

**ROAD COMMITTEE  
MINUTES OF MEETING  
February 7, 2017  
5:30 P.M.**

Present: John Watley, Glenn Hutto, Jerry Taylor & Nathan Futch. Also present was Charles Sawyer, Lane Rugg, Bruce Hampton, David Dumas, Derek Kennedy, Brad Jones and Lanny Parker.

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

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

**Motion made by Mr. Futch, seconded by Mr. Hutto and declared adopted by unanimous vote to approve the minutes of the November 21<sup>st</sup>, 2016 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.**

Mr. Hutto reported on the meeting held on January 19, 2017 with loggers and Weyerhaeuser. The meeting held on January 19 was concerning a permit system for loggers. The parish wants the permit process to be quick and easy. There will be no charge for a permit. Lane Rugg is working on a list of parish roads that are not to be used as cut through roads for loggers. The purpose of the permit system is for the parish to know what company is working and where they are working at. That way if a road or ditch is damaged then the parish would know who was liable. Mr. Hampton will draw up a draft proposal of an ordinance dealing with a permit system. **No action taken.**

A discussion was held regarding the weight limit for the Linville Fire Tower Bridge. David Dumas recommends setting an ordinance limiting the bridge load be posted at 10 to 15 tons. A 10 to 15-ton load limit would preserve the life of the bridge. To be enforceable an ordinance is definitely needed. This ordinance will not affect farmers or buses.

**Motion Mr. Taylor, seconded by Mr. Hutto that the Road Committee recommend to the jury to accept the recommendation of David Dumas, Parish Engineer, setting the load limit on Linville Fire Tower Bridge to a 10 to 15-ton limit. Motion carried unanimously.**

David Dumas addresses the committee saying he had hopes of reopening the Linville Fire Tower Bridge last night, but he has had some issues with the contractor not wanting to do what was in the contract. The contract calls for the pilings to be removed because if those rotted pilings are left intact it would lower the bridge rating. Ben Allen said he was trying to save the parish some money by not removing the pilings. David said if he wrote the contract for the pilings to be removed then he had good reason. He asks the

committee for a better way of communication. If a contractor has a problem, then he should come to David with his concerns and David will notify the jury. The removal of the pilings is about 2.3 percent of the total contract. It is not costing the jury any more money because it was already in the contract.

**There being no further business to come before the committee, Mr. Watley declared the meeting adjourned upon motion by Mr. Futch and duly seconded by Mr. Hutto on this the 7<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2017.**

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