

May 16, 2018

On Wednesday, May 16, 2018 at 9:00 a.m., the Police Jury of Sabine Parish, State of Louisiana met in open and regular session.

The Agenda was as follows:

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Prayer
4. Pledge of Allegiance
5. Amend the Agenda
6. Adopt the Agenda
7. Accept the Minutes of the April 18, 2018 Meeting
8. Accept the Minutes of the Previous Meeting, April 25, 2018
9. Walter Mains, President of Sabine Parish Waterworks District No. 1 – Discuss Issuance of \$2,600,000 of Taxable Water Revenue Bonds
10. Tracy Durham- Tennessee Gas Pipeline Co. – Discuss Christy Road and Turtle Beach Road
11. Shawn Bozzell – Discuss Starting a Soccer League in Sabine Parish
12. Planning Commission
- 12a. Appoint the Sabine Index the Official Journal for the Sabine Parish Police Jury
13. Review for Award Bids for Two New 12/14-Yard Dump Body Trucks for Road District 18 and Road Districts 9 and 16
14. Consider Hiring Additional Personnel to Enforce Ordinance No. 1 of 2018
15. Consider Request to Repair School Bus Turn Around Located at 478 Highway 3229
16. Consider Adoption of Smokey Hollow Drive in Road District 15 into Parish Road System
17. Consider Adoption of Wood Acres Drive in Road District 18 into the Parish Road System
18. Ratify Hiring of a Mechanic Helper, Four Equipment Operators, and a Compactor Operator
19. Authorize Payment of Approved Bills
20. Appropriate Sales Tax for May Operations (\$215,000)
21. Committee Reports
22. Operations
23. Adjournment

1. Call to Order

President Ronald L. Bison called the meeting to order.

2. Roll Call

The roll was called by the Secretary Treasurer. The following jurors were present: Willes Funderburk, “Charlie” Brown, William E. Ruffin, “Ronny” Bison, Eric Garcie, Ricky “K-Wall” Sepulvado, Kenneth M. Ebarb, and “Randy” Byrd.

The following member was absent: Mike McCormic

3. Prayer

Prayer was led by Mr. William E. Ruffin.

4. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Kenneth M. Ebarb.

5. Amend the Agenda

Resolution No. 8073

Motion by Ebarb and seconded by Byrd to amend the agenda to include the following item:

Item 12a - Appoint the Sabine Index the Official Journal for the Sabine Parish Police Jury

Prior to a vote on the motion to take up a matter not on the agenda by this public body the Police Jury President allowed an opportunity for public comment on the motion. There being no public comments the vote was as follows:

Yeas: 8 Nays: 0 Absent: 1 - McCormic

Police Jury President, Ronald L. Bison, allowed a period of public comment on any item on the agenda. Mr. Bison advised everyone that they would be allowed to comment later during the meeting on particular agenda items, if they desire. There were no public comments at this time.

6. Adopt the Agenda

Resolution No. 8074

Motion by Sepulvado and seconded by Ruffin to adopt the agenda as amended.

The voting was as follows:

Yeas: 8 Nays: 0 Absent: 1 - McCormic

7. Accept the Minutes of the April 18, 2018 Meeting

All Police Jurors have previously been provided a written copy of the minutes of the regularly scheduled meeting held April 18, 2018.

Resolution No. 8075

Motion by Brown and seconded by Garcie to accept the minutes of the April 18, 2018 regularly scheduled Police Jury meeting.

The voting was as follows:

Yeas: 8 Nays: 0 Absent: 1 - McCormic

8. Accept the Minutes of the Previous Meeting, April 25, 2018

All Police Jurors have previously been provided a written copy of the minutes of the special called meeting held April 25, 2018.

Resolution No. 8076

Motion by Sepulvado and seconded by Byrd to accept the minutes of the April 25, 2018 special called Police Jury meeting.

The voting was as follows:

Yeas: 8 Nays: 0 Absent: 1 - McCormic

9. Walter Mains, President of Sabine Parish Waterworks District No. 1 – Discuss Issuance of \$2,600,000 of Taxable Water Revenue Bonds

On May 11, 2018, the Sabine Parish Police Jury received a letter from Foley & Judell, L.L.P. requesting that a resolution approving the issuance of Taxable Water Revenue Bonds of the Sabine Parish Waterworks District No. 1, with said issue not exceeding a face value of \$2,600,000, be considered for adoption.

