## REGULAR MEETING UNION PARISH POLICE JURY

Farmerville, Louisiana November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2021

The Union Parish Police Jury met this date in regular session in the Police Jury meeting room, Courthouse Annex, Farmerville, Louisiana with the following present: Curtis Moses, Nathan Pilgreen, DeWayne Ramsey, Johnny Buckley, Ben Bridges, Ceis Nyegaard, L.W. Nolan, Brenda Abercrombie and John W. Watley. Absent: None. Also present was Judith Hampton, Assistant District Attorney. The President called the session to order and welcomed all guests. Mr. Watley offered the invocation. Mrs. Abercrombie led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

President Buckley welcomed everyone to the meeting and 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.

Motion Mr. Nolan, seconded by Mr. Bridges and declared adopted by unanimous vote of the Jury to approve the agenda as written.

Motion Mr. Watley, seconded by Mr. Bridges to adopt the minutes of the October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2021 Regular meeting and the October 28<sup>th</sup>, 2021 Special meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

The Secretary/Treasurer presented the Budget to Actual Revenue and Expense report for the month of October and explained to the jurors that the report reflects what has been budgeted for the year compared to what has been spent. Each juror received a copy of the Revenue and Expense Report in their email packet. The Secretary/Treasurer reported that at this point in the year approximately 83% of the budget should have been expended.

The payment was received from the state for the elevator project in the amount of \$130,200. The Secretary/Treasurer reported that there are some issues with the elevator company honoring their original quote.

The Green Oaks invoice for the month of October was \$14,800. There are two juveniles incarcerated with serious charges. The juveniles do not qualify for the ankle monitoring due to the seriousness of their charges.

The three-acre land purchase for the Marion Road Department was finalized in October. Those three acres will be utilized as a larger area for the Marion Road Crew. The \$12,000 expenditure came out of the Road Fund. The 2021Road Program has been completed and payments were made to the contractor and engineer in the amount of \$723,476.04.

The Transitional Work Release Program generated \$61,927.71 in revenue for the month of October. That is down \$53,000 from last month. The decrease in revenue is due to the inmates being quarantined with COVID. The revenue will pick back up next month. All of the inmates are back to work.

The state income for DOC prisoners was \$153,738.70. There are currently 199 DOC inmates and 131 parish/pretrial inmates. There are 86 inmates participating in the work release program.

The Sales tax collection for the month was \$257,848.12 and that is up approximately \$18,000 from last month. The Tipping Fees for the Landfill generated \$98,896.

Litter Court generated \$650 in fines and that money was disbursed between the JP/Constables who wrote tickets. Litter Court is held on the third Monday of each month.

Motion Mr. Bridges, seconded by Mr. Moses to adopt the Revenue and Expenditures Report for the month of October. Motion carried unanimously.

**Picker Upper of the Month (Keep Union Beautiful)**. Nathan Pilgreen, District 2 Police Juror, presented a t-shirt, grabber and certificate to Glenn Sams. Mr. Sams is the recipient of the Picker Upper of the Month award provided by Keep Union Beautiful. Mr. Sams lives in the Dean community. He coordinates the cleanup of his neighborhood on a regular basis.

Motion Mr. Nolan, seconded by Mr. Ramsey to open a public hearing regarding the discussion of an ordinance adopting a nine (9) district single member plan of reapportionment. President Buckley declared the public hearing open and asked the public if they had any comments relating to the reapportionment plan. The Secretary/Treasurer reported that notices were published in the official journal and no one had made an attempt to view the proposed plan. Doug Mitchell, North Delta Regional Planning & Development District, Inc. reported that the reapportionment process occurs every ten years. Census data is obtained and evaluated, and districts are redrawn to be close to the same size. Union Parish has lost population since the last census was taken. Motion Mr. Nolan, seconded by Mr. Watley to close the public hearing. Motion carried unanimously. President Buckley declared the public hearing closed.

