

May 15, 2024

On Wednesday, May 15, 2024, 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. Senator Alan Seabaugh
9. Representative Rodney Schamerhorn
10. Representative Larry Bagley
11. Planning Commission
12. Mr. J. J. Blake- Senior Vice President of Community Bank of Louisiana
13. Accept the Minutes of the Previous Regular Meeting Held April 17, 2024
14. Appoint Mr. Noah Foulks as a Commissioner for the Sabine Parish Tourist Commission
15. Appoint Mr. David Kelly as a Commissioner for the Sabine Parish Fire District Wards 1 & 2
16. Consider a Resolution Ordering and Calling a Special Election to be Held in Road District No. 4, Ward 7 of Sabine Parish, Louisiana, to Authorize the Levy of a Special Tax Therein, Making Application to the State Bond Commission, and Providing for Other Matters in Connection Therewith
- 16a. Mr. Rufus Sepulvado – Consider Adopting Teater Road Extension into the Parish-wide Road System
- 16b. Consider Adopting Shelby Drive into the Parish-wide Road System
17. Consider a Resolution Approving the Holding of an Election in North Sabine Fire Protection District of the Parish of Sabine, State of Louisiana, on December 7, 2024, to Renew, Reauthorize or Continue the Levy of a Special Tax Therein
18. Adopt a Resolution Approving a Road Damage Settlement from SWN Production (Louisiana), LLC and Dedicating the Proceeds to the Road District in Which the Respective Road is Located
19. Approve Summary Change Order No. 5 for 2023 Landfill Gas Collection and Control System Installation Decreasing Contract Cost by \$34,857.51
20. Approve Payment of Invoice 52233510 from American Environmental Group, Ltd. in the amount of \$826,059.10 for 2023 Landfill Gas Collection and Control System Installation
21. Approve Change Order to Pugmill Systems LLC, P.O. No. 97644 to Increase Cost by \$8,180.00 to Add Grating on the top of the Feed Bin
22. Enter Executive Session - Contract for the Sale of Landfill Gas
23. Exit Executive Session
24. Award Contract for the Sale of Landfill Gas
25. Approve Creating an Employment Position for a Third Parish-Wide Class A CDL Driver
26. Consider Approving Handicapped Driveway Repairs at 46 Sandstone Circle, Zwolle, Louisiana

27. Consider Rescinding the Current Policy and Procedures for Acceptance of Roads into the Parish Maintenance System and Adopting New Policy and Procedures for Acceptance of Roads into the Parish Maintenance System
28. Consider Reallocation of Funds Remaining in the American Rescue Plan Act Grant
29. Consider Authorizing Compactor Site Supervisor to Hire and Terminate Compactor Employees
30. Authorize Payment of Approved Bills
31. Appropriate and Transfer Sales Tax for May Operations (\$450,000)
32. Committee Reports
33. Operations
34. 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, Barry Stevens, William E. Ruffin, Ronny Bison, Bruce Taylor, Eric Garcie, Ricky “K-Wall” Sepulvado, Kenny John Remedies, 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. Randy Byrd.

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. 9551

Motion by Garcie and seconded by Remedies to amend the agenda to include the following items:

Item 16a - Mr. Rufus Sepulvado – Consider Adopting Teater Road Extension into the Parish-wide Road System

Item 16b - Consider Adopting Shelby Drive into the Parish-wide Road System

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

Yeas: 9 - Stewart, Stevens, Ruffin, Taylor, Bison, Garcie, Sepulvado, Remedies, and Byrd

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 0

6. Adopt the Agenda

Resolution No. 9552

Motion by Ruffin and seconded by Stewart to adopt the agenda as amended.

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

Yeas: 9 - Stewart, Stevens, Ruffin, Taylor, Bison, Garcie, Sepulvado, Remedies, 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. There were no public comments.

8. Senator Alan Seabaugh

No representative from Senator Alan Seabaugh's office was present at the meeting.

9. Representative Rodney Schamerhorn

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

10. Representative Larry Bagley

No representative from Representative Larry Bagley's office was present at the meeting.

11. Planning Commission

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

12. Mr. J. J. Blake- Senior Vice President of Community Bank of Louisiana

Mr. J. J. Blake, Senior Vice President of Community Bank of Louisiana, addressed the Police Jury and recommended that the Jury prepare and issue a Request for Financial Proposal for a fiscal agent bank. The Police Jury President referred this recommendation to the Finance Committee for further review.