Neither the Parish nor the Police Jury shall be liable for the payment of the bonds.

Mr. Walter Mains, President of the Sabine Parish Waterworks District No. 1, was in attendance and addressed the Police Jury concerning the proposed bond issue. He informed the Jury that the proceeds from the bond issue would be used for improvements to the water system.

The Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals is requiring the District to take action to reduce the THMs in its water. The District plans to use approximately \$1,500,000 of this funding to install a carbon filtration system to lower the THMs. The additional funding is planned to be used for a new water well and other system improvements.

The Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals will purchase the entire bond issue through their Revolving Loan Program. The bonds will be repaid by the District over a twenty (20) year period.

The minimum customer water rate is expected to be increased to approximately \$34.00 for the first 1,000 gallons of water used.

Resolution No. 8077

The following resolution was offered by Byrd and seconded by Ebarb:

RESOLUTION

A resolution approving the issuance, sale and delivery by Sabine Parish Waterworks District No. 1, State of Louisiana, of its Taxable Water Revenue Bonds in an amount not to exceed \$2,600,000 and providing for other matters relating thereto.

WHEREAS, Sabine Parish Waterworks District No. 1, State of Louisiana (the "District") proposes to construct, acquire and install improvements and replacements to its drinking water system (the "System"), including equipment and fixtures therefor and to finance costs thereof through the issuance of its bonds, secured by and payable solely from a pledge and dedication of the revenues of the water system, after payment of the reasonable and necessary expenses of operating and maintaining the System, pursuant to the provisions of Chapter XIII, Part 4, Title 39 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended (La. R.S. 39:1011, et seq.) (the "Act"), and other constitutional and statutory authority; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the authority of the Act, the Board of Waterworks Commissioners of the District adopted a resolution on May 8, 2018, giving notice of its intention to issue Taxable Water Revenue Bonds of the District in an amount not exceeding Two Million Six Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$2,600,000) (the "Bonds") without the necessity of the holding of an election thereon, and the District will hold a public hearing on July 24, 2018, to hear any objections to the issuance of such Bonds or petitions filed requesting an election thereon; and

WHEREAS, after holding the said public hearing, the Board of Waterworks Commissioners of the District will also adopt a resolution (the "Bond Resolution") authorizing the issuance of the Bonds, prescribing the form, fixing the details, and providing for the payment thereof, confirming the sale thereof and entering into certain other covenants and agreements in connection with the security and payment of the Bonds, and providing for other matters in connection with the foregoing; and

WHEREAS, as required by Article VI, Section 15 of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana of 1974, and La. R.S. 33:1415(B) it is now the wish of this Police Jury to approve the issuance of the Bonds by the District;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Police Jury of the Parish of Sabine, State of Louisiana, acting as the governing authority of said Parish, that:

SECTION 1. In compliance with the provisions of Article VI, Section 15 of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana of 1974, La. R.S. 33:1415(B) and other authority supplemental thereto, and in accordance with the request of the Board of Waterworks Commissioners of Sabine Parish Waterworks District No. 1, State of Louisiana, this Police Jury hereby approves the issuance, sale and delivery by the District of its Taxable Water Revenue Bonds in an amount not to exceed Two Million Six Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$2,600,000), pursuant to the Act, for the purpose of financing the construction,

acquisition and installation of improvements and replacements to the District's drinking water system, including equipment and fixtures therefor. The Bonds shall be secured by and payable solely from a pledge and dedication of the revenues of the System, after payment of the reasonable and necessary expenses of operating and maintaining the System, as shall be further set forth in the resolution to be adopted by the Board of Waterworks Commissioners of the District authorizing the issuance of the Bonds, and neither the Parish of Sabine nor this Police Jury authority shall in any way be liable for the payment of the principal of and/or interest on the Bonds.

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

<u>Member</u>	<u>Yea</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Absent</u>	<u>Abstaining</u>
Willes Funderburk	X			
Mike McCormic			X	
Charlie Brown	X			
William E. Ruffin	X			
Ronny L. Bison	X			
Eric Garcie	X			
Ricky Sepulvado	X			
Kenneth M. Ebarb	X			
Randy Byrd	X			

This resolution was declared adopted on this, the 16th day of May 2018.

