

**ROAD COMMITTEE  
MINUTES OF MEETING  
July 16<sup>th</sup>, 2020  
4:00 P.M.**

Present: Ceis Nyegaard, John Watley, Ben Bridges and Nathan Pilgreen. Also present, LW Nolan, Paul Riley, Richard Aillet, Brenda Abercrombie, Johnny Buckley and Lane Rugg.

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

**Motion Mr. Pilgreen, seconded by Mr. Bridges and declared adopted by unanimous roll call vote to approve the agenda with one addition:**

- #5      Discuss and make recommendations, if necessary, authorizing Riley Company to contact the Core of Engineers regarding the Alabama Landing project.**

**Motion Mr. Watley, seconded by Mr. Bridges to approve the minutes of the July 7<sup>th</sup>, 2020 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.**

A lengthy discussion was held concerning the Road Remediation Agreement that is used for the Oil and Gas Ordinance. Mr. Houck addressed the committee concerning the proposed Road Remediation Agreement. Richard Aillet addressed the committee concerning the revisions that were made to the Road Remediation Agreement. The original bond was open-ended and was a tremendous financial burden for the oil and gas companies. These bonds could be open for years and the oil and gas companies were responsible for paying a percentage of the bond each year. There is now a sunset on the bond. The bonds are for a minimum of twenty-four (24) months. If the project lasts longer than the twenty-four (24) month period then the bond will be extended. Once the oil and gas company is finished with the well they will request that the bond be released. The Road Superintendent and the Engineering company will look at the road to determine if any repairs are needed. If necessary, the bond can be released before the twenty-four (24) month period is up.

There was some discussion as to who is keeping up with the bond. Mr. Bridges is concerned that when the twenty-four (24) month period is up it could fall through the cracks and not get renewed. Mr. Riley said that there is verbiage in the agreement that lets the oil and gas company know that they are still responsible for damages even if the bond did not get renewed. Mr. Riley said his company would keep up with the renewal process.

Mr. Houck went over the difference in draft 6/8/20 and 7/15/20. Mr. Houck said most of the changes occur in the Surety section (6). Mr. Houck had previously suggested changing the length of the bond to a *minimum period of twenty-four (24) months*. Mr. Houck also suggested adding the following language to the Surety section right before the word "however":

*"If a well is plugged prior to the end of the 24 month period as evidenced by the physical plugging of the well and Applicant's Form WH-1 filing with the Louisiana Office of Conservation along with all operations having been stopped and ended and whereby the parish road supervisor and parish engineer has duly inspected the roads related to that operation and determined that no repair or anticipated road remediation is needed, then such Bond per that operation may be terminated."*

Mr. Houck would also like to add specific language in the Indemnification section *that if the parish incurs any cost or maintenance as related to paragraph 2 relating to the removal of dirt, mud and debris*

*carried onto the roads the parish will be reimbursed.* Mr. Riley said it does not hurt to add the language even if it is redundant.

**Motion Mr. Pilgreen, seconded by Mr. Bridges to recommend to the full jury to accept the 7/15/20 Road Remediation Agreement with the changes proposed by the attorney at the 7/16/20 Road Committee meeting. Motion carried unanimously.**

A brief discussion was held concerning Union Parish Ordinance 708. Currently the ordinance requires a \$15,000 project permit. The funds can be used for administrative expenses, consulting fees, contracting fees or the funding of inspection activities. Any funds that are left are refunded at the end of the project. Mr. Bridges proposed a \$10,000 flat non-refundable administrative fee for the gas/oil well drilling.

**Motion Mr. Bridges, seconded by Mr. Pilgreen to recommend to the full jury to change/amend Union Parish Oil and Gas Ordinance 708 to change the \$15,000 deposit language to a \$10,000 non-refundable administrative fee for all types of permits (consulting fees, engineering fees, contracting fees or the funding of inspection activities). Motion carried unanimously.**

Nathan Pilgreen addressed the committee regarding the Alabama Landing Project. Mr. Pilgreen is requesting permission to allow Paul Riley to contact the Core of Engineers and provide plans and specs regarding the Alabama Landing Project. **Motion Mr. Pilgreen, seconded by Mr. Bridges to recommend to the full jury to authorize Paul Riley to contact the Core of Engineers regarding the Alabama Landing Project. Motion carried unanimously.**

**There being no more business to come before the committee, Mr. Nyegaard declared the meeting adjourned upon motion by Mr. Pilgreen and duly seconded by Mr. Watley on this the 16<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2020.**

Ceis Nyegaard, Chairman  
Paula Strickland, Secretary/Treasurer