ebarb and seconded by Steinke to table recognizing the Many High School Football Team until the May 17<sup>th</sup> meeting.

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

34. Recognize the Many High School Fishing Team

Resolution No. 9269

**A RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING THE MANY HIGH SCHOOL FISHING TEAM FOR WINNING THE TBF/MLF STATE CHAMPIONSHIP**

On motion by Ebarb and seconded by Steinke to table recognizing the Many High School Fishing Team until the May 17<sup>th</sup> meeting.

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

35. Recognize the Many High School Band

Resolution No. 9270

**A RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING THE MANY HIGH SCHOOL BAND FOR WINNING THE STATE SWEEPSTAKES AWARD**

On motion by Ebarb and seconded by Steinke to table recognizing the Many High School Band until the May 17<sup>th</sup> meeting.

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

36. Recognize the Many High School Men's Weightlifting Team

Resolution No. 9271

A RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING THE MANY HIGH SCHOOL MEN'S WEIGHTLIFTING TEAM FOR WINNING THE CLASS 2-A STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

On motion by Ebarb and seconded by Steinke to table recognizing the Many High School Men's Weightlifting Team until the May 17<sup>th</sup> meeting.

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

37. Consider appointment of Scott Gowen as Director of the Parish Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness

Mr. Scott Gowen was hired as Assistant Director of the Sabine Parish Office of Emergency Preparedness effective April 1, 2022. Mr. Gowen's appointment was for a twelve-month period and expired April 1, 2023.

The current Director of the Sabine Parish Office of Emergency Preparedness, Mr. David Davis, has indicated that he would like to work part-time as Assistant Director of the Sabine Parish Office of Emergency Preparedness and has recommended Mr. Gowen to be appointed as Director of the Sabine Parish Office of Emergency Preparedness.

Resolution No. 9272

On motion by Steinke and seconded by Davidson:

WHEREAS, Mr. David Davis, Director of the Sabine Parish Office of Emergency Preparedness desires to resign; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Davis has recommended that Mr. Scott Gowen be hired as Director of the Sabine Parish Office of Emergency Preparedness.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Mr. David Davis is hereby relieved as Director of the Sabine Parish Office of Emergency Preparedness; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Mr. Scott Gowen is hereby appointed Director of the Sabine Parish Office of Emergency Preparedness; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Director of the Sabine Parish Office of Emergency Preparedness shall be paid a monthly salary of two thousand dollars (\$2,000) and he will not participate in the STEP Plan nor will he be eligible to participate in the other normal employee benefits offered by the Police Jury, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Mr. Scott Gowen's appointment as Director of the Sabine Parish Office of Emergency Preparedness shall be effective May 1, 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

38. Consider appointment of David Davis as Assistant Director of the Parish Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness

The current Director of the Sabine Parish Office of Emergency Preparedness, Mr. David Davis, has indicated that he would like to resign as Director and continue to work as Assistant Director of the Sabine Parish Office of Emergency Preparedness.

Resolution No. 9273

On motion by McCormic and seconded by Steinke:

WHEREAS, Mr. David Davis, Director of the Sabine Parish Office of Emergency Preparedness, desires to resign; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Davis desires to continue to work as Assistant Director of the Sabine Parish Office of Emergency Preparedness.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Mr. David Davis is hereby appointed as Assistant Director of the Sabine Parish Office of Emergency Preparedness, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Assistant Director of the Sabine Parish Office of Emergency Preparedness shall be paid a monthly salary of one thousand and two hundred dollars (\$1,200) and he will not participate in the STEP Plan nor will he be eligible to participate in the other normal employee benefits offered by the Police Jury, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Mr. Davis' appointment as Assistant Director of the Sabine Parish Office of Emergency Preparedness shall be effective May 1, 2023.

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

Nays: 1 - Davidson

Abstain: 0

Absent: 0

39. Discuss Grading Work in Road District 9, Ward 3

Mr. Jeff Davidson discussed grading work done during the last month in Road District 9 (Ward 3). Mr. Davidson requested Road Superintendent Hughes to provide copies of the work orders supporting the road grading performed.

40. Authorize Payment of Approved Bills

Resolution No. 9274

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

41. Appropriate and Transfer Sales Tax for April Operations (\$425,000)

Resolution No. 9275

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 April 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

42. Committee Reports

Finance Committee:

Mr. Ruffin, Chairman of the Finance Committee, discussed implementation of the new accounting software program for the Police Jury.

43. Financial Report

Secretary Treasurer William E. Weatherford provided the police jurors a summary of the bank balances for all accounts as of March 31, 2023.

44. Operations

There were no items discussed under “Operations”.

45. Adjournment

Resolution No. 9276

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