_____/s/ William E. Weatherford_____
Secretary-Treasurer

_____/s/ Ronald L. Bison_____
President

10. Tracy Durham- Tennessee Gas Pipeline Co. – Discuss Christy Road and Turtle Beach Road

Mr. Tracy Durham with the Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company was in attendance and addressed the Jury concerning pipeline crossings on Christy Road and Turtle Beach Road.

Mr. Durham explained that there are three (3) existing natural gas pipelines that are planned to be replaced with new pipe. He assured the Jury that traffic will not be closed on these roads as a result of this construction. He stated that ingress and egress to affected areas will be maintained at all times.

11. Shawn Bozzell – Discuss Starting a Soccer League in Sabine Parish

Mr. Shawn Bozzell addressed the Jury concerning starting a soccer league in Sabine Parish.

Mr. Bozzell informed the Jury that he was working with the American Youth Soccer Organization (AYSO) to provide access to the sport of soccer to the youth of Sabine Parish. The soccer league will provide the opportunity to participate to youth ages 3 through 19.

Mr. Bozzell noted that he has discussed the formation of a soccer league with the Mayor of Many and officials with the Sabine Parish Fair Board. They have given their support to the league. Mr. Bozzell indicated that the land adjacent to the rodeo arena at the fairgrounds appears to be suitable for soccer fields. The Town of Many is mowing this area to determine if it is useable. Mr. Bozzell informed the Jury that the AYSO would provide insurance for the league.

Resolution No. 8078

Motion by Brown and seconded by Ebarb to express support for a soccer league for the youth of Sabine Parish.

The voting was as follows:

Yeas: 8 Nays: 0 Absent: 1 - McCormic

12. Planning Commission

Mr. Peter Nugent with the Sabine Parish Planning Commission was present and addressed the Jury concerning a new subdivision being developed in the Parish.

Salter Subdivision, a ten-lot development, is being constructed on Salter Road. The roads in this subdivision are too narrow to meet the required specifications of the Police Jury; therefore, they will be private roads and will not be incorporated into the Parish Road System.

12a. Appoint the Sabine Index the Official Journal for the Sabine Parish Police Jury

The Police Jury has received a letter from the Louisiana Secretary of State requesting that the official journal of the Parish be appointed by June 30, 2018.

Resolution No. 8079

Motion by Ruffin and seconded by Brown to appoint the Sabine Index as the official journal of the Sabine Parish Police Jury for the period beginning July 1, 2018 and ending June 30, 2019.

The voting was as follows:

Yeas: 8 Nays: 0 Absent: 1 - McCormic

13. Review for Award Bids for Two New 12/14-Yard Dump Body Trucks for Road District 18 and Road Districts 9 and 16

The Secretary Treasurer of the Sabine Parish Police Jury opened and publicly read aloud the bids received for the purchase of a new 12/14-yard dump body truck on Wednesday, May 9, 2018 at 10:00am., at the Police Jury Office, located at 400 S. Capitol Street, Room 101, Many, Louisiana,

Two (2) bids were received as follows:

Bidder	Description	Year	Bid Price
All Truck Parts & Equipment Co., L.L.C.	Western Star 4700SB	2019	\$99,444.00
Kenworth of Louisiana, LLC	Kenworth T880	2019	\$114,899.00

Road Superintendent Olivier briefly discussed the trucks noting that they were similarly equipped and both meet the bid specifications.

The Road and Shop Committee has met and discussed these bids and recommended acceptance of the low bid from All Truck Parts & Equipment Co., L.L.C.

