

**ROAD COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MEETING
January 17th, 2020
4:00 P.M.**

Present: Ceis Nyegaard, John Watley, Ben Bridges and Nathan Pilgreen. Absent: None. Also present were Johnny Buckley, Paul Riley and Lane Rugg.

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

Motion Mr. Watley, seconded by Mr. Pilgreen and declared adopted by unanimous roll call vote of the Committee to approve the agenda with the following additions:

- **#5 Discuss and make recommendations, if necessary, regarding a 20MPH speed limit on Crossroads Loop in its entirety.**
- **#6 Discuss and make recommendations, if necessary, regarding signage on Townsville Road.**

Motion Mr. Bridges, seconded by Mr. Pilgreen and declared adopted by unanimous vote to approve the minutes of the December 3rd, 2019 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

A lengthy discussion ensued regarding Union Parish Ordinance 708. Mr. Pilgreen addressed the members of the committee and said the ordinance is not friendly to the oil and gas industry. Mr. Pilgreen would like Union Parish to be more business friendly. The ordinance specifies that a \$15,000 road deposit be put up for each site. Administrative expenses, consulting fees and/or contracting fees come out of the deposit. Currently Dumas & Associates administers the permit on behalf of the jury. In addition to the road deposit, a bond is required. Mr. Dumas figures how much it would cost to replace the road the oil and gas company uses to haul their equipment on. Once he arrives at a figure the oil and gas company is notified and a bond equal to the amount of the road repair is required before production can begin. The smaller oil and gas companies are having issues obtaining an open ended bond for such large amounts.

Mr. Bridges stated that the ordinance can not be done away with because previous companies that have existing permits have followed the ordinance. Mr. Bridges further stated that exceptions for one company will not be allowed. Uniformity is the key.

Motion Mr. Pilgreen, seconded by Mr. Bridges to recommend to the full jury to change the Administrator of Union Parish Ordinance 708 from Dumas & Associates to Riley Company of Louisiana. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion Mr. Pilgreen, seconded by Mr. Bridges to recommend to the full jury to seek legal counsel regarding amending Union Parish Ordinance 708. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion Mr. Bridges, seconded by Mr. Watley to recommend to the full jury to set a speed limit of 20 MPH on Crossroads Loop in its entirety. Motion carried unanimously.

No action was taken on Townsville Road signage.

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. Bridges on this the 17th day of January, 2020.

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