The following ordinance was introduced by Mr. Bridges and seconded by Mrs. Abercrombie:

## **ORDINANCE #924**

ORDINANCE ADOPTING A NINE (9) DISTRICT SINGLE MEMBER PLAN OF REAPPORTIONMENT FOR UNION PARISH TO COMPLY WITH REAPPORTIONMENT LAWS, BASED ON 2020 PL94171 DATA, TO REARRANGE, CHANGE, AND RELOCATE VOTING PRECINCTS.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE UNION PARISH POLICE JURY IN REGULAR SESSION ON THIS THE  $2^{\rm ND}$  DAY OF NOVEMBER 2021, THAT SAID POLICE JURY DOES HEREBY REDISTRICT AND REAPPORTION THE PARISH OF UNION IN ACCORDANCE WITH 2020 PL94171 DATA AS PROVIDED BY LAW AS FOLLOWS:

## **DISTRICT 1**

The point of beginning being the intersection of Camp Road and Mill Creek; thence, southwesterly along Mill Creek to the northern shoreline of Lake D'arbonne; thence, southerly and easterly on the shoreline of Lake D'arbonne to an un-named creek; thence, northwesterly along un-named creek to where it intersects East Highway 2; thence, westerly along East Highway 2 to Railroad Street; thence, northeasterly on Railroad Street to Rabun Road; thence, northwesterly on Rabun Road to Marion Highway; thence, westerly on Marion Highway to East Boundary Street; thence, westerly on East Boundary Street to Spring Street; thence, northerly on Spring Street to Porter Street; thence, northerly on Porter Street to South Circle Drive; thence, westerly on South Circle Drive to Pine Road; thence, northerly on Pine Road to James Avenue; thence, westerly on James Avenue to North Main Street; thence, northerly on North Main Street to Camp Road; thence, northerly on Camp Road back to the point of beginning.

## **DISTRICT 2**

The point of beginning being the intersection of the northern boundary of Union Parish and State Route 549; thence, southerly on State Route 549 to its intersection with State Route 551; thence, southerly on State Route 551 to its confluence with an un-named creek; thence, southerly along said un-named creek to its confluence with Big Cane Creek; thence, southerly on Big Cane Creek to its confluence with Bayou de Loutre; thence, southeasterly along Bayou de Loutre to Linville Fire Tower Road; thence, easterly on Linville Fire Tower Road to Harrell Road; thence, southeasterly on Harrell Road to Thurston Traylor Road; thence, easterly on Thurston Traylor Road to Buffalo Hole Road; thence, southeasterly on Buffalo Hole Road to an un-named creek; thence, northeasterly on un-named creek to Arkansas Road; thence, southerly on Arkansas Road to Pinewood Road; thence, easterly on Pinewood Road to State Route 143; thence, southerly on State Route 143 to Ouachita City Road; thence, easterly on Ouachita City Road to Henry Cook Road; thence, northerly on Henry Cook Road to Cook Cemetery Road; thence, easterly on Cook Cemetery Road to Ouachita City Road; thence, southeasterly on Ouachita City Road to the powerline; thence, southerly along the powerline to Pruitt Road; thence, easterly on Pruitt Road to River Road; thence, northeasterly on River Road to the intersection of Austin Drive and River Road; thence, due east from the intersection of Austin Drive and River Road on an extension to the eastern boundary of Union Parish; thence, a northerly direction along the eastern boundary of Union Parish to the northern boundary of Union Parish; thence, westerly along northern boundary of Union Parish back to the point of beginning.

## **DISTRICT 3**

The point of beginning being the intersection of the northern boundary of Union Parish and Little Corney Bayou; thence, southeasterly along Little Corney Bayou to an un-named creek; thence, a northeasterly direction along an un-named creek to John Lewis Road; thence, easterly on John Lewis Road to New Hope Church Road; thence, southerly on New Hope Church Road to State Route 15; thence, easterly on State Route 15 to Wilbur Road; thence, southeasterly on Wilbur Road to Walter Road; thence, southeasterly on Walter Road to Barnes Bridge Road; thence, southerly on Barnes Bridge Road to Pisgah Church Circle; thence, southerly on Pisgah Church Circle to Village Creek Road; thence, southeasterly on Village Creek Road to Clyde Colvin

Road; thence, southerly on Clyde Colvin Road to Highway 550; thence, easterly and northerly on Highway 550 to Village Creek; thence, southeasterly along Village Creek to Corney Bayou; thence, southeasterly along Corney Bayou to Mill Creek; thence, northeasterly along Mill Creek to State Route 15; thence, northerly on State Route 15 to a pipeline; thence, easterly along pipeline to State Route 549; thence, northerly on State Route 549 to its intersection with Bayou de Loutre; thence, northwesterly along Bayou de Loutre to its intersection with Highway 550; thence, northerly on Highway 550 to its intersection with Oakland Bridge Road; thence, northeasterly on Oakland Bridge Road to northern boundary on Union Parish; thence, westerly along the northern boundary of Union Parish back to the point of beginning.

