

**ROAD COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MEETING
September 7th, 2021
4:45 PM**

Present: Ceis Nyegaard, John Watley, Ben Bridges and Nathan Pilgreen. Absent: None. Also present, Johnny Buckley, Brenda Abercrombie, DeWayne Ramsey, Paul Riley, L.W. Nolan and Lane Rugg.

Mr. Nyegaard called the meeting to order. Mr. Bridges 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:

10 Discuss and make recommendations, if necessary, regarding a bush hogging contract.

Motion Mr. Pilgreen, seconded by Mr. Bridges to approve the minutes of the August 3rd, 2021 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

A brief discussion was held regarding Moshack Road. Mr. Nyegaard had requested that this be put on the agenda so that it could be addressed with the Road Superintendent. **No action taken.**

Paul Riley addressed the Road Committee regarding Dean Road. In 2017 an application was submitted to FEMA for a drainage project on Dean Road. The project application allowed for the end of Dean Road (Highway 2) to be raised so water would not go over it and shut down the road. Phase 1, the design portion, has not been approved. The Benefit Cost Analysis (BAC) is below 1 and in order for the project to proceed the BAC would need to be above 1. The total cost of the project is approximately 1.2 million dollars and the parish would have to pay a 25% match. The parish would have to pay approximately \$300,000. The project would allow for the road to be elevated and a box culvert installed. Mr. Riley stated if the parish does not wish to proceed with the Hazard Mitigation Drainage Project then the remaining portion of Dean Road could be overlaid with hot mix for approximately \$50,000. **Motion Mr. Bridges, seconded by Mr. Pilgreen to recommend to the full jury to discontinue the Union Parish Dean Road Drainage Improvement Project (FEMA-4263-DR-LA Project #0032), authorize the expenditure of approximately \$50,000 to finish the remainder of Dean Road and authorize the President to execute any necessary documents. Motion carried unanimously.**

Motion Mr. Pilgreen, seconded by Mr. Bridges to recommend to the full jury to authorize the Secretary/Treasurer to advertise for the deletion of approximately 5.1 miles of Tennessee Road beginning at Concord Road and ending 6/10ths of a mile East from Game Reserve Road from the Union Parish Police Jury Road System. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion Mr. Bridges, seconded by Mr. Watley to recommend to the full jury to authorize the Secretary/Treasurer to advertise for the deletion of Buffalo Landing Road in its entirety from the Union Parish Police Jury Road System. Motion carried unanimously.

A brief discussion was held regarding the road graders and the excessive repair costs. Grader #91 has had repair costs up to \$35,528.31 since January. Currently the transmission is out on Grader #91. Mr. Pilgreen suggested instead of putting several thousand dollars into repairs it may be cheaper in the long run to purchase a used grader. This item will be discussed at the October Road Committee meeting. **No action taken.**

Brad Jones, Weyerhaeuser, addressed the Road Committee regarding proposed road closures in District 2 and District 8. Mr. Jones is a forester for Weyerhaeuser and has provided a map with roads that Weyerhaeuser would like to see closed. Mr. Jones said that the closure of the roads would benefit Weyerhaeuser as well as the parish. The roads in question have no homeowners on the roads. The roads are primarily wood roads and get graded once or twice a year. The roads are in bad shape. The roads only benefit Weyerhaeuser and the gas company. Mr. Jones provided business cards for the road committee members in case anyone has any questions. **No action taken.**

Mr. Bridges addressed the Road Committee regarding bush hogging in the parish. An independent contractor has been consulted and proposed a rate of \$50 per hour to bush hog. Preston White, White Land Works, has proposed one week of bush hogging to see how much he can get accomplished. **Motion Mr. Bridges, seconded by Mrs. Abercrombie to recommend to the full jury to authorize Preston White, White Land Works, to bush hog in the Parish for one week at the rate of \$50 per hour not to exceed \$2,000. Motion carried unanimously.**

There being no more business to come before the committee, Mr. Nyegaard declared the meeting adjourned upon motion by Mr. Bridges and duly seconded by Mr. Watley on this the 7th day of September, 2021.

Ceis Nyegaard, Chairman
Paula Strickland, Secretary/Treasurer