

October 10, 2023

On Tuesday, October 10, 2023, 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. Accept the Minutes of the Previous Regular Meeting Held September 20, 2023
9. Mr. Lee Willis, CPA - Review and Accept December 31, 2022 Audited Annual Financial Statements
10. Mr. Chris Guillot – Expropriation of Land at the Sabine Parish Sanitary Landfill
11. Review and Award Bid for a Purpose-Built Boom Mower for Wards 2 and 3 (Road Districts 16 and 9)
  - 11a. Discuss an Increase in Employee Salaries
  - 11b. Operations
12. 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: Mike McCormic, William E. Ruffin, Stephen Steinke, Ronny Bison, Eric Garcie, Ricky “K-Wall” Sepulvado, Kenneth M. Ebarb, 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. Kenneth M. Ebarb.

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 comments.

Resolution No. 9386

Motion by Steinke and seconded by McCormic to amend the agenda to include the following items:

Item 11a – Discuss an Increase in Employee Salaries

Item 11b - Operations

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

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

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 - Stewart

#### 6. Adopt the Agenda

Resolution No. 9387

Motion by McCormic 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 - McCormic, Ruffin, Steinke, Bison, Garcie, Sepulvado, Ebarb, 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.

Mrs. Rebekah Stiegemeyer expressed her concern about the large expenditures the Police Jury has approved during the prior months.

#### 8. Accept the Minutes of the Previous Regular Meeting Held September 20, 2023

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

Resolution No. 9388

Motion by Ruffin and seconded by Garcie to accept the minutes of the regular meeting held September 20, 2023.

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

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

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 - Stewart

9. Mr. Lee Willis, CPA - Review and Accept December 31, 2022 Audited Annual Financial Statements

Mr. Lee Willis, CPA, with Rozier, McKay & Willis Certified Public Accountants delivered the Annual Financial Report as of and for the Year Ended December 31, 2022. He noted that the Police Jury had a good year with net position increasing \$7,635,109. He noted that the sanitary landfill had net income of \$830,298 for 2022. He also reminded the jurors of the \$7,500,000 settlement recently received for the landfill which will be reported in 2023.

Resolution No. 9389

Motion by Steinke and seconded by Garcie to accept the annual audited financial statements of the Sabine Parish Police Jury for the year ended December 31, 2022 as presented by Mr. Lee Willis, CPA.

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

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

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 - Stewart

10. Mr. Chris Guillot – Expropriation of Land at the Sabine Parish Sanitary Landfill

Mr. Chris Guillot reported on the progress of the expropriation of land for an expansion of the Sabine Parish Sanitary Landfill.

Resolution No. 9390

Motion by Ebarb and seconded by Bison to enter executive session to discuss ongoing litigation.

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

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

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 - Stewart

The Jury then entered executive session and all members of the audience were asked to leave the jury room.

Resolution No. 9391

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

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

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

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 – Stewart

The audience was then invited to return to the jury room.

Resolution No. 9392

On a motion by McCormic and seconded by Steinke:

WHEREAS, since about May 24,1988, the Police Jury has disposed of solid waste in Sabine Parish at the following location: 146.65 acres in Sections 1 and 2, T7N R12W (“the Existing Landfill”); and,

WHEREAS, the Police Jury has determined that it will require additional capacity, beyond that available at the existing Landfill, to continue to properly handle the disposal of garbage and other refuse for Sabine Parish, along with related operations. It shall be necessary for the Police Jury to expropriate (or otherwise acquire) the Hancock Property, as described in the Petition filed in the 11<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Court at No. 72731, for these public purposes. The Police Jury will use the Hancock Property for the public purpose of disposal of garbage and refuse, and related operations.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that it is necessary and useful that the Police Jury expropriate the Hancock Property in the manner provided by law, in full ownership thereof

(except for Tract 6, Right of Passage, which shall be a servitude), and the Police Jury hereby confirms that it shall maintain such expropriation action, and further ratifies all prior actions taken with respect to such expropriation.

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

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

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 – Stewart

11. Review and Award Bid for a Purpose-Built Boom Mower for Wards 2 and 3 (Road Districts 16 and 9)

The Sabine Parish Police Jury accepted bids for a purpose-built boom mower for Road Districts 9 and 16 (Wards 2 and 3) until 10:00 a.m. on October 6, 2023 at which time the bids received were opened and publicly read aloud. One bid was received.

Resolution No. 9393

Motion by McCormic and seconded by Bison:

WHEREAS, the Sabine Parish Police Jury has accepted bids for a purpose-built mower until 10:00 a.m. on October 6, 2023, and

WHEREAS, one bid was received for a purpose-built mower for Road Districts 9 and 16 as follows:

<b>VENDOR</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
ATMAX Equipment Company	Mower Max Boom with 24 ft. Arm	\$226,367.50

NOW BE IT RESOLVED, that the Police Jury hereby accepts the bid from ATMAX Equipment Company in the amount of \$226,367.50.

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

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

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 – Stewart

11a. Discuss an Increase in Employee Salaries

President Sepulvado expressed his concern for and desire to give all Police Jury employees an increase in pay. He requested that the Finance Committee review the financial position of the Jury and make a recommendation for an across -the- board raise for parish employees who have not received one this year.

Resolution No. 9394

On a motion by McCormic and seconded by Ebarb to refer consideration of an across-the-board raise for parish employees who have not received one this year to the Finance Committee.

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

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

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 – Stewart

11b. Operations

Road Superintendent Bobby Hughes provided the Jury with an update on the progress of the purchase of the pug mill.

12. Adjournment

Resolution No. 9395

Motion by Ruffin and seconded by Bison to adjourn.

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

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

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 – Stewart

s/William E. Weatherford  
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Secretary Treasurer

s/Ricky L. Sepulvado  
Ricky L. Sepulvado  
President