

The Police Jury met in special session assembled with the following members present: Bryan Vidrine, Angelica Williams, Lelia Thrasher, Kevin Veillon and Keith Saucier. Absent and excused were Sidney Fontenot, Eric Soileau, Ryan Ardoin, and Daniel Arvie. A quorum was present.

Dennis Stewart with Rapides Area Planning Commission addressed the Jury to introduce himself as the new building official for Evangeline Parish.

The Jury then discussed Federal Floodplain Management Lawsuit. It was stated that the Attorney is working on a lawsuit challenging FEMA's new rule for calculating NFIP rates, which this new rate methodology resulting in increased premiums. Motion was made by Kevin Veillon and seconded by Lelia Thrasher approving to adopt a resolution joining the Attorney General of Louisiana in litigation against FEMA to challenge Risk Rating 2.0. Motion carried.

A grant is available through DRE capped at \$500,000 for improvements needed for economic development, which could be used for renovations of the current building being purchased by the Parish to be used for economic development. Motion was made by Kevin Veillon and seconded by Keith Saucier authorizing Landreneau and Associates to assist in submitting application for said grant. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Lelia Thrasher and seconded by Keith Saucier approving Secretary-Treasurer to submit a letter of support for House Bill 624, which creates the Evangeline Economic Development Authority as a political subdivision in Evangeline Parish for the purpose of performing the functions of an economic and industrial development agency. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Kevin Veillon and seconded by Keith Saucier approving to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Bryan Vidrine, President

Chester Granger, Secretary-Treasurer