13. Accept the Minutes of the Previous Regular Meeting Held April 17, 2024

Resolution No. 9553

Motion by Stewart and seconded by Garcie to accept the minutes of the previous regular meeting held April 17, 2024.

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

Yeas: 9 - Stewart, Stevens, Ruffin, Taylor, Bison, Garcie, Sepulvado, Remedies, and Byrd

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 0

14. Appoint Mr. Noah Foulks as a Commissioner for the Sabine Parish Tourist Commission

The Sabine Parish Police Jury has received a letter dated May 1, 2024 from the Sabine Parish Tourist Commission providing notification that Ms. Bonnie Fox-Miles will retire effective July 14, 2024. The Sabine Parish Tourist Commission recommends Mr. Noah Foulks be appointed to serve a three-year term beginning July 14, 2024, and ending July 14, 2027.

Resolution No.9554

On motion by Stewart and seconded by Taylor:

WHEREAS, Ms. Bonnie Fox-Miles has resigned from the Sabine Parish Tourist Commission effective July 14, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the Sabine Parish Tourist Commission has recommended that Mr. Noah Foulks be appointed as a commissioner to replace Ms. Fox-Miles.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Mr. Noah Foulks be appointed as a commissioner for the Sabine Parish Tourist Commission to serve a three-year term beginning July 14, 2024 and ending July 14, 2027.

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

Yeas: 9 - Stewart, Stevens, Ruffin, Taylor, Bison, Garcie, Sepulvado, Remedies, and Byrd

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 0

15. Appoint Mr. David Kelly as a Commissioner for the Sabine Parish Fire District Wards 1 & 2

The Sabine Parish Police Jury is in receipt of a letter from Mr. Benjamin Shaw resigning as a board member of the South Sabine Fire District Wards 1 & 2 dated May 10, 2024. The Jury has also received a letter from the South Sabine Fire District Wards 1 & 2 dated May 10, 2024, recommending Mr. Austin David Kelly be appointed to complete the term of Mr. Benjamin Shaw.

Resolution No. 9555

On motion by Stewart and seconded by Garcie:

WHEREAS, Mr. Benjamin Shaw has resigned as a board member of the South Sabine Fire District Wards 1 & 2 effective May 10, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the South Sabine Fire District Wards 1 & 2 has recommended Mr. Austin David Kelly be appointed to complete Mr. Benjamin Shaw's term of office.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Mr. Benjamin Shaw's resignation be accepted; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Mr. Austin David Kelly be appointed to complete Mr. Shaw's term of office beginning May 15, 2024, and ending February 18, 2027.

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

Yeas: 9 - Stewart, Stevens, Ruffin, Taylor, Bison, Garcie, Sepulvado, Remedies, and Byrd

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 0

16. Consider a Resolution Ordering and Calling a Special Election to be Held in Road District No. 4, Ward 7 of Sabine Parish, Louisiana, to Authorize the Levy of a Special Tax Therein, Making Application to the State Bond Commission, and Providing for Other Matters in Connection Therewith

Resolution No. 9556

The following resolution was offered by Byrd seconded by Bison:

RESOLUTION

A resolution ordering and calling a special election to be held in Road District No. 4, Ward 7 of Sabine Parish, Louisiana, to authorize the levy of a special tax therein, making application to the State Bond Commission, and providing for other matters in connection therewith.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Police Jury of the Parish of Sabine, State of Louisiana (the "Governing Authority"), acting as the governing authority of Road District No. 4, Ward 7 of Sabine Parish, Louisiana (the "District"), that:

SECTION 1. Election Call. Subject to the approval of the State Bond Commission, and under the authority conferred by the Constitution of the State of Louisiana of 1974, including Article VI, Section 26 thereof, the applicable provisions of the Louisiana Election Code, and other constitutional and statutory authority, a special election is hereby called and ordered to be held in the District on **TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2024**, between the hours of six o'clock (6:00) a.m. and eight o'clock (8:00) p.m., in accordance with the provisions of La. R.S. 18:541, and at the said

election there shall be submitted to all registered voters qualified and entitled to vote at the said election under the Constitution and laws of this State and the Constitution of the United States, the following proposition, to-wit:

ROAD DISTRICT NO. 4, WARD 7
PROPOSITION (TAX)

Shall Road District No. 4, Ward 7 of Sabine Parish, Louisiana (the "District"), levy a 13.88 mills tax on all the property subject to taxation within the District (an estimated \$395,500 reasonably expected at this time to be collected from the levy of the tax for an entire year), for a period of 10 years, beginning with the year 2025 and ending with the year 2034, for the purpose of constructing, improving, maintaining and/or repairing public roads and bridges in the District, including ditching and drainage therefor and purchasing equipment therefor?

