

March 26, 2024

On Tuesday, March 26, 2024, at 9:00 a.m., the Police Jury of Sabine Parish, State of Louisiana met in open and special called 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. Enter Executive Session – To Discuss Litigation
9. Exit Executive Session
- 9a. Brett Bayard – Discuss Soil Sampling at Landfill
- 9b. Consider Requesting Attorney General Opinion on Purchase of Pug Mill
- 9c. Consider Transfer of \$60,000 to Each Road District from Landfill
10. 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: Barry Stevens, William E. Ruffin, Ronny Bison, Bruce Taylor, Eric Garcie, Ricky “K-Wall” Sepulvado, Kenny John Remedies, and Randy Byrd.

The following juror was absent: “Bo” Stewart

3. Prayer

Prayer was led by Mr. William E. Ruffin.

4. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Barry Stevens.

5. Amend the Agenda

Public comments on the motion to amend the agenda were allowed prior to any vote to add an item to the agenda. There were no public comments.

Resolution No. 9523

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

Item 9a – Brett Bayard – Discuss Soil Sampling at Landfill

Item 9b - Consider Requesting Attorney General Opinion on Purchase of Pug Mill

Item 9c – Consider Transfer of \$60,000 to Each Road District from Landfill

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

Yeas: 8 - Stevens, Ruffin, Taylor, Bison, Garcie, Sepulvado, Remedies, and Byrd

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 - Stewart

6. Adopt the Agenda

Resolution No. 9524

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

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

Yeas: 8 - Stevens, Ruffin, Taylor, Bison, Garcie, Sepulvado, Remedies, and Byrd

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 - Stewart

7. Public Comments

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

8. Enter Executive Session – To Discuss Litigation

Resolution No. 9525

Motion by Ruffin and seconded by Stevens to enter executive session to discuss litigation.

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

Yeas: 8 - Stevens, Ruffin, Taylor, Bison, Garcie, Sepulvado, Remedies, and Byrd

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 - Stewart

9. Exit Executive Session

Resolution No. 9526

Motion by Ruffin and seconded by Bison to exit executive session.

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

Yeas: 8 - Stevens, Ruffin, Taylor, Bison, Garcie, Sepulvado, Remedies, and Byrd

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 – Stewart

Resolution No. 9527

Motion by Ruffin and seconded by Garcie to authorize Secretary Treasurer William E. Weatherford to negotiate an agreement with Hancock Timberland X, Inc. and Manulife Investment Management Timberland and Agriculture, Inc. for the purchase of land adjacent to the parish landfill.

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

Yeas: 8 - Stevens, Ruffin, Taylor, Bison, Garcie, Sepulvado, Remedies, and Byrd

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 – Stewart

9a. Brett Bayard – Discuss Soil Sampling at Landfill

Brett Bayard presented a proposal from Gulf South Engineering and Testing, Inc to perform preliminary exploration of the soil contained in the parcels that the Parish is considering purchasing from Hancock Timberland X, Inc. and Manulife Investment Management Timberland and Agriculture, Inc.

Resolution No. 9528

On motion by Bison and seconded by Taylor:

WHEREAS, the Sabine Parish Police Jury is interested in acquiring certain parcels of land adjacent to the parish landfill; and

WHEREAS, the value of the property to the Police Jury is dependent upon the soil characteristics of the land; and

WHEREAS, the Police Jury desires to obtain soil borings of the aforementioned property; and

WHEREAS Gulf South Engineering and Testing, Inc. has proposed to drill three (3) soil borings to depths of 50 feet and four (4) borings to depths of 150 feet below ground surface.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Police Jury hereby accepts the proposed lump sum fee of \$27,000 from Gulf South Engineering and Testing, Inc. to complete the soil borings; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Police Jury hereby accepts the proposed lump sum fee of \$8,000 from Gulf South Engineering and Testing, Inc. to perform laboratory testing of the soil samples.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the acceptance of these proposals are contingent upon obtaining permission from Hancock Timberland X, Inc. and Manulife Investment Management Timberland and Agriculture, Inc. to access the property to perform said tests.

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

Yeas: 8 - Stevens, Ruffin, Taylor, Bison, Garcie, Sepulvado, Remedies, and Byrd

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 – Stewart

9b. Consider Requesting Attorney General Opinion on Purchase of Pug Mill

Resolution No. 9529

Motion by Bison and seconded by Taylor:

WHEREAS, there is a question as to whether the Police Jury can purchase a pug mill and operate it to produce oil sand for use by the Road Department

NOW BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sabine Parish Police Jury hereby requests an opinion from the Louisiana Attorney General concerning the purchase and operation of a pug mill.

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

Yeas: 8 - Stevens, Ruffin, Taylor, Bison, Garcie, Sepulvado, Remedies, and Byrd

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 – Stewart

9c. Consider Transfer of \$60,000 to Each Road District from Landfill

Resolution No. 9530

On motion by Stevens and seconded by Taylor:

WHEREAS, the Sabine Parish Police Jury operates a sanitary landfill; and

WHEREAS, the operation of the landfill has been successful and excess profits have been accumulated in the Landfill Revenue Fund; and

WHEREAS, the Sabine Parish Police Jury has issued \$6,000,000 in Landfill Revenue Bonds, Series 2023, which have certain financial covenants; and

WHEREAS, these bond covenants require the monthly funding of a Landfill Revenue Bond and Interest Sinking Fund and a Landfill Revenue Reserve Fund; and

WHEREAS, any monies remaining after making the required monthly payments may be used by the Sabine Police Jury for such other lawful purposes as it may determine, whether such purposes are or are not related to the sanitary landfill.

NOW BE IT RESOLVED, that a transfer of sixty thousand dollars (\$60,000) from the Landfill Revenue Fund to each parish road district, a total combined transfer of \$600,000, is hereby authorized; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary Treasurer is hereby directed to make these individual transfers as he determines them to be in the best interest of the parish, at his sole discretion.

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

Yeas: 8 - Stevens, Ruffin, Taylor, Bison, Garcie, Sepulvado, Remedies, and Byrd

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 – Stewart

10. Adjournment

Resolution No. 9531

Motion by Remedies and seconded by Ruffin to adjourn.

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

Yeas: 8 - Stevens, Ruffin, Taylor, Bison, Garcie, Sepulvado, Remedies, and Byrd

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 – Stewart

s/William E. Weatherford

William E. Weatherford

Secretary Treasurer

s/Ricky L. Sepulvado

Ricky L. Sepulvado

President