Resolution No. 8080

Motion by Funderburk and seconded by Ebarb:

WHEREAS, the Sabine Parish Police Jury has received two responsive bids for the purchase of a new 12/14-yard dump body truck, and

WHEREAS, All Truck Parts & Equipment Co., L.L.C. is the low bidder at \$99,444.00 per truck, and

WHEREAS, the Sabine Parish Police Jury needs two (2) new 12/14-yard dump body trucks for Road District 18 and Road Districts 9 and 16,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sabine Parish Police Jury accept the bid from All Truck Parts & Equipment Co., L.L.C. for a 2019 Western Star 4700SB with a Warren dump bed at a cost of \$99,444.00 per unit, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Secretary Treasurer Weatherford hereby be authorized to execute any documents necessary to place an order for two (2) trucks at the bid price of \$99,444.00 each, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that President Ronald L. Bison hereby be authorized to execute any documents necessary to purchase the two (2) trucks, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Secretary Treasurer Weatherford hereby be authorized to negotiate with Sabine State Bank & Trust Company to obtain lease purchase agreements for the financing of the two trucks.

The voting was as follows:

Yeas: 8 Nays: 0 Absent: 1 - McCormic

14. Consider Hiring Additional Personnel to Enforce Ordinance No. 1 of 2018

On April 18, 2018 the Sabine Parish Police Jury adopted Ordinance No. 1 of 2018. Because of laws established to administer the permitting of heavy loads on Parish roads and the re-imbursement of costs incurred by the Parish to repair damaged roads, additional enforcement personnel are needed.

Mr. Kenneth M. Ebarb stressed the need for additional enforcement personnel to ensure that the new ordinance has the desired effect. He had requested that the Secretary Treasurer prepare a comparative analysis of the costs of hiring a full-time employee to two (2) part-time employees. This comparison indicated that approximately \$186 per week could be saved by hiring two part-time employees.

There was a general discussion of the benefits of hiring a full-time employee rather than two part-time employees. Mr. Ruffin expressed his opinion that the Jury needs to hire an additional employee and Mr. Garcie noted that the new employee would have to be deputized by the Sheriff.

Mr. Ebarb expressed his opinion that two part-time employees would better serve the Parish, and he stressed that the new employees must be fair and impartial in the performance of their duties. However, he stated that he had no opposition to hiring one full-time employee.

Road Superintendent Olivier expressed his preference for an additional full-time enforcement officer. Mr. Garcie also indicated his support for a full-time employee.

Resolution No. 8081

Motion by Garcie and seconded by Byrd to hire an additional full-time enforcement officer at the beginning rate of \$11.27 per hour (subject to any normal Payroll Step Plan increases) and subject to the normal six-month probationary period for all new full-time employees; with the Personnel Committee to obtain applications, conduct interviews, and make a recommendation for hiring.

The voting was as follows:

Yeas: 8 Nays: 0 Absent: 1 - McCormic

15. Consider Request to Repair School Bus Turn Around Located at 478 Highway 3229

The Jury is in receipt of a letter from Sandra Cosio, Transportation Supervisor for the Sabine Parish School Board, requesting repairs to be made to the school bus turnaround located at 478 Highway 3229.

Mr. Olivier informed the Jury that he had no record to determine if this was an existing bus turnaround or a new turnaround. Mr. Ebarb suggested obtaining a comprehensive list of all active bus turnarounds from the Sabine Parish School Board.

Resolution No. 8082

Motion by Sepulvado and seconded by Garcie to repair the bus turnaround located at 478 Highway 3229.

The voting was as follows:

Yeas: 8 Nays: 0 Absent: 1 - McCormic

16. Consider Adoption of Smokey Hollow Drive in Road District 15 into Parish Road System

Sandra Cosio, Transportation Supervisor for the Sabine Parish School Board, has forwarded a request for assistance with repairs to Smokey Hollow Drive in Road District 15. Currently this road is not included in the Parish-wide Road System.

Mr. Olivier stated that Smokey Hollow Drive is approximately two tenths of a mile in length. There is a handicapped child and an elderly couple residing on this road. Mr. Olivier said that the road meets the established criteria for adoption into the Parish-wide Road System and he recommended adoption of the road.

Resolution No. 8083

Motion by Garcie and seconded by Sepulvado to adopt Smokey Hollow Drive in Road District 15 into the Parish-wide Road System.

The voting was as follows:

Yeas: 8 Nays: 0 Absent: 1 - McCormic

17. Consider Adoption of Wood Acres Drive in Road District 18 into the Parish Road System

The Parish Road Superintendent has reviewed Wood Acres Drive located in Road District 18 and has determined that it meets the criteria to be adopted into the Parish-wide Road System. He recommended that the road be adopted into the Parish-wide Road System.

