

**ROAD COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MEETING
March 6th, 2018
5:30 P.M.**

Present: John Watley, Glenn Hutto, Mike Jones and Nathan Futch. Absent: None. Also present was Jerry W. Taylor, Derek Kennedy, Bruce Hampton and Mark Preaus.

Mr. Watley called the meeting to order. Mr. Watley led the group in prayer.

Motion Mr. Hutto, seconded by Mr. Jones and declared adopted by unanimous roll call vote of the Committee to approve the agenda as written.

Motion Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Hutto and declared adopted by unanimous vote to approve the minutes of the December 19th, 2017 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion Mr. Hutto, seconded by Mr. Jones to recommend to the full jury to deny the request of Marcus Dunn for reimbursement of his low-profile tires. Motion carried unanimously.

A brief discussion was held on Wallace Road. Five bids were received on February 28, 2018. (1) Amethyst Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$465,769.07; (2) T.L. Construction, LLC in the amount of \$496,082.75; (3) Ben Allen, Inc. in the amount of \$539,366.52; (4) CW & W in the amount of \$697,846.02 and (5) Terral Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$784,163.40. **Motion Mr. Hutto, seconded by Mr. Jones to award the bid to Amethyst Construction, Inc. for \$465,769.07 pertaining to the Wallace Road Pipe Replacement Project and authorize the president to execute all necessary documents. Motion carried unanimously.**

A brief discussion was held on a proposed heavy equipment ordinance. Mr. Hampton addresses the committee and says he has drafted an ordinance similar to Jackson Parish. The permits are tied to the ordinance. At this time Mark Preaus asks to address the committee. Mr. Preaus states that the ordinance will affect loggers who are operating on parish roads. Mr. Preaus is a consultant and according to his calculations the average land owner in Union Parish owns about 20 to 30 acres. Mr. Preaus wants to protect the tree farmer/private land owner. He does not want the market destroyed for the small land owner. He wants to know who is going to enforce the ordinance and will the loggers know what their limitations are. He also wants to know what the guidelines are going to be. Mr. Taylor states that Union parish is not trying to do anything that the surrounding parishes have not done. We are trying to track who is where and find out who is damaging the roads

There being no further business to come before the committee, Mr. Watley declared the meeting adjourned upon motion by Mr. Jones and duly seconded by Mr. Hutto on this the 6th day of March, 2018.

**John Watley, Chairman
Paula Strickland, Secretary-Treasurer**