

SPECIAL MEETING UNION PARISH POLICE JURY

**Farmerville, Louisiana
August 13th, 2020**

The Union Parish Police Jury met this date in special session in the Police Jury meeting room, Courthouse Annex, Farmerville, Louisiana with the following present: Curtis Moses, Nathan Pilgreen, DeWayne Ramsey, Johnny Buckley, Ceis Nyegaard, L.W. Nolan and John W. Watley. Absent: Ben Bridges and Brenda Abercrombie. Also present was Tracy Houck, Assistant District Attorney. The President called the meeting to order and welcomed all visitors. Mr. Ramsey offered the invocation and Mr. Pilgreen led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Buckley welcomed the visitors in the audience and asked if anyone in the audience would like to register for public comment. The public was given the opportunity to comment on any item shown on the agenda.

Motion by Mr. Watley, seconded by Mr. Nolan and declared adopted by unanimous roll call vote of the Jury to approve the agenda as written.

Motion Mr. Nyegaard, seconded by Mr. Ramsey to grant a Quietus on the 2019 Tax Roll. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion Mr. Ramsey, seconded by Mr. Nolan to hire Greg Buggs for full time employment effective August 20, 2020 at the Road Department with his time being counted back to his original hire date of February 20, 2020. He is eligible for all police jury benefits including retirement, insurance, vacation, sick leave and holiday pay. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion Mr. Watley, seconded by Mr. Nyegaard to assist the Downsville Community Charter School with overlaying the roads on the Downsville Community Charter School campus. The Downsville Community Charter School will pay for the cost of the materials. This work will be performed by the Union Parish Road Department. Motion carried unanimously.

David Dumas, Engineer for FEMA PA-06-LA-4263-PW00867, addressed the jury regarding the Loch Lomond Pipe Replacement Project. This is a FEMA project from the March 2016 floods. On August 11, 2020 @ 10:00 AM three bids were received for the Loch Lomond Pipe Replacement Project: Womack and Sons in the amount of \$549,491.13, Amethyst Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$721,144.45 and CW&W Contractors, Inc. in the amount of \$754,806.16. Mr. Dumas is recommending the jury accept the lowest bid from Womack and Sons in the amount of \$549,491.13. Mr. Dumas explained that the original estimate from FEMA included no engineering/design cost or construction management costs. There is a difference of (237,783.72) in the FEMA PW and the actual project cost and bid results. The Secretary/Treasurer reported that she had included extra money for the project due to the error. Thomas Magee, the Grants

Manager for the program, will begin the process of asking FEMA for the additional funds needed based on the lowest bid received. The approval process could take four to six months. **Motion Mr. Pilgreen, seconded by Mr. Nyegaard to accept the lowest bid from Womack and Sons in the amount of \$549,491.13 for the Loch Lomond Pipe Replacement Project and authorize the President to execute any necessary documents. Motion carried unanimously.**

David Dumas, Landfill Engineer, addressed the jury regarding the Leachate Collection System Cleaning and Inspection Project. On August 11, 2020 @ 10:00 AM two bids were received for the Leachate Collection System Cleaning and Inspection Project: SEMS, Inc. bid \$346,768.56 for the base bid and \$421,768.56 for the base bid plus alternate bid # 1. Gulf Coast Underground, LLC bid \$721,092.79 for the base bid and \$822,592.79 for the base bid plus alternate bid # 1. Mr. Dumas explained that the alternate bid provides for the removal of access routes and installing erosion control. Mr. Pilgreen asked whether the Landfill equipment operators could remove the access roads. Mr. Pilgreen feels like it would be a waste of \$75,000 to pay to have the access roads removed. Mr. Dumas is recommending that the jury accept the lowest bid from SEMS, Inc. in the amount of \$346,768.56 plus the Base Bid Plus Alternate #1. **Motion Mr. Pilgreen, seconded by Mr. Watley to accept the lowest base bid with no alternate from SEMS, Inc. in the amount of \$346,768.56 for the Leachate Collection System Cleaning and Video Inspection Project and authorize the President to execute any necessary documents. Motion carried unanimously.**

David Dumas, Landfill Engineer, addressed the jury regarding the Sediment Removal and Disposal from Detention Pond # 1. There was only one bid received from SEMS, Inc. The Contract "A" – Geotube Dewatering System bid was \$557,925.00 and the Contract "B" – Mechanical Dewatering System was \$866,600.00. Mr. Dumas is recommending that the jury accept the only bid from SEMS, Inc. for Contract "A" – Geotube Dewatering System in the amount of \$557,925.00. **Motion Mr. Ramsey, seconded by Mr. Nolan to accept the only bid from SEMS, Inc. for Contract "A" – Geotube Dewatering System in the amount of \$557,925.00 and authorize the President to execute any necessary documents. Motion carried unanimously.**

A brief discussion was held regarding placing additional dumpsters at established sites. Mr. Pilgreen stated that the Landfill recently purchased fifty (50) dumpsters. Several of the existing dumpsters need to be replaced due to leakage issues. There are certain locations that are lacking an adequate number of dumpsters. **Motion Mr. Pilgreen, seconded by Mr. Ramsey that the new dumpsters be added to existing locations at the request of the jurors so that there are a sufficient number of dumpsters at each site. Motion carried unanimously.**

A lengthy discussion was held regarding removing the dumpsters on Hudson Road. Mr. Nolan said the dumpsters split his and Mr. Nyegaard's district and he has not had any complaints regarding the dumpsters. Mr. Nolan stated that there is no place for the dumpsters to go and he does not want them removed. Mike Black asked to be recognized. Mr. Black said the dumpsters are being maintained and picked up. The

problem is that they are too close to the city limits of Farmerville. Mr. Black said he has pictures where a local grocery store placed a big cardboard box full of watermelons and cantaloupes that did not sell. Mr. Black also has pictures of sheetrock material that has been dumped. Mr. Nolan said the dumpsters do not need to be taken up without a plan of where to place them. Mr. Nolan said if the dumpsters are taken up then he is fearful that the public will start using more of the Dean Road dumpsters. **Motion Mr. Nolan, seconded by Mr. Nyegaard to leave the Hudson Road dumpsters in place. Motion carried unanimously.**

Motion Mr. Ramsey, seconded by Mr. Nolan to table the acquisition of Weyerhaeuser property to be used for dumpster locations. Motion carried unanimously.

In accordance with Ordinance 549, time for public comment was given. No comments were made.

There being no further business to come before the Jury, the President declared the meeting adjourned upon motion by Mr. Watley, seconded by Mr. Nolan on this the 13th day of August, 2020.



PAULA STRICKLAND
Secretary/Treasurer



JOHNNY BUCKLEY
President