

The Police Jury met in regular session assembled with the following members present: Ryan Williams, Ryan Ardoin, Sidney Fontenot, Kevin Veillon, Eric Soileau, Lamar Johnson, Bryan Vidrine, and Daniel Arvie. Absent and excused was Rocky Rider. A quorum was present.

There were no comments from the public regarding the agenda items.

Motion was made by Daniel Arvie and seconded by Sidney Fontenot approving the October 7, 2019 Committee and Regular meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Sidney Fontenot and seconded by Eric Soileau approving the October 29, 2019 Special meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Sidney Fontenot and seconded by Ryan Ardoin to approve the payment of bills on file in the office. Motion carried.

Bids were received for the Ward 1 Industrial Park Rail Road Spur Refurbishment. After reviewing all bids received it was recommended by Parish Engineer, Ronnie Landreneau, to award the referenced project to the legal low bidder, Track Work Inc. in the amount of \$165,000. Motion was made by Eric Soileau and seconded by Ryan Ardoin approving to award the low bid received from Track Work Inc. in the amount of \$165,000 for the Rail Road Spur Refurbishment contingent upon the approval of Delta Regional Authority. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Eric Soileau and seconded by Ryan Ardoin approving to adopt the following resolution:

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

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

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

The Parish has performed all interim inspections on all Parish owned and maintained bridges in accordance with the National Bridge Inspection Standards.

All bridges owned or maintained by the Parish have been structurally analyzed and rated by the Parish as to the safe load capacity in accordance with ASSHTO Manual for Maintenance Inspection of Bridges. The load posting information that has been determined by the LA DOTD for all bridges where the maximum legal load under Louisiana State Law exceeds the load permitted under the operating rating as determined above has been critically reviewed by the Parish. Load posting information has been updated by the Parish to reflect all structural ratings.

All Parish owned or maintained bridges which require load posting or closing are load posted or closed in accordance with the table in the DOTD Engineering Directives and Standards Manual Directive NO. 1.1.1.8. All DOTD supplied load posting information concerning a bridge has been critically reviewed by the Parish Engineer prior to load posting.

All bridges owned or maintained by the Parish are shown on the attached list in the format specified by the DOTD. Corrections to data supplied to the Parish by the LA DOTD are noted.

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

The above and foregoing, having been submitted to a vote was unanimously adopted on this 4th day of November, 2019.

Motion was made by Lamar Johnson and seconded by Eric Soileau to approve the reappointment of Al Ardoin and Samuel Todd Welch to the Evangeline Parish Water District No. 1 Board of Directors, Term retroactive Sept. 2019-Sept. 2024. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Sidney Fontenot and seconded by Bryan Vidrine to approve entering into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with Acadiana Planning Commission to implement Region 5 Louisiana Watershed Region Activity. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Lamar Johnson and seconded by Ryan Ardoin approving to set the Police Jury December meeting date for Tuesday, December 10, 2019 at 2:00 p.m. in the Police Jury Meeting Room of the Courthouse Square, 200 Court Street, Ste. 207, Ville Platte, La. Motion carried.

In accordance with Louisiana Revised Statute 39:1307, Local Government Budget Act, a motion was made by Bryan Vidrine and seconded by Lamar Johnson approving to call a public hearing on Wednesday, December 18, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. in the Police Jury Meeting Room of the Courthouse Square, 200 Court Street, Ste. 207, Ville Platte, La to hear public comments and/or questions regarding the 2019 proposed budget amendments and the 2020 proposed budget appropriations with a special meeting to follow at 5:15 p.m. for the adoption of budgets. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Sidney Fontenot and seconded by Bryan Vidrine approving to advertise and accept bids for Pest Control, Fuel, Limestone, Pipe, etc. Sealed bids will be received at the office of the Evangeline Parish Police Jury located at 1008 West LaSalle Street, Ville Platte, La 70586 until 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, December 18, 2019, at which time the bids will be publicly opened and read aloud. Bids will be awarded at a Special Meeting on Wednesday, December 18, 2019 at 5:15 p.m. in the Police Jury Meeting Room of the Courthouse Square, located at 200 Court Street, Ste. 207, Ville Platte, La. Motion carried.