SECTION 2. Publication of Notice of Election. A Notice of Special Election shall be published in the official journal of the District once a week for four consecutive weeks, with the first publication to be made not less than forty-five (45) days nor more than ninety (90) days prior to the date of the election, which Notice shall be substantially in the form attached hereto as "Exhibit A" and incorporated herein by reference the same as if it were set forth herein in full.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, prior to the publication of the Notice of Election, the President is authorized and directed to make any amendments to the foregoing proposition that may be required to comply with any state or federal regulatory agencies.

SECTION 3. Canvass. This Governing Authority shall meet at its regular meeting place, the Police Jury Room of the Courthouse, 400 Capitol Street, Many, Louisiana, on **WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2024, at NINE O'CLOCK (9:00) A.M.**, and shall then and there in open and public session proceed to examine and canvass the returns and declare the result of the said special election.

SECTION 4. Polling Places. The polling places for the precincts in the District are hereby designated as the polling places at which to hold the said election, and the Commissioners-in-Charge and Commissioners, respectively, will be the same persons as those designated in accordance with law.

SECTION 5. Election Commissioners; Voting Machines. The officers designated to serve as Commissioners-in-Charge and Commissioners pursuant to Section 4 hereof, or such substitutes therefor as may be selected and designated in accordance with La. R.S. 18:1287, shall hold the said special election as herein provided, and shall make due returns of said election for the meeting of the Governing Authority to be held as provided in Section 3 hereof. All registered voters in the District will be entitled to vote at the special election, and voting machines shall be used.

SECTION 6. Authorization of Officers. The Secretary-Treasurer of the Governing Authority is hereby empowered, authorized and directed to arrange for and to furnish to said election officers in ample time for the holding of said election, the necessary equipment, forms and other paraphernalia essential to the proper holding of said election and the President and/or

Secretary-Treasurer of the Governing Authority are further authorized, empowered and directed to take any and all further action required by State and/or Federal law to arrange for the election.

SECTION 7. Furnishing Election Call to Election Officials. Certified copies of this resolution shall be forwarded to the Secretary of State, the Clerk of Court and *Ex-Officio* Parish Custodian of Voting Machines of Sabine Parish and the Registrar of Voters of Sabine Parish, as notification of the special election, in order that each may prepare for said election and perform their respective functions as required by law.

SECTION 8. Application to State Bond Commission. Application is made to the State Bond Commission for consent and authority to hold the special election as herein provided, and in the event said election carries for further consent and authority to levy and collect the special tax provided for therein. A certified copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to the State Bond Commission on behalf of this Governing Authority, together with a letter requesting the prompt consideration and approval of this application.

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

Yeas: 9 - Stewart, Stevens, Ruffin, Taylor, Bison, Garcie, Sepulvado, Remedies, and Byrd

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 0

And the resolution was declared adopted on this, the 15th day of May, 2024.

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

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

EXHIBIT "A"

NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION

Pursuant to the provisions of a resolution adopted by the Police Jury of the Parish of Sabine, State of Louisiana (the "Governing Authority"), acting as the governing authority of Road District No. 4, Ward 7 of Sabine Parish, Louisiana (the "District"), on May 15, 2024, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a special election will be held within the District on **TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2024**, and that at the said election there will be submitted to all registered voters in the District qualified and entitled to vote at the said election under the Constitution and Laws of the State of Louisiana and the Constitution of the United States, the following proposition, to-wit:

ROAD DISTRICT NO. 4, WARD 7
PROPOSITION (TAX)

Shall Road District No. 4, Ward 7 of Sabine Parish, Louisiana (the "District"), levy a 13.88 mills tax on all the property subject to taxation within the District (an estimated \$395,500 reasonably expected at this time to be collected from the levy of the tax for an entire year), for a period of 10 years, beginning with the year 2025 and ending with the year 2034, for the purpose of constructing, improving, maintaining and/or repairing public roads and bridges in the District, including ditching and drainage therefor and purchasing equipment therefor?

