

**ROAD COMMITTEE  
MINUTES OF MEETING  
May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2019  
5:15 P.M.**

Present: Glenn Hutto, Nathan Futch and Lanny Parker. Absent: Mike Jones. Also present was Paul Riley, Stan Smith and John Watley.

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

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

**Motion Mr. Futch, seconded by Mr. Parker and declared adopted by unanimous vote to approve the minutes of the February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2019 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.**

Paul Riley addressed the committee regarding bridge load ratings for the off-system bridge program. Mr. Riley presented the committee with a bridge list. He reported that if the bridge has a state project number beside it then the state will do the load rating for the parish at no cost. There is only one bridge that the state will not rate. The jury can hire someone to do the load rating at a cost of approximately \$7,000. Alternatively, the state will do the load rating for that bridge, but instead of charging the parish they will reduce the off-system bridge program by \$5,000. By letting the state do the load rating there will be no out of pocket expense to the jury. No action is necessary.

**Motion Mr. Parker, seconded by Mr. Futch to recommend to the full jury to authorize Riley Company to bid the 2019 Union Parish Road Program and open bids on Wednesday, May 29, 2019 @ 2:00 PM. Motion carried unanimously.**

The secretary/treasurer reported that the lease agreement for the Tiger Bend property has not been reviewed by legal counsel. Tracy Houck, Assistant District Attorney, has requested that this matter be tabled until there is further review of the lease agreement. **Motion Mr. Parker, seconded by Mr. Futch to table the Tiger Bend lease discussion. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Motion Mr. Futch, seconded by Mr. Parker to recommend to the full jury to prepare an ordinance setting a 35 MPH speed limit on Price Road in its entirety. Motion carried unanimously.**

Mr. Futch addressed the road committee members concerning other jurors looking at roads in his district. Mr. Futch states that he was elected to help the people in District 6 and he does not want other jurors assisting people in his district. Mr. Futch further stated that with regards to the priority list he should be able to determine what roads need to be fixed in his district. Mr. Futch goes on to say that Paul Riley and the road superintendent are coming up with a priority list and he does not think that is fair.

Mr. Hutto addressed Mr. Futch and said the only reason he intervened was to help. Mr. Futch's constituent had been to the last four (4) jury meetings with complaints. Mr. Hutto could see that nothing was being done so he stepped in to help, but in the future he would let Mr. Futch handle it. Mr. Hutto also explained to Mr. Futch that it is illegal for each juror to submit roads in their district for a priority list. Mr. Hutto explained to Mr. Futch that is considered the old ward system and is no longer used.

Paul Riley, Road Engineer, addressed the committee and stated that the jury approved how the priority system will be done using a rating based on the shape of the road, traffic count and the number of houses on the road. The road superintendent is rating the roads from 0 to 20 with 20 being the worst. Mr. Riley states that his understanding of the transportation law is that the jury has to have a rating system that can't be political. That means it would be illegal for each juror to submit an equal number of roads. An engineer is involved to keep it from being political. Mr. Riley states that the new priority list is not going to be perfect but you will see it is going to be a lot better than the old one.

**There being no further business to come before the committee, Mr. Hutto declared the meeting adjourned upon motion by Mr. Parker and duly seconded by Mr. Futch on this the 7<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2019.**

**Glenn Hutto, Chairman  
Paula Strickland, Secretary-Treasurer**