

**SPECIAL MEETING UNION PARISH POLICE JURY**

**Farmerville, Louisiana  
September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

**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: Charles Sawyer, Lanny Parker, Jerry W. Taylor, Glenn Hutto, Nathan Futch, Mike Jones and John Watley. Absent: Ben Bridges and Stan Smith. Also present was Tracy Houck, Assistant District Attorney. The President called the meeting to order and welcomed all visitors. Mr. Parker offered the invocation and Mr. Futch led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.**

President Taylor asked if anyone in the audience would like to register for public comment. At this time the public was given the opportunity to comment on any item shown on the agenda. No comment was made.

**Motion by Mr. Watley, seconded by Mr. Sawyer and declared adopted by unanimous roll call vote of the Jury to approve the agenda with no changes.**

**Motion Mr. Hutto, seconded by Mr. Jones to enter into a Public Hearing concerning the Board of Review for the 2019 Tax Roll. Motion carried unanimously. The President declared the public hearing opened. Lance Futch, Union Parish Assessor, represented the Union Parish Assessor's Office for this hearing. Mr. Futch states that his books have been open for the fifteen (15) day inspection period. There have been no appeals filed. There were no comments or questions from the public.**

**Motion Mr. Sawyer, seconded by Mr. Hutto to close the Public Hearing. Motion carried unanimously. The President declared the public hearing closed.**

**Mr. Hutto moved, seconded by Mr. Sawyer to accept the 2019 tax roll assessment as presented by the Union Parish Assessor. Motion carried as follows:**

<b>YEAS:</b>	<b>Sawyer, Parker, Taylor, Hutto, Futch, Jones and Watley</b>
<b>NAYS:</b>	<b>None</b>
<b>ABSTAINED:</b>	<b>None</b>
<b>ABSENT:</b>	<b>Bridges and Smith</b>

**Motion Mr. Parker, seconded by Mr. Watley, to approve the request from the Town of Marion for one (1) load of winter cold mix with the Town of Marion paying for the materials. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Motion Mr. Sawyer, seconded by Mr. Hutto to approve the request from the Town of Farmerville to assist with the removal of tree limbs from the old Farmerville City Cemetery located on Vergie Page Drive. Motion carried unanimously.**

The following resolution was offered by **Mr. Jones** and seconded by **Mr. Hutto**.

**RESOLUTION 2019-11**

A resolution authorizing the President to execute an Agreement with the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (LA DOTD) for improvements at the Union Parish Airport.

**WHEREAS**, Act 451 of the 1989 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature authorized the financing of certain airport improvements from funds appropriated from the Transportation Trust Fund; and

**WHEREAS**, the Union Parish Police Jury has requested funding assistance from the LA DOTD to/for Obstruction Removal – Phase I Design (Both Runway Ends); and

**WHEREAS**, the stated project has been approved by the Louisiana Legislature and the LA DOTD is agreeable to the implementation of this project and desires to cooperate with the Union Parish Police Jury according to the terms and conditions identified in the attached Agreement; and

**WHEREAS**, the LA DOTD will provide the necessary funding for the Obstruction Removal – Phase I Design (Both Runway Ends) and reimburse the sponsor up to \$4,049.00 of project cost.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Union Parish Police Jury that it does hereby authorize the President to execute an Agreement for the project identified as AIP No. 3-22-0017-015-2019 and SPN H.014040, more fully identified in the Agreement attached hereto, and to execute any subsequent related documents, including, but not limited to, amendments to said agreement.

This resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its adoption.

The aforesaid resolution, having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: Sawyer, Parker, Taylor, Hutto, Futch, Jones and Watley

NAYS:

ABSENT: Smith and Bridges

**WHEREUPON**, the resolution was declared adopted on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2019.

**s/ Paula Strickland**  
**PAULA STRICKLAND**  
**SECRETARY-TREASURER**  
**UNION PARISH POLICE JURY**

**s/ Jerry W. Taylor**  
**JERRY W. TAYLOR**  
**PRESIDENT**  
**UNION PARISH POLICE JURY**

CERTIFICATE

IT IS HEREBY certified that the above is a true and correct copy of a resolution passed by the Union Parish Police Jury of Union Parish, Louisiana in special session convened on this the \_\_\_\_ day of September, 2019.

s/ Paula Strickland

Paula Strickland  
Secretary/Treasurer

The following resolution was offered by **Mr. Hutto** and seconded by **Mr. Watley**.

**RESOLUTION 2019-12**

**WHEREAS**, Title 2 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950 provides that cities, towns, parishes, and other political subdivisions of this State may separately or jointly acquire, establish, construct, expand, own, lease, control, equip, improve, maintain, operate, regulate, and police airports and landing fields for the use of aircraft; and,

**WHEREAS**, the State of Louisiana, Department of Transportation and Development, Division of Aviation (formerly the LA DOTD-OAPT) is charged by Title 2 with the responsibility for the development of aviation facilities within the State to foster air commerce and to safeguard the interests of those engaged in all phases of the aviation industry and of the general public; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Union Parish Police Jury hereinafter referred to as "Sponsor", has completed an FAA and DOTD approved Master Plan, Action Plan, and/or Airport Layout Plan which outlines the specific future development of the Union Parish Airport; and, the Sponsor is desirous of implementing a portion of the approved Plan recommendations which provide for the critically needed improvements as stated below to substantially improve the safety and usability of the Airport, but does not have sufficient funds of its own required for completing the needed improvements; and,

**WHEREAS**, the LA DOTD, Division of Aviation is authorized by Title 2 to expend funds for the construction or enlargement of airports for the safety and advancement of aeronautics;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

SECTION I

That the Sponsor does hereby formally request that the LA DOTD, Division of Aviation provide funds required to complete the airport improvements at the Union Parish Airport specifically as described in the Capital Improvement Program Application for State Financial Assistance dated September 9, 2019:

## SECTION II

That the said LA DOTD, Division of Aviation be and is hereby assured that all necessary servitudes, rights-of-way, rights of ingress and egress and means thereof will be furnished by the Sponsor and the titles thereto will be valid and indefeasible, and that the Sponsor will assume ownership, financial reporting, and complete responsibility for the maintenance and upkeep of the airport after completion of said improvement.

## SECTION III

That the Sponsor will save and hold the said LA DOTD, Division of Aviation, its officers, agents, and employees harmless from any liability or claim for damages arising out of the project, including death or injuries to third parties including, but not limited to, liability or claim for damages out of the negligence of said LA DOTD, Division of Aviation, its officers, agents, or employees, and expressly agrees to defend any suit of any nature brought against the LA DOTD, Division of Aviation as a result of this project.

## SECTION IV

That the President of the Sponsor be and is hereby authorized and directed to evidence this agreement by affixing his signature at the place provided therefore on this resolution and on subsequent related documents/agreements as required by the rules and regulations of the Federal Aviation Administration and the State of Louisiana and the Clerk is hereby authorized to attest said execution.

## SECTION V

That this resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its adoption.

The President and Police Jury for the Sponsor of the Parish of Union met in special session on this date. The aforesaid resolution was offered by **Mr. Hutto** and seconded by **Mr. Watley**. The aforesaid resolution, having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: Sawyer, Parker, Taylor, Hutto, Futch, Jones and Watley

NAYS:

ABSENT: Smith and Bridges

**WHEREUPON**, the resolution was declared adopted on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2019.

s/ Paula Strickland  
**PAULA STRICKLAND**  
**SECRETARY-TREASURER**  
**UNION PARISH POLICE JURY**

s/ Jerry W. Taylor  
**JERRY W. TAYLOR**  
**PRESIDENT**  
**UNION PARISH POLICE JURY**

CERTIFICATE

IT IS HEREBY certified that the above is a true and correct copy of a resolution passed by the Union Parish Police Jury of Union Parish, Louisiana in special session convened on this the \_\_\_\_ day of September, 2019.

s/ Paula Strickland

Paula Strickland  
Secretary/Treasurer

**Motion Mr. Sawyer, seconded by Mr. Futch, to approve the request from Jackie Hill, of D.A.R.T, to place silhouettes of domestic victims on the Courthouse lawn (September 30 – October 4, 2019) to honor the memories of those people who lost their lives in domestic violence episodes. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Ordinance 895 was introduced by Mr. Futch and seconded by Mr. Parker:**

**ORDINANCE # 895**

**AN ORDINANCE SETTING THE SPEED LIMIT OF 15 MILES PER HOUR ON BILL NYEGAARD ROAD IN ITS ENTIRETY AND SETTING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS.**

SECTION I: BE IT ORDAINED by the Police Jury of Union Parish that a maximum speed limit for any truck, car, motorcycle or any other equipment traveling on **Bill Nyegaard Road** in its entirety, shall not exceed 15 miles per hour.

SECTION II: BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED by the Police Jury of Union Parish, State of Louisiana, that any person, firm or corporation violating any provisions of this ordinance, upon conviction, shall not exceed the maximum fine for speeding upon a state highway plus court cost.

SECTION III: BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that if any section, sentence, clause or words of this ordinance shall be held invalid by any court of final jurisdiction, the same shall not affect the validity of any other section.

SECTION IV: BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that ordinance or parts of ordinance in conflict herewith be and the same are hereby repealed.

The foregoing ordinance was introduced by **Mr. Futch**, who moved its adoption and duly seconded by **Mr. Parker** and was then adopted by the following YEA and NAY vote:

YEAS: Sawyer, Parker, Taylor, Hutto, Futch, Jones and Watley

NAYS:

ABSENT: Bridges and Smith

WHEREUPON, the Ordinance was declared duly adopted this 19<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2019.

s/ Paula Strickland  
**PAULA STRICKLAND**  
**SECRETARY-TREASURER**  
**UNION PARISH POLICE JURY**

s/ Jerry W. Taylor  
**JERRY W. TAYLOR**  
**PRESIDENT**  
**UNION PARISH POLICE JURY**

**Ordinance 896 was introduced by Mr. Parker and seconded by Mr. Hutto:**

**ORDINANCE # 896**

**AN ORDINANCE SETTING THE SPEED LIMIT OF 25 MILES PER HOUR ON UNION CEMETERY ROAD (BEGINNING AT THE CEMETERY AND COMING BACK TOWARDS THE STATE HIGHWAY ONE-QUARTER OF A MILE) AND SETTING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS.**

SECTION I: BE IT ORDAINED by the Police Jury of Union Parish that a maximum speed limit for any truck, car, motorcycle or any other equipment traveling on **Union Cemetery Road**, shall not exceed 25 miles per hour (beginning at the cemetery and coming back towards the state highway one-quarter of a mile).

SECTION II: BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED by the Police Jury of Union Parish, State of Louisiana, that any person, firm or corporation violating any provisions of this ordinance, upon conviction, shall not exceed the maximum fine for speeding upon a state highway plus court cost.

SECTION III: BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that if any section, sentence, clause or words of this ordinance shall be held invalid by any court of final jurisdiction, the same shall not affect the validity of any other section.

SECTION IV: BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that ordinance or parts of ordinance in conflict herewith be and the same are hereby repealed.

The foregoing ordinance was introduced by **Mr. Parker**, who moved its adoption and duly seconded by **Mr. Hutto** and was then adopted by the following YEA and NAY vote:

YEAS: Sawyer, Parker, Taylor, Hutto, Futch, Jones and Watley  
NAYS:  
ABSENT: Bridges and Smith

WHEREUPON, the Ordinance was declared duly adopted this 19<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2019.

s/ Paula Strickland  
**PAULA STRICKLAND**  
**SECRETARY-TREASURER**  
**UNION PARISH POLICE JURY**

s/ Jerry W. Taylor  
**JERRY W. TAYLOR**  
**PRESIDENT**  
**UNION PARISH POLICE JURY**

The following resolution was offered by **Mr. Jones** and seconded by **Mr. Sawyer**.

**UNION PARISH RESOLUTION NO. 2019-13**

A resolution approving an agreement with Region 3 Louisiana Watershed Initiative Members for the purpose of applying for grant funding and acting in support of the Watershed Region Management activities and in conjunction with the State of Louisiana Watershed Initiative.

**WHEREAS**, the Louisiana Watershed Initiative was formed in order to coordinate statewide floodplain management efforts through a watershed management approach in response to the 2016 Great Floods and in preparation for future storm and flood events. This coordination includes outreach with local communities to build support for watershed region management approaches that can more effectively address mounting water risks statewide; and

**WHEREAS**, coordination among Union Parish and its regional partners is critical to reducing flood risk and preserving the health, safety, and welfare of the residents of Union Parish; and

**WHEREAS**, the Louisiana Watershed Initiative has requested applications for participation in a Regional Capacity Building Grant Program, which may enable the provision of technical assistance to Union Parish and its regional partners if awarded, thereby furthering immediate watershed management and flood risk reduction goals.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE POLICE JURY OF UNION PARISH, LOUISIANA**, that the agreement between Union Parish and Region 3 Louisiana Watershed Initiative Members for the purpose of applying for grant funding and acting in support of watershed region management activities and in conjunction with the State of Louisiana Watershed Initiative is hereby approved.

This Resolution after having been read and considered on motion to adopt by **Mr. Jones** and seconded by **Mr. Sawyer**, a record vote was taken and the following result was had:

YEAS: Sawyer, Parker, Taylor, Hutto, Futch, Jones and Watley  
NAYS:  
ABSENT: Bridges and Smith

**WHEREUPON**, the presiding officer declared the above Resolution duly adopted in full on this 19<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2019.

s/ Paula Strickland  
**PAULA STRICKLAND**  
**SECRETARY-TREASURER**  
**UNION PARISH POLICE JURY**

s/ Jerry W. Taylor  
**JERRY W. TAYLOR**  
**PRESIDENT**  
**UNION PARISH POLICE JURY**

**CERTIFICATE**

I, the undersigned Secretary-Treasurer of the Police Jury of the Parish of Union, State of Louisiana, do hereby certify that the foregoing pages constitute a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted by said Police Jury on September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

IN FAITH WHEREOF, witness my official signature at Farmerville, Louisiana, on this, the \_\_\_\_ day of September, 2019.

s/ Paula Strickland  
Paula Strickland  
Secretary-Treasurer  
Union Parish Police Jury

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

**There being no further business to come before the Jury, the President declared the meeting adjourned upon motion by Mr. Hutto, seconded by Mr. Watley on this the 19<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2019.**

Paula Strickland  
**PAULA STRICKLAND**  
**Secretary/Treasurer**  
**Union Parish Police Jury**

Jerry W. Taylor  
**JERRY W. TAYLOR**  
**President**  
**Union Parish Police Jury**