The said special election shall be held at the polling places for the following precincts, which polls will open at six o'clock (6:00) a.m. and close at eight o'clock (8:00) p.m., in accordance with the provisions of La. R.S. 18:541, to wit:

PRECINCTS

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9-2(PART)

9-3(PART)

The polling places at the precincts set forth above are hereby designated as the polling places at which to hold the said election, and the Commissioners-in-Charge and Commissioners, respectively, shall be those persons designated according to law.

The estimated cost of this election as determined by the Secretary of State based upon the provisions of Chapter 8-A of Title 18 and actual costs of similar elections is \$550.

Notice is further given that a portion of the monies collected from the tax described in the Proposition shall be remitted to certain state and statewide retirement systems in the manner required by law.

The said special election will be held in accordance with the applicable provisions of Chapter 5 and Chapter 6-A of Title 18 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, and other constitutional and statutory authority, and the officers appointed to hold the said election, as provided in this Notice of Special Election, or such substitutes therefor as may be selected and designated in accordance with La. R.S. 18:1287, will make due returns thereof to said Governing Authority, and NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that the Governing Authority will meet at its regular meeting place, the Police Jury Room of the Courthouse, 400 Capitol Street, Many, Louisiana, on **WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2024**, at **NINE O'CLOCK (9:00) A.M.**, and shall then and there in open and public session proceed to examine and canvass the returns and declare the result of the said special election. All registered voters of the District are entitled to vote at said special election and voting machines will be used.

16a. Mr. Rufus Sepulvado – Consider Adopting Teater Road Extension into the Parish-wide Road System

Mr. Rufus Sepulvado addressed the Police Jury. He stated that he had previously requested the Police Jury to adopt Teater Road Extension, approximately one-half mile in length, into the parish-wide road system in February, 2024. He reported that he had done some work to the road since then and would like to have the extension considered again for adoption.

Road Superintendent Bobby Hughes explained that this road extension would have to meet established criteria to be considered for inclusion into the parish-wide road system and it currently did not meet the criteria. Superintendent Hughes was requested to meet with Mr. Sepulvado and to inform him of the repairs still needed to meet the criteria for adoption into the system.

16b. Consider Adopting Shelby Drive into the Parish-wide Road System

The Jury discussed the condition of Shelby Drive and determined that the road did not meet the criteria to be adopted into the Parish-wide Road System.

17. Consider a Resolution Approving the Holding of an Election in North Sabine Fire Protection District of the Parish of Sabine, State of Louisiana, on December 7, 2024, to Renew, Reauthorize or Continue the Levy of a Special Tax Therein

Resolution No. 9557

The following resolution was offered by Bison and seconded by Remedies:

RESOLUTION

A resolution approving the holding of an election in North Sabine Fire Protection District of the Parish of Sabine, State of Louisiana, on December 7, 2024, to renew, reauthorize or continue the levy of a special tax therein.

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of North Sabine Fire Protection District of the Parish of Sabine, State of Louisiana (the “Board”), acting as the governing authority of North Sabine Fire Protection District of the Parish of Sabine, State of Louisiana (the “District”), adopted a resolution on April 22, 2024 calling a special election in the District on December 7, 2024, to renew, reauthorize or continue a special tax therein; and

WHEREAS, the Board has requested that this Police Jury, acting as the governing authority of the Parish of Sabine, State of Louisiana, give its consent and authority for the District to hold the aforesaid election and, in the event that the election carries, to continue to levy and collect the special tax provided for therein; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to 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 holding of said election and in the event that the election carries, to continue to levy and collect the special tax provided for therein;

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

SECTION 1. Pursuant to 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 North Sabine Fire Protection District of the Parish of Sabine, State of Louisiana, this Police Jury hereby approves the holding of an election in the District on December 7, 2024 at which election there will be submitted the following proposition, to-wit:

PROPOSITION

Shall North Sabine Fire Protection District, Parish of Sabine, State of Louisiana (“the District”) be authorized to renew the re-authorize the levy and collection of an *ad valorem* tax of 5.00 mills (the “Tax”) (an estimated \$500,000 is reasonably expected to be collected from the levy of the Tax for the entire first year, and this amount will increase if the value of property subject to taxation increases) in each calendar year on all property subject to taxation in the District for a period of 20 years, commencing in the year 2025 to and including the year 2044, for the purpose of acquiring, constructing, maintaining, manning and operating fire protection facilities and equipment in and for the District and paying the costs of obtaining water for fire protection purposes?