## **DISTRICT 4**

The point of beginning being the intersection of the western boundary of Union Parish and Ward Line Road; thence, easterly on Ward Line Road to Chip Mill Road; thence, southeasterly on Chip Mill Road to Van Roach Road; thence, southerly on Van Roach Road to State Route 2; thence, easterly on State Route 2 to Bernice City Limits Line; thence, southerly, easterly, and northerly along Bernice City Limits Line to Pisgah Church Road; thence, easterly and northerly on Pisgah Church Road to Pisgah Church Circle; thence, northeasterly on Pisgah Church Circle to Village Creek Road; thence, southeasterly on Village Creek Road to Clyde Colvin Road; thence, southwesterly on Clyde Colvin Road to Highway 550; thence, easterly and northerly on Highway 550 to Village Creek; thence southeasterly on Village Creek to Corney Bayou; thence, southeasterly along Corney Bayou to its confluence with Mill Creek; thence, northeasterly along Mill Creek to the northern shoreline of Lake D'arbonne; thence, southeasterly along the northern shoreline of Lake D'arbonne to State Route 33; thence, southwesterly on State Route 133 to Old Highway 15; thence, southeasterly on Old Highway 15 to the shoreline of Lake D'arbonne; thence, southerly along the shoreline of Lake D'arbonne to State Route 15; thence, southerly on State Route 15 to Wells Road; thence, westerly on Wells Road to Silmon Road; thence, westerly and southerly on Silmon Road to Holmesville Road; thence, westerly on Holmesville Road to Cypress Creek; thence, southerly along Cypress Creek to the southern boundary of Union Parish; thence, westerly, northerly, and westerly along the southern boundary of Union Parish to the western boundary of Union Parish; thence, northerly along westerly boundary of Union Parish back to the point of beginning.

## **DISTRICT 5**

The point of beginning being the intersection of State Route 15 and Wells Road; thence, westerly on Wells Road to Silmon Road; thence, westerly and southerly on Silmon Road to Holmesville Road; thence, westerly on Holmesville Road to Cypress Creek; thence, southerly along Cypress Creek to the southern boundary of Union Parish; thence, easterly, southerly, and easterly along southern boundary of Union Parish to its intersection with Highway 552; thence, northeasterly on Highway 552 to Wilhite Cemetery Road; thence, westerly on Wilhite Cemetery Road to Old New Orleans Road; thence, westerly on Old New Orleans Road to Goldsmith Road; thence, northerly on Goldsmith Road to Mars Hill Road; thence, northerly on Mars Hill Road to Bridges Road; thence, northerly on Bridges Road to an un-named powerline; thence, easterly along unnamed powerline to Prentice Pardue Road; thence, northerly on Prentice Pardue Road to Highway 552; thence, easterly on Highway 552 to Ruggs Bluff Road; thence, northwesterly on

Ruggs Bluff Road to Francis Creek; thence, northeasterly along Francis Creek to Bayou D'arbonne; thence, a generally western direction along Bayou D'arbonne to Spillway Road; thence, southwesterly on Spillway Road to Spillway Road boat ramp; thence, northerly along Spillway Road boat ramp to Lake D'arbonne shoreline; thence, a westerly, northerly, and westerly direction along Lake D'arbonne shoreline to where it meets State Route 15; thence, southerly on State Route 15 back to the point of beginning.

## **DISTRICT 6**

The point of beginning being the intersection of northern boundary of Union Parish and Oakland Bridge Road; thence, southerly along Oakland Bridge Road to Highway 550; thence, southerly on Highway 550 to Bayou de Loutre; thence, southeasterly along Bayou de Loutre to State Route 549; thence, southerly on State Route 549 to where it crosses a pipeline; thence, westerly along the pipeline to State Route 15; thence, southerly on State Route 15 to Mill Creek; thence easterly on Mill Creek to Camp Road; thence, southerly on Camp Road to North Main Street; thence, southerly on North Main Street to James Avenue; thence, easterly on James Avenue to Pine Road; thence, southerly on Pine Road to South Circle Drive; thence, easterly on South Circle Drive to Porter Street; thence, southerly on Porter Street to Spring Street; thence, southerly on Spring Street to East Boundary Street; thence, westerly on East Boundary Street to Marion Highway; thence, easterly on Marion Highway to Rabun Road; thence, southeasterly on Rabun Road to Railroad Street; thence northerