

The Police Jury met in regular session assembled with the following members present: Bryan Vidrine, Keith Saucier, Sidney Fontenot, Ryan Ardoin, Tim Causey, Kevin Veillon, Brent Guillory, Darion Arvie and Daniel Arvie. All members were present.

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

Motion was made by Sidney Fontenot and seconded by Ryan Ardoin to approving the March 4, 2024 Meeting Minutes. Motion carried.

President Bryan Vidrine shared with the other members of the Jury that a Workers Compensation Insurance dividend in the amount of \$85,000 has been received.

Motion was made by Kevin Veillon and seconded by Ryan Ardoin approving to adopt the Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire for the 2023 audit. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Ryan Ardoin and seconded by Brent Guillory to approve Sherry Pommier and Mona Nelson to attend the annual LEPA Conference May 6-9, 2023. Motion carried.

Mr. Ben Hunter with National Water Infrastructure, Inc. (NWI) addressed the Jury. NWI is a private waste water and water utility company, regulated by DEQ, LDH and Louisiana Public Service Commission and is interested in acquiring the sewer assets and customers from the Parish. Motion was made by Daniel Arvie and seconded by Darion Arvie approving to proceed having legal counsel come up with a bid plan to auction off all the parish sewer plants except for the Industrial Park and Wycle Sewer Subdivision. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Keith Saucier, seconded by Sidney Fontenot and unanimously approved to amend the agenda to add the following items:

1. Crooked Creek Committee agenda items.
2. Personnel Committee agenda items.
3. Equipment Committee agenda items.

Motion carried.

Crooked Creek Park Manager gave the following reports:

- Approve the hiring of Patrick Fontenot part-time.
- Requesting a pay increase to Secretary- Tasha Holden.
- Fourth of July Event will be held on June 29, 2024.
- Halloween trick of treating for campers only will be held October 18-20, 2024 and open to the public on October 25-27, 2024.

Motion was made by Keith Saucier and seconded by Darion Arvie approving to hire Patrick Fontenot part-time at \$10 per hour, scheduled for 30 hours per week. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Darion Arvie and seconded by Keith Saucier approving a pay increase for Natasha Holden from \$9.74 to \$10.00 per hour. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Kevin Veillon and seconded by Sidney Fontenot approving to move Michael George as Foreman of Region C with \$1.00/hour pay increase. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Tim Causey and seconded by Sidney Fontenot to approve a \$1.00/hour pay increase to Region C Employee, Randal King, due to being off his probationary period. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Sidney Fontenot and seconded by Tim Causey to approve the purchase of a Semi-Trailer Truck, Backhoe and Tractor with front end loader, Backhoe and Grappler with Shredder

attachments in the event Secretary Treasurer Dirk Deville can get the legislative auditor to accept these items under the \$200,000 grant. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Sidney Fontenot and seconded by Tim Causey authorizing the payment of bills on file in the Police Jury Office. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Sidney Fontenot and seconded by Darion Arvie approving the jail supply list as submitted. Motion carried.

Public Works Director gave the following report:

- Ward 1 Drainage Equipment is currently located in District 8.
- Parish Wide Drainage Equipment is located in District 5.

Parish Engineer gave the following report:

- Requesting to ratify the contract to award the Water Sector Project at the Wyble Subdivision to Bimm Construction Company.

Motion was made by Sidney Fontenot and seconded by Ryan Ardoin approving to award contract for the Water Sector Project to Bimm Construction Company. Motion carried.

- The Evangeline Parish Industrial Park road and utility improvement plan and specs should be completed by next months meeting in order to proceed for bidding.

Secretary-Treasurer gave the following report:

- Louisiana Economic Development Authority submitted a letter advising the Jury the 2020 EZ Listing for the Parish was approved at the April 24, 2024 meeting of the Commerce and Industry Board. This is a listing of all properties available for Enterprise Zones throughout the Parish.
- February Sales Tax Revenue for the Jury was compared to the same period as last year. In February 2023 the Parish generated \$331,076.65 compared to \$344,065.95 for January of this year. A difference of \$12,989.30, which is a 3.92% increase over last year.
- Requesting authorization to sign documents related to Act 397 Grants. One in the amount of \$200,000 related to purchasing equipment and another for \$300,000 for the construction or repairs of Crooked Creek Recreational Park facilities.

Motion was made by Daniel Arvie and seconded by Darion Arvie to approve the following resolution:

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING DIRK DEVILLE, SECRETARY-TREASURER OF THE EVANGELINE PARISH POLICE JURY TO SIGN ANDY AND ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO FULFILL AND COMPLETE ALL RERQUIREMENTS OF THE LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY AND THE STATE OF LOUISIANA AND ANY OTHER ENTITY, PUBLIC OR PRIVATE, IN ORDER TO PURCHASE EQUIPMENT WITH FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$200,000.00 APPROPRIATED TO THE EVANGELINE PARISH POLICE JURY IN LINES 33 THRU 35 OF PAGE 58 OF 90 IN HOUSE BILL 560 (ACT397) OF THE 2023 REGULAR LEGISLATIVE SESSION OF LOUISIANA.

WHEREAS, The Louisiana State Legislature, in its 2023 Regular Legislative Session enacted Act 397;
and

WHEREAS, the Evangeline Parish Police Jury, State of Louisiana, is eligible to spend \$200,000.00 toward maintaining some of its many facilities in accordance with the Act; and

WHEREAS, the Evangeline Parish Police Jury's staff has composed the necessary Cooperative Endeavor Agreement and is working with the Louisiana Department of the Treasury to complete other documents necessary to provide for the allocation of said funds;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the governing authority of the Evangeline Parish Police Jury, State of Louisiana, acting in such capacity,

That Dirk Deville, acting as Secretary-Treasurer of the Evangeline Parish Police Jury, is hereby authorized to sign any and all documents necessary to fulfill and complete all requirements of the Louisiana Department of Treasury and the State of Louisiana, and any other entity, public or private, in order to provide for the allocation of said funds.

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

YEAS: Bryan Vidrine, Sidney Fontenot, Ryan Ardoin, Tim Causey, Darion Arvie, Daniel Arvie, Keith Saucier, Brent Guillory, Kevin Veillon.
NAYS: None.
ABSENT: None.

This resolution was declared adopted on this 6th day of May, 2024.

Motion was made by Keith Saucier and seconded by Tim Causey to approve the following resolution:

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING DIRK DEVILLE, SECRETARY-TREASURER OF THE EVANGELINE PARISH POLICE JURY TO SIGN ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO FULFILL AND COMPLETE ALL RERQUIREMENTS OF THE LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY AND THE STATE OF LOUISIANA AND ANY OTHER ENTITY, PUBLIC OR PRIVATE, IN ORDER TO AFFECT CROOKED CREEK FACILITIES WITH FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$300,000.00 APPROPRIATED TO THE EVANGELINE PARISH POLICE JURY IN LINES 32 THRU 39 OF PAGE 89 OF 90 IN HOUSE BILL 560 (ACT 397) OF THE 2023 REGULAR LEGISLATIVE SESSION OF LOUISIANA.

WHEREAS, The Louisiana State Legislature, in its 2023 Regular Legislative Session enacted Act 397; and

WHEREAS, the Evangeline Parish Police Jury, State of Louisiana, is eligible to spend \$300,000.00 toward the construction or repair of its Crooked Creek facilities in accordance with the Act; and

WHEREAS, the Evangeline Parish Police Jury's staff has composed the necessary Cooperative Endeavor Agreement and is working with the Louisiana Department of the Treasury to complete other documents necessary to provide for all allocation of said funds;

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YEAS: Bryan Vidrine, Sidney Fontenot, Ryan Ardoin, Tim Causey, Darion Arvie, Daniel Arvie, Keith Saucier, Brent Guillory, Kevin Veillon.
NAYS: None.
ABSENT: None.

This resolution was declared adopted on this 6th day of May, 2024.

Motion was made by Sidney Fontenot and seconded by Darion Arvie approving to adjourn the meeting.
Motion carried.

Bryan Vidrine, President

Dirk Deville, Secretary-Treasurer