SECTION 2. In the event the election carries, this Police Jury does hereby further consent to and authorize the District to continue to levy and collect the special tax provided for therein.

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

Yeas: 9 - Stewart, Stevens, Ruffin, Taylor, Bison, Garcie, Sepulvado, Remedies, and Byrd

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 0

And the resolution was declared adopted on the 15th day of May 2024.

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

/s/Ricky “K-wall” Sepulvado
Ricky “K-Wall” Sepulvado
President

18. Adopt a Resolution Approving a Road Damage Settlement from SWN Production (Louisiana), LLC and Dedicating the Proceeds to the Road District in Which the Respective Road is Located

Resolution No. 9558

On motion by Byrd and seconded by Bison:

WHEREAS, SWN Production (Louisiana), LLC has offered a settlement for damages to Little Egypt Road; and

WHEREAS, the Road Superintendent has determined that the proposed settlement is beneficial to the Parish; and

WHEREAS, the Road and Shop Committee has reviewed the agreement and recommends acceptance of the proposed agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sabine Parish Police Jury hereby approves and accepts the agreement for road damage proposed by SWN Production (Louisiana), LLC, and authorizes the Police Jury President to execute said agreement.

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

Yeas: 9 - Stewart, Stevens, Ruffin, Taylor, Bison, Garcie, Sepulvado, Remedies, and Byrd

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 0

19. Approve Summary Change Order No. 5 for 2023 Landfill Gas Collection and Control System Installation Decreasing Contract Cost by \$34,857.51

The Sabine Parish Police Jury has received a summary change order from AEG Tetrtech for the 2023 Landfill Gas Collection and Control System Installation. This Contract Change Order No. 5 decreases the total contract cost by \$34,857.51.

Resolution No. 9559

On motion by Ruffin and seconded by Stewart:

WHEREAS, the Sabine Parish Police Jury has received a Summary Change Order Form (Contract Change Order No. 5) from AEG Tetrtech to adjust contract quantities to final quantities for the 2023 Landfill Gas Collection and Control System Installation; and

WHEREAS, Contract Change Order No. 5 reduces the overall contract price for completion of the project by \$34,857.51 to a total of \$1,967,944.14; and

WHEREAS, the Parish's engineer for the project, Mr. Juene Franklin, has reviewed and approved Contract Change Order No. 5.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sabine Parish Police Jury hereby approves and accepts Contract Change Order No. 5 for the 2023 Landfill Gas Collection and Control System Installation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the president of the police jury is hereby authorized, empowered, and directed to sign and otherwise execute any and all documents related to Contract Change Order No. 5.

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

Yeas: 9 - Stewart, Stevens, Ruffin, Taylor, Bison, Garcie, Sepulvado, Remedies, and Byrd

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 0

20. Approve Payment of Invoice 52233510 from American Environmental Group, Ltd. in the amount of \$826,059.10 for 2023 Landfill Gas Collection and Control System Installation

The Sabine Parish Police Jury has received invoice number 52233510 from AEG Tetrtech for the final draw on the 2023 Landfill Gas Collection and Control System Installation. Retainage totaling \$43,476.79 will remain to be paid with a final contract cost of \$1,967,944.14.

Resolution No. 9560

On motion by Bison and seconded by Taylor:

WHEREAS, American Environmental Group Ltd, (AEG Tetrtech) has issued invoice number 52233510 with the amount due of \$826,059.10; and

WHEREAS this invoice represents completion of the 2023 Landfill Gas Collection and Control System Installation at a cost of \$1,967,944.14; and

WHEREAS, \$43,476.79 of retainage will remain to be paid upon final acceptance of the project by the Police Jury.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Sabine Parish Police Jury pay the current amount due (\$826,059.10) to American Environmental Group Ltd, (AEG Tetrtech) no later than May 25, 2024.