Resolution No. 8084

Motion by Funderburk and seconded by Ebarb to adopt Wood Acres Drive in Road District 18, into the Parish-wide Road System.

The voting was as follows:

Yeas: 8 Nays: 0 Absent: 1 - McCormic

18. Ratify Hiring of a Mechanic Helper, Four Equipment Operators, and a Compactor Operator

On May 7, 2018 the Parish Road Superintendent hired a mechanic helper, four equipment operators, and a compactor worker. The Jury wishes to ratify the hiring of these individuals.

Resolution No. 8085

Motion by Brown and seconded by Funderburk:

WHEREAS, on May 7, 2018 Road Superintendent Olivier hired John J. Faris as a full-time mechanic helper with a starting rate of pay of \$11.27 per hour (subject to any

normal Payroll Step Plan increases) and subject to the normal six-month probationary period for all new full-time employees, and

WHEREAS, on May 7, 2018 Road Superintendent Olivier hired Charlton Clark, Bennett King, Jimmy Martin, and Jarvis Randall as temporary equipment operators (primarily operating bush hogs) with pay rates of \$10.00 per hour (not subject any normal Payroll Step Plan increases), and

WHEREAS, on May 7, 2018 Road Superintendent Olivier hired Troy Terrell as a part-time compactor operator with a pay rate of \$8.51 per hour (not subject any normal Payroll Step Plan increases), and

WHEREAS, all the hires passed the required physical examination and drug test,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sabine Parish Police Jury ratify the hiring of John J. Faris, Charlton Clark, Bennett King, Jimmy Martin, Jarvis Randall and Troy Terrell.

The voting was as follows:

Yeas: 8 Nays: 0 Absent: 1 - McCormic

19. Authorize Payment of Approved Bills

Resolution No. 8086

Motion by Ruffin and seconded by Garcie to pay the approved bills.

The voting was as follows:

Yeas: 8 Nays: 0 Absent: 1 - McCormic

20. Appropriate Sales Tax for May Operations (\$215,000)

Resolution No. 8087

Motion by Ruffin and seconded by Ebarb to appropriate and transfer \$215,000.00 from the Sales Tax Fund to the Parishwide Transportation Fund for May 2018 operations.

The voting was as follows:

Yeas: 8 Nays: 0 Absent: 1 - McCormic

21. Committee Reports

Road and Shop Committee:

Mr. Byrd suggested that the Jury place signs on those roads where large trucks are prohibited notifying truckers.

Courthouse & Jail Committee:

The committee met and examined the courthouse elevator with Mr. D. J. Rhodes, the Maintenance Supervisor. Mr. Rhodes explained to the committee how the elevator can be repaired and updated.

The committee recommended that the planned repairs and update be reviewed by the Finance Committee and the Secretary Treasurer.

Resolution No. 8088

Motion by Sepulvado and seconded by Byrd to authorize Secretary Treasurer Weatherford to advertise for bids to repair and update the Courthouse elevator.

The voting was as follows:

Yeas: 8 Nays: 0 Absent: 1 - McCormic

22. Operations

Mr. Doug Olivier, Parish Road Superintendent, informed the Jury that the bush hog tractor for Road District 17 has thrown a rod and will need to have its engine replaced.

Acklin Asphalt will start working on the scheduled overlaying projects on May 21.

Roadside Incorporated will begin chemical spraying to control weeds and brush on May 18.

Mr. Olivier discussed the possible adoption of a portion of Highway 3229 (from the entrance of North Toledo Bend State Park to the Blue Lake boat ramp) that is not maintained by the State of Louisiana. He noted that the road is currently in very good condition, but it will quickly deteriorate without maintenance. There was a discussion as to whether the Parish could legally adopt the road.

Mr. Bison stated that the Jury must establish whether the State of Louisiana owns Highway 3229. The Jury referred research of Highway 3229 ownership to the Parish Planning Commission.

23. Adjournment

Resolution No 8089

Motion by Brown and seconded by Funderburk to adjourn.

The voting was as follows:

Yeas: 8 Nays: 0 Absent: 1 - McCormic

s/William E. Weatherford
William E. Weatherford
Secretary Treasurer

s/Ronald L. Bison
Ronald L. Bison
President