Public Works Director, Chester Granger, gave the following report:

- Parish wide drainage equipment is currently working in District #5.
- Ward 1 drainage equipment was located in District #9 and has moved on to District #1 to replace a cross drain on Austin Road.

Motion was made by Lamar Johnson, seconded by Daniel Arvie and unanimously adopted to amend the agenda to add the following item:

1. Discuss signs along walkway at the Courthouse.

Motion was made by Bryan Vidrine and seconded by Sidney Fontenot approving to set up signs along the walkways of the Courthouse property making the public aware of policies allowed inside the Courthouse Building. Motion carried.

The following Engineer Report was given by Mr. Todd Deville:

- Adopt resolution to submit application to the Office of Community Development for the water enrichment grant funding.

Motion was made by Sidney Fontenot and seconded by Lamar Johnson approving to adopt the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED that we, the President and Jury Members of the Evangeline Parish Police Jury, Parish of Evangeline, State of Louisiana, acting as governing body of said Parish do hereby enact the following resolution on this 4<sup>th</sup> day of November 2019;

WHEREAS: the Evangeline Parish Police Jury is applying for funding through the Community Water Enrichment Fund, a grant program that has been made available by the Louisiana Office of Community Development; and

WHEREAS: the Parish intends to improve their Ward 1 Industrial Park Water System by repairing and/or replacing the water well controls and chlorination system for the two existing water wells; and

WHEREAS: the Evangeline parish Police Jury has no funds available at this time to complete this project, this application would provide \$50,000 for these project costs; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the governing body of the Evangeline parish Police Jury by way of this resolution does hereby approve to submit an application to the Office of Community Development for water enrichment grant funding in the amount of \$50,000 for the proposed improvements.

The above and foregoing, having been submitted to a vote, was unanimously adopted this 4<sup>th</sup> day of November 2019.

- Adopt resolution to amend LGAP grant for Crooked Creek Recreational Park.

Motion was made by Eric Soileau and seconded by Kevin Veillon approving to adopt the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED that we, the President and Jury Members of the Evangeline Parish Police Jury, Parish of Evangeline, State of Louisiana, acting as governing body of said Parish do hereby enact the following resolution on this day the 4<sup>th</sup> of November 2019;

WHEREAS: The Evangeline Parish Police Jury is applying for funding through the Local Government Assistance Program, a grant program that has been made available by the Louisiana Office of Community Development; and

WHEREAS: The Parish proposes to improve their Crooked Creek Recreational Park facilities by building additional camping slots including plumbing, electrical, and improved camper parking areas; and

WHEREAS: The Evangeline Parish Police Jury has no funds available at this time to complete this project, this application would provide \$60,000 for this project costs; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the governing body of the Evangeline Parish Police Jury by way of this resolution does hereby approve to submit an application to the Office of Community Development for grant funding in the amount of \$60,000 for proposed improvements.

The above and foregoing, having been submitted to a vote, was unanimously adopted this 4<sup>th</sup> day of November 2019.

Secretary-Treasurer, Donald Bergeron, gave the following report:

- Acadian Ambulance monthly report is in compliance with the ordinance.
- Appoint member to Steering Committee for the Louisiana Watershed Region 5.

Motion was made by Bryan Vidrine and seconded by Lamar Johnson approving to appoint Secretary-Treasurer, Donald Bergeron, as member to the Steering Committee representing Evangeline Parish for the Region 5 Louisiana Watershed Region Activity. Motion carried.

- 2% Sales Tax collections in October 2019 for the month of September 2019, \$318,841.65.
- Mr. Bergeron stated that each juror has been emailed copies of the Parish budget to actual comparison reports for each fund and asked the Jury if there were any questions regarding those reports. No comments were reported.

Motion was made by Daniel Arvie and seconded by Eric Soileau approving to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

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Ryan Williams, President

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Donald Bergeron, Secretary-Treasurer