

**ROAD COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MEETING
July 11th, 2017
6:30 P.M.**

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

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, regarding the proposal from Roadside Vegetation Management Service.**
- #8 Discuss and make recommendations, if necessary, regarding the price of dirt.**
- #9 Discuss and make recommendations, if necessary, regarding private water lines under parish roads.**

Motion made by Mr. Hutto, seconded by Mr. Taylor and declared adopted by unanimous vote to approve the minutes of the June 6th, 2017 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion Mr. Hutto, seconded by Mr. Taylor to recommend to the jury that we approve the Village of Junction City's request for assistance with bush hogging Pecan Street. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion Mr. Hutto, seconded by Mr. Taylor to recommend to the jury that we approve the Village of Lillie's request for assistance in repairing the driveway at the post office. Motion carried unanimously.

A discussion was held on Wallace Road. David Dumas passed out the specs, plans and cost estimates on Wallace Road. He explained the ROW situation with Weyheuser and the Montgomery family estate. Mr. Dumas is recommending that we receive bids and if we do not have the ROW signed for the Montgomery family estate then we can amend the project. Mr. Dumas also presented two contracts (1) Contract for Consulting Engineering Services and (2) Contract for Construction Management and Administrative Services. These contracts are supplemental to the original contracts and gives the jury something to submit to FEMA. They are two separate contracts and for two separate things. The bills will be separate for each contract. The reimbursement request will go to GOHSEP first, then to FEMA. If FEMA approves the requests then FEMA will pay seventy-five percent and the parish will be responsible for the remaining twenty-five percent.

Motion Mr. Hutto, seconded by Mr. Taylor to recommend to the jury to approve the Contract for Construction Management and Administrative Services between Union Parish Police Jury and Dumas & Associates, Inc., and authorize the President to execute all necessary documents. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion Mr. Hutto, seconded by Mr. Taylor to recommend to the jury to approve the Contract for Consulting Engineering Services between Union Parish Police Jury and Dumas & Associates, Inc., and authorize the President to execute all necessary documents. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion Mr. Hutto, seconded by Mr. Taylor to recommend to the jury to authorize the President to execute two ROW agreements for the Wallace Road project; (1) ROW agreement between Union Parish Police Jury and Weyerhaeuser and (2) ROW agreement between Union Parish Police Jury and the Montgomery family/estate. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion Mr. Hutto, seconded by Mr. Taylor to recommend to the jury to approve the plans for Wallace Road as presented by Dumas & Associates, Inc. and to advertise for bids. A mandatory pre-bid conference will be held on August 9, 2017 @ 10:00 A.M. and bids to be opened on August 16, 2017 @ 10:00 A.M. Motion carried unanimously.

A discussion was held regarding vegetation spraying around bridges. The Road Department needs additional assistance in spraying for vegetation around the parish bridges. Lane Rugg has contacted Roadside Vegetation Management Specialists and they will spray around the bridges for \$200 a bridge. There are approximately 30 to 40 bridges that would need spraying. **Motion Mr. Taylor, seconded by Mr. Hutto to recommend to the jury to contract with Roadside Vegetation Management Specialists for vegetation control services and authorize the president to sign all necessary documents. Motion carried unanimously.**

A discussion was held on the price of dirt. Currently the parish is paying .75 a yard for dirt. The pit we are currently using is very sandy. We are getting ready to start work on Rocky Branch Road and a different kind of dirt would be beneficial to the project. Davidson dirt pit is made up of rocky clay and it will stick better. The owner is asking \$1.00 a yard. Davidson pit would only be used for the Rocky Branch Road project. **Motion Mr. Hutto, seconded by Mr. Taylor to recommend to the jury to use the Davidson dirt pit for the Rocky Branch Road project; cost of the dirt will be \$1.00 a yard and not to exceed 500 yards. Motion carried unanimously.**

Mr. Taylor briefly discussed private water lines on public roads. **No action taken.**

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. Hutto on this the 11th day of July, 2017.

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