

**ROAD COMMITTEE  
MINUTES OF MEETING  
May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2017  
5:45 P.M.**

Present: John Watley, Jerry Taylor and Nathan Futch. Absent: Glenn Hutto. Also present was Charles Sawyer, Mike Jones, Lane Rugg, Stan Smith and David Dumas.

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

**Motion Mr. Taylor, seconded by Mr. Futch and declared adopted by unanimous roll call vote of the Committee to approve the agenda with three additions:**

- 7 Discuss and make recommendations, if necessary, on request from Town of Bernice asking for assistance in installing a culvert at 401 Plum/Fourth Street.**
- 8 Discuss and make recommendations, if necessary, on request from David Dumas regarding Sweet Lilly Bridge.**
- 9 Discuss and make recommendations, if necessary, on the widening of Chapman Road and Charles Dean intersection.**

**Motion made by Mr. Taylor, seconded by Mr. Futch and declared adopted by unanimous vote to approve the minutes of the April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2017 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Motion Mr. Taylor, seconded by Mr. Futch to recommend to the jury that we provide the materials and labor to patch several holes in the asphalt parking lot at the Downsville Community Charter School per the request of the Union Parish School Board with the UPSB paying for the cost of the repairs. Motion carried unanimously.**

The Village of Junction City has requested assistance with bush hogging. After a lengthy discussion, this matter was tabled until the jury can get more clarification regarding work inside the city limits. One of the concerns was whether or not there should be a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement. Another concern was does the parish actually get reimbursed for the work that is performed. What is our estimated costs for these projects? **No action taken.**

David Dumas presented his recommendations concerning the Federal Off-System Highway Bridge Program. Mr. Dumas talked to Gary Pentek last week. Union Parish has two bridges that are eligible for funding under this program. Those two bridges are Linville Fire Tower Bridge and Sweet Lilly Bridge. The funds are insufficient to complete a repair project. D'Arbonne Bridge is the next priority and it is going to cost around 4 to 5 million dollars. If you do not have enough funds in the program to complete the project then you can bank the funds. **Motion Mr. Futch, seconded by Mr. Taylor to bank the funds for the Federal Off-System Highway Bridge Program 2017-2019 in the amount of \$234,288 and authorize the President to sign all necessary documents.**

The Town of Bernice has requested assistance with help in installing a culvert on Plum/Fourth Street. After a lengthy discussion, this matter was tabled until the jury can get more clarification regarding work inside the city limits. **No action taken.**

David Dumas is requesting a change order on Sweet Lilly Bridge. The bulk heads which are on the head of each bridge holding the soil back have gotten to the point that they are falling down and rotted. He is advising to go ahead and repair those while they are in there working. Mr. Dumas is proposing to use vinyl sheet pile. The cost of those for bulk ends is \$19,000 for both ends. **Motion Mr. Taylor, seconded by Mr. Futch to recommend to the jury that we accept Mr. Dumas' change order in the amount of \$19,000 and authorize the President to execute all necessary documents.**

**Motion Mr. Futch, seconded by Mr. Taylor to recommend to the jury that we proceed with the Chapman Road and Charles Dean Intersection; and authorize the President to execute all necessary documents.**

**There being no further business to come before the committee, Mr. Watley declared the meeting adjourned upon motion by Mr. Taylor and duly seconded by Mr. Futch on this the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of May, 2017.**

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