

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
GENERAL DISCUSSION  
July 6<sup>th</sup>, 2021  
3:30 P.M.**

Present: Johnny Buckley, Brenda Abercrombie, John Watley and Curtis Moses. Absent: None. Also present were L.W. Nolan, Ben Bridges, Alan Hyde and Richard Royal.

**Mr. Buckley called the meeting to order. Mr. Watley led the group in prayer.**

**Motion Mrs. Abercrombie, seconded by Mr. Watley and declared adopted by unanimous vote to approve the agenda with the following addition:**

- #7      Discuss and make recommendations, if necessary, regarding Lake Commission request.**

**Motion Mr. Watley, seconded by Mr. Moses to approve the minutes of the June 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2021 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.**

Mr. Buckley addressed the Committee regarding an oversight committee for the ambulance service in Union Parish. Area law enforcement personnel and local leaders have expressed concerns regarding the ambulance service in Union Parish. After reviewing the proposed list, Mrs. Abercrombie expressed concerns that no one from her area is being appointed. Mr. Bridges addressed the committee and said that the rural fire departments don't have any representation. A discussion then ensued regarding the jury appointing two at large members. **Motion Mrs. Abercrombie, seconded by Mr. Moses to recommend to the full jury to appoint an Ambulance Oversight Committee made up of the following entities:**

- **Union Parish Police Jury – One representative**
- **Union Parish Sheriff's Department – One representative**
- **Town of Farmerville – One representative**
- **Town of Bernice – One representative**
- **Town of Marion – One representative**
- **Village of Downsville – One representative**
- **Village of Lillie – One representative**
- **Village of Spearsville – One representative**
- **Union General Hospital – One representative**
- **Reeves Memorial Hospital – One representative**
- **One representative that represents all five nursing homes**
- **Two members at large appointed by the Union Parish Police Jury**

**Motion carried unanimously.**

A discussion was held regarding the American Rescue Plan monies the jury recently received. An oversight committee was discussed and how the funds would be spent. The jury has already received one-half of the money. The Secretary/Treasurer suggested the committee come up with an application for the water systems and other entities that could be asking for money. Mr.

Bridges suggested instead of a three-man committee making the decisions and bringing back to the jury that perhaps all of the jury should be in on the decision-making process. **Motion Mr. Watley, seconded by Mr. Moses to table the discussion of an oversight committee until a special meeting can be held. Motion carried unanimously.**

A brief discussion was held concerning the Building Inspector for Union Parish. Currently the Building Inspector is Chase Sanson with Inspections of LA. The Secretary/Treasurer has two other proposals; Chad Parker with Inspections Unlimited and IBTS. **No action taken.**

Richard Royal, D'Arbonne Lake Commission, addressed the committee regarding an ordinance pertaining to the closure of the lake when lake levels exceed 83 feet above mean sea level. Currently there is no official ordinance in place to close the lake if levels exceed 83 feet. Mr. Royal is asking the committee to consider enacting an ordinance to close the lake if levels exceed 83 feet. The Lake Commission will be responsible for monitoring lake levels. If the lake exceeds 83 feet then the police jury president would be notified and the police jury would close the lake. A sign would be posted and the sheriff's department would have authority to issue tickets if anyone was found in violation. **No action taken.**

**There being no further business to come before the committee, Mr. Buckley declared the meeting adjourned upon motion by Mrs. Abercrombie and duly seconded by Mr. Watley on this the 6<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2021.**

**Johnny Buckley, Chairman  
Paula Strickland, Secretary-Treasurer**