

Executive Committee
September 11, 2023

The Executive Committee met with the following members present: Bryan Vidrine, Keith Saucier, Ryan Ardoin, Lelia Thrasher, Eric Soileau and Sidney Fontenot. All members were present.

The creation of a Committee to oversee the Chauncey Pitre Barn was discussed. Secretary-Treasurer, Chester Granger, stated that being the Chauncey Pire Barn is being utilized more frequently it was advised to form a committee to oversee operations. Motion was made by Sidney Fontenot and seconded by Keith Saucier to approve the formation of a committee to be composed of three (3) Jury Members, one (1) from the 4-H Department and one (1) from the Agriculture Center. Motion carried.

The property intended for the dog shelter has a prospect interested in purchasing to possibly pursue a business. If in agreement to sell, the future animal shelter is being considered to be located at the Industrial Park next to the new fail facility where the Sheriff could use inmates to care for the animals. Other parish municipalities would also be involved with managing the shelter. Motion was made by Sidney Fontenot and seconded by Keith Saucier approving to move forward with the selling of the property. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Keith Saucier and seconded by Sidney Fontenot approving to adjourn the Executive Committee. Motion carried.

Bryan Vidrine, Chairman

Chester Granger, Secretary-Treasurer

Road and Bridge Committee
September 11, 2023

The Road and Bridge Committee met with the following members present: Eric Soileau, Bryan Vidrine, Kevin Veillon, Keith Saucier and Sidney Fontenot. All members were present.

Motion was made by Kevin Veillon and seconded by Bryan Vidrine approving to call a public hearing on Monday, October 2, 2023 at 4:30 p.m. in the Police Jury Meeting Room of the Courthouse Building, 200 Court Street, Ste. 207, Ville Platte, La to hear public comments and/or questions on the abandonment of the last 246 ft. of Henry Lane, located in District 7. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Kevin Veillon and seconded by Keith Saucier to approve calling a public hearing on Monday, October 2, 2023 at 4:45 p.m. in the Police Jury Meeting Room of the Courthouse Building, 200 Court Street, Ste. 207, Ville Platte, La to hear public comments and/or questions on reducing the speed limit on Old Anselm Road from 25 mph to 15 mph. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Bryan Vidrine and seconded by Kevin Veillon approving to adjourn the Road and Bridge Committee. Motion carried.

Eric Soileau, Chairman

Chester Granger, Secretary-Treasurer

Animal Control Committee
September 11, 2023

The Animal Control Committee met with the following members present: Sidney Fontenot, Bryan Vidrine, Ryan Ardoin, Daniel Arvie and Kevin Veillon. All members were present.

Animal control members, Greta Ardoin and Mathew Baker addressed the Jury in supporting to lower the unwanted and neglected animals in our community and is requesting members of the community to discuss how to move forward to chip away at this issue. Along with requesting assistance in funding for veterinary services and the use of inmates to assist at their facility in caring for the animals.

Motion was made by Bryan Vidrine and seconded by Daniel Arvie to approve creating a committee to discuss animal control in Evangeline Parish. Committee members will involve of a member from Mamou, Ville Platte, District Attorney, Non-Profit, Police Jury and Sheriff's Department. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Bryan Vidrine and seconded by Kevin Veillon approving to adjourn the Animal Control Committee. Motion carried.

Sidney Fontenot, Chairman

Chester Granger, Secretary-Treasurer

Sewer Committee
September 11, 2023

The Sewer Committee met with the following members present: Eric Soileau, Daniel Arvie, Bryan Vidrine, and Keith Saucier. Absent and excused was Angelica Williams. A quorum was present.

It was advised to the Committee that the parish sewer systems are in financial stress. Louisiana Rural Water will perform a rate study to see what it would take to make the systems solvent again. No action will be taken at this time.

In regards to delinquent sewer accounts, the Jury will also need to proceed with a user audit, in order to identify the homes of customers who are not paying. This will allow the Jury to obtain a count of how many residents are delinquent. Once the audit is complete, then the Jury can move forward with submitting letters notifying the customers of past due accounts with action to be taken if not done in a timely manner. Motion was made by Bryan Vidrine and seconded by to proceed with the user audit in compiling a list of delinquents, paying, and non-active sewer customers. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Bryan Vidrine and seconded by Keith Saucier approving to adjourn the Sewer Committee. Motion carried.

Eric Soileau, Chairman

Chester Granger, Secretary-Treasurer