

The Executive Committee met with the following members present: Bryan Vidrine, Keith Saucier, Ryan Ardoin, Kevin Veillon and Sidney Fontenot. All members were present.

A lawsuit was filed years ago regarding Opioids and a settlement has been finalized, which has brought funds to the Parish these past two years. These funds can be utilized within the guidelines of what the settlement required. District Judges have been working with our Legislative and came up with a plan for a Opioid Drug Court. A cooperative endeavor agreement will be entered into with the Thirteenth Judicial Court of Evangeline Parish if the plan meets all guidelines.

Judge Chuck West and Judge Marcus Fontenot addressed the Jury explaining that if all guidelines are met this Court will be treatment related, not law focused. Once a draft agreement is in place it will be brought before the Jury for discussion and approval.

It was stated that funds for the cemetery ward are least funded. Inmates have been providing maintenance to build the fund up however at this time, funds are still not available to be able to afford contracting out. Juror Ryan Ardoin would like to see all parish wide cemeteries work together as one, which would have to be brought before the bond commission and the public. Motion was made by Kevin Veillon and seconded by Keith Saucier approving to gather more information on what is needed to move forward. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Keith Saucier and seconded by Ryan Ardoin approving to set the payrate and work status for newly hired Interim Secretary-Treasurer Dirk Deville at the same pay and status as previous Secretary-Treasurer, effective February 12, 2024. Motion carried.

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

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Bryan Vidrine, Chairman

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Chester Granger, Secretary-Treasurer

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

Parish road use permits were discussed. Juror Tim Causey stated to the Jury that Evangeline Road which is located in Ward 4 has been damaged by Logging Company's. Currently the parish has a \$7,500 bond and would like to have some changes made to the permit requirements and fees. More information will be gathered in moving forward and brought back before the Jury at next month's meeting.

Secretary-Treasurer mentioned there have been complaints by property owners on some parish roads which have been abandoned recently by the Jury. Owners feel they were not notified of the abandonments. Juror Tim Causey mentioned that not all constituents receive the paper and have no way of knowing about abandonments and is requesting if this can be changed. Legal Advisor stated that unfortunately a lot of the public notice information is sent by State Statutes. Local governments have to comply with the Statutes, which is publication in the official journal. The Jury does not have the authority to ignore or change without going through a local bill in the Legislature. It was also questioned if there is a way the abandonment can be reversed or undone. Legal Advisor stated this would have to be researched.

Due to the drought extremely, large cracks have been created in some parish road foundations. There are concerns on how to move forward with repairs. Information on a machine is being checked on from another parish to see how it works. Once that information is gathered this will be brought back to the Jury for discussion.

A used vehicle for District 7 Litter Abatement Crew is being looked into.

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

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Sidney Fontenot, Chairman

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Chester Granger, Secretary-Treasurer

Drainage Committee  
February 5, 2024

The Drainage Committee met with the following members present: Keith Saucier, Bryan Vidrine, Brent Guillory and Ryan Ardoin. Absent and excused was Daniel Arvie. A quorum was present.

Mr. Paul Vidrine addressed the Jury regarding drainage issues on Debaillon Plantation Road. Mr. Vidrine said the Jury had dug the ditches to correct the problem seven years ago. He also stated a neighboring property owner has refused to allow the parish to dig. The ditches along and across the street were dug but the ditches are deeper than the gully and once draining it has no where to go. Mr. Vidrine is requesting assistance. Legal Counsel has advised that the Jury has servitude of drainage and is allowed within the servitude.

Motion was made by Bryan Vidrine and seconded by Ryan Ardoin to approve the hiring of QES to conduct a hydraulic study on Bayou Petite Passe. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Ryan Ardoin and seconded by Bryan Vidrine approving to adjourn the Drainage Committee. Motion carried.

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Keith Saucier, Chairman

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Chester Granger, Secretary-Treasurer

Crooked Creek Committee  
February 5, 2024

The Crooked Creek Committee met with the following members present: Bryan Vidrine, Tim Causey, Ryan Ardoin and Darion Arvie. Absent and excused was Daniel Arvie. A quorum was present.

A grant in the amount of \$300,000 was approved from the State, with \$275,000 of those funds are allocated to Crooked Creek Recreational Park for the buildings. Chairman Bryan Vidrine suggests having a plan drawn up for the project in order to start preparing for work.

Public Works Director stated that applications have been received for the Park Manager position. One applicant was interviewed and is requesting the Jury in hiring Mr. Bryan Richmond. Motion was made by Darion Arvie and seconded by Tim Causey to approve the hiring of Bryan Richmond as new Park Manager at \$20/hour and an auto allowance for use of personal vehicle. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Ryan Ardoin and seconded by Darion Arvie to adjourn the Crooked Creek Committee. Motion carried.

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Bryan Vidrine, Chairman

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Chester Granger, Secretary-Treasurer

Building Committee  
February 5, 2024

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

A Cooperative Endeavor Agreement has been signed for a \$1,150,000 grant to be used at the Courthouse Building. Scope of the project on how the funds will be used will need to be finalized.

Motion was made by Darion Arvie and seconded by Ryan Ardoin approving to adjourn the Building Committee. Motion carried.

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Sidney Fontenot, Chairman

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Chester Granger, Secretary-Treasurer

Broadband Committee  
February 5, 2024

The Broadband Committee met with the following members present: Bryan Vidrine, Darion Arvie, Brent Guillory, Sidney Fontenot and Tim Causey. All members were present.

LUS is still working on getting Broadband installed. Other companies are looking into also expanding there. Another round of broadband companies will be coming soon.

Motion was made by Darion Arvie and seconded by Tim Causey to approve adjourning the Broadband Committee. Motion carried.

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Bryan Vidrine, Chairman

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Chester Granger, Secretary-Treasurer

Sewer Committee  
February 5, 2024

The Sewer Committee met with the following members present: Tim Causey, Bryan Vidrine, Brent Guillory and Keith Saucier. Absent and excused was Daniel Arvie. A quorum was present.

Update on the progress on selling several sewer systems and the bid process was briefly discussed. Meeting has been held with an interested utility company. A walk through on each system has been done. Once a response has been received then it will be brought back to the Jury for discussion.

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

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Tim Causey, Chairman

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Chester Granger, Secretary-Treasurer