

**ROAD COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MEETING
February 4th, 2020
5:00 P.M.**

Present: Ceis Nyegaard, John Watley, Ben Bridges and Nathan Pilgreen. Absent: None. Also present were Johnny Buckley, DeWayne Ramsey, Lane Rugg, Brenda Abercrombie, LW Nolan, Lynn Ramsey, Judy Auger, Michael Statham and Tracy Houck.

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

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

Motion Mr. Watley, seconded by Mr. Pilgreen and declared adopted by unanimous vote to approve the minutes of the January 17th, 2020 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

A discussion regarding the asphalt zipper usage was held. Mr. Nyegaard is recommending that a zipper usage program be implemented. Mr. Nyegaard states that everyone should get use of the zipper, but keep in mind that not every road will be black topped after the road has been zipped up. Mr. Nyegaard would like to see each juror get a certain number of roads zipped.

Mr. Pilgreen inquires of the Road Superintendent how much does it cost to run the zipper, how much road can be zipped up in a day and when can the Road Department start zipping. Mr. Rugg answered that how much it costs and how much can be zipped in a day depends on the condition of the road. Mr. Rugg stated that before the zipper can be used again the road conditions need to be dry. Mr. Rugg stated that he cannot determine a start date because it depends on the weather. Mr. Rugg has already started compiling a list of roads that need to be zipped, but he has not started prioritizing.

The Secretary/Treasurer addressed the committee and stated that each juror cannot expect to submit a list and each juror get an equal amount of roads done. That would be violating the Parish Transportation Fund Act. The Parish Transportation monies are deposited in the Road Maintenance fund. If each juror were to submit a list and expect equal amount of work to be done then that would be like the old ward system. We do not have that anymore. Mr. Rugg will have to evaluate the roads and consult with the engineer. Mr. Rugg and the engineer will determine which roads will be zipped and the order.

No action taken.

Mr. Bridges addressed the committee and said he had asked the road secretary, Karen Williams, to provide him with a list of the disposition of the road complaints. Mrs. Williams sends the Secretary/Treasurer a list of road complaints each week. The Secretary/Treasurer then forwards the complaints to Mr. Bridges, but the list does not include what action was taken to fix the problem. Mr. Bridges said there does not appear to be a lot of phone calls to the road department. Mr. Bridges has requested that Mrs. Williams prepare him a report that includes the

following: previous months complaints, previous months work, who did the work and the timeframe that it took to complete the work. If a complaint were to fall through the cracks due to weather conditions then it would still need to be on the list so we don't forget the road. Mr. Bridges stated that he will work with Mrs. Williams to create a better document that will inform everyone of what is being done. Mr. Bridges said this way he can defend the road department and show the public what is being done. Mr. Bridges said that Mrs. Williams has two or three types of lists and he is working with her to create one major list. Mr. Bridges is trying to get a handle on what we are doing and when.

There being no further business to come before the committee, Mr. Nyegaard declared the meeting adjourned upon motion by Mr. Watley and duly seconded by Mr. Pilgreen on this the 4th day of February, 2020.

**Ceis Nyegaard, Chairman
Paula Strickland, Secretary-Treasurer**