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

Yeas: 9 - Stewart, Stevens, Ruffin, Taylor, Bison, Garcie, Sepulvado, Remedies, and Byrd

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 0

21. Approve Change Order to Pugmill Systems LLC, P.O. No. 97644 to Increase Cost by \$8,180.00 to Add Grating on the top of the Feed Bin

The Sabine Parish Police Jury has received a change order from Pugmill Systems LLC to add a sloped flat bar grating on top of the feed bin with an additional cost of \$8,180.00.

Resolution No. 9561

On motion by Bison and seconded by Taylor:

WHEREAS, the Sabine Parish Police Jury has determined that a grating should be added to the feed bin on the pugmill ordered from Pugmill Systems, LLC; and

WHEREAS, Pugmill Systems LLC has proposed to change Purchase Order No. 97644 to add a sloped flat bar grating at an increased cost of \$8,180.00.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sabine Parish Police Jury hereby accepts and approves Pugmill System LLC's change order to add a sloped flat bar grating at an additional cost of \$8,180.00.

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

Yeas: 9 - Stewart, Stevens, Ruffin, Taylor, Bison, Garcie, Sepulvado, Remedies, and Byrd

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 0

22. Enter Executive Session - Contract for the Sale of Landfill Gas

Resolution No. 9562

On motion by Byrd and seconded by Stewart to enter executive session to discuss contracts for the sale of landfill gas.

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

Yeas: 9 - Stewart, Stevens, Ruffin, Taylor, Bison, Garcie, Sepulvado, Remedies, and Byrd

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 0

23. Exit Executive Session

Resolution No. 9563

On motion by Stewart and seconded by Bison to exit executive session.

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

Yeas: 9 - Stewart, Stevens, Ruffin, Taylor, Bison, Garcie, Sepulvado, Remedies, and Byrd

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 0

24. Award Contract for the Sale of Landfill Gas

Resolution No. 9564

On motion by Stewart and seconded by Taylor:

WHEREAS, the Sabine Parish Police Jury has determined that it is in the best interest of the Parish to sell landfill gas generated by the Sabine Parish Sanitary Landfill through Gage Renewables.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the contract for the sale of landfill gas be awarded to Gage Renewables

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the president of the police jury is hereby authorized, empowered, and directed to sign and otherwise execute any and all documents related to the contract to sell landfill gas generated by the Sabine Parish Sanitary Landfill.

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

Yeas: 9 - Stewart, Stevens, Ruffin, Taylor, Bison, Garcie, Sepulvado, Remedies, and Byrd

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 0

25. Approve Creating an Employment Position for a Third Parish-Wide Class A CDL Driver

There are currently two (2) parish-wide positions for Class A CDL drivers and four (4) positions for Class B CDL drivers. Currently, there are three (3) trucks that require the operator to have a Class A CDL. Road Superintendent Hughes has requested that the Jury establish a third position for a parish-wide Class A CDL driver so that the three trucks can be fully utilized.

Resolution No. 9565

On motion by Garcie and seconded by Bison:

WHEREAS, the Police Jury currently has three (3) parish-wide trucks that require the operators to have a Class A commercial driver's license (CDL); and

WHEREAS, the Police Jury has only two (2) employment positions for parish-wide Class A CDL drivers; and

WHEREAS, the Road and Shop Committee has recommended that the Police Jury establish an employment position for a third parish-wide Class A CDL driver.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that another employment position for a parish-wide Class A CDL driver be established; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the rate of pay for the Class A CDL driver be eighteen dollars (\$18.00) per hour; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the third Class A CDL driver be a full time employee and be eligible to participate in the STEP Plan and all other employee benefits normally offered to full-time employees; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Class A CDL position become active as of May 15, 2024.

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

Yeas: 9 - Stewart, Stevens, Ruffin, Taylor, Bison, Garcie, Sepulvado, Remedies, and Byrd

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 0

26. Consider Approving Handicapped Driveway Repairs at 46 Sandstone Circle, Zwolle, Louisiana

During the May 9, 2024, Road and Shop Committee meeting, Road Superintendent Bobby Hughes informed the committee that the Parish had received a request for assistance at 46 Sandstone Circle, Zwolle, Louisiana to improve the condition of a disabled person's driveway. He stated that all the criteria established by the Jury for assistance has been met. The request has been reviewed and approved by the Road and Shop Committee. The Committee recommended that the full Jury approve assistance.

Resolution No. 9566

Motion by Byrd and seconded by Remedies:

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 5 of 2019 allows the Police Jury to assist disabled persons meeting the established criteria in repairing their driveway; and

WHEREAS, the Police Jury has reviewed supporting documents provided by Allen Pantalion and found that he meets all the required criteria.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sabine Parish Police Jury hereby authorizes Road Superintendent Bobby Hughes to direct work to improve the condition of the driveway to ensure that it is assessable for emergency vehicles and others providing safety and welfare services.

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

Yeas: 9 - Stewart, Stevens, Ruffin, Taylor, Bison, Garcie, Sepulvado, Remedies, and Byrd

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 0

27. Consider Rescinding the Current Policy and Procedures for Acceptance of Roads into the Parish Maintenance System and Adopting New Policy and Procedures for Acceptance of Roads into the Parish Maintenance System

Resolution No. 9567

On motion by Stewart and seconded by Bison:

To table rescinding the current policy and procedures for acceptance of roads into the Parish Maintenance System and adopting new policy and procedures for acceptance of roads into the Parish Maintenance System and refer the topic to the Road and Shop Committee for further discussion.

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

Yeas: 9 - Stewart, Stevens, Ruffin, Taylor, Bison, Garcie, Sepulvado, Remedies, and Byrd

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 0

28. Consider Reallocation of Funds Remaining in the American Rescue Plan Act Grant
Funds received by the Parish through the American Rescue Plan Act must be obligated or expended by December 31, 2024. Currently, there is approximately \$327,000 of ARPA funds remaining to be expended. After a discussion of the allocation of funds, it was decided that \$125,000 would be allocated to repair Plainview Road and \$202,000 would be allocated to repair Little Flock Road.

Resolution No. 9568

On motion by Stevens and seconded by Ruffin:

WHEREAS, the American Rescue Plan Act grant has approximately \$327,000 of funding that must be obligated or expended by December 31, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the Road and Shop Committee has reviewed the list of roads budgeted to be repaired utilizing Parish Transportation Act Funding and has determined that the fairest method of expending unused ARPA funds is to apply them to those roads in priority order.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that \$125,000 of remaining ARPA funding be allocated to repair Plainview Road and \$202,000 be allocated to repair Little Flock Road.

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

Yeas: 9 - Stewart, Stevens, Ruffin, Taylor, Bison, Garcie, Sepulvado, Remedies, and Byrd

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 0

29. Consider Authorizing Compactor Site Supervisor to Hire and Terminate Compactor Employees

Resolution No. 9569

On motion by Bison and seconded by Taylor:

WHEREAS, the compactor site supervisor is responsible for overseeing the day to day operations of the parish compactor sites and employees.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Compactor Site Supervisor is hereby authorized to hire and terminate compactor employees.

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

Yeas: 6 - Ruffin, Taylor, Bison, Sepulvado, Remedies, and Byrd

Nays: 3- Stewart, Stevens, and Garcie

Abstain: 0

Absent: 0

30. Authorize Payment of Approved Bills

Resolution No. 9570

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: 9 - Stewart, Stevens, Ruffin, Taylor, Bison, Garcie, Sepulvado, Remedies, and Byrd

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 0

31. Appropriate and Transfer Sales Tax for May Operations (\$450,000)

Resolution No. 9571

Motion by Stewart and seconded by Ruffin to appropriate and transfer \$450,000.00 from the Sales Tax Fund to the Parish-wide Transportation Fund for May 2024 operations.

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

Yeas: 9 - Stewart, Stevens, Ruffin, Taylor, Bison, Garcie, Sepulvado, Remedies, and Byrd

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 0

32. Committee Reports

Mr. "Bo" Stewart, Chairman of the Courthouse Committee, invited all jurors to visit the Judge's Courtroom to see all the improvements the Police Jury had recently made to it.

33. Operations

Road Superintendent Bobby Hughes provided the jurors a listing of permits and citations issued during the prior month.

34. Adjournment

Resolution No. 9572

Motion by Ruffin and seconded by Stewart to adjourn.

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

Yeas: 9 - Stewart, Stevens, Ruffin, Taylor, Bison, Garcie, Sepulvado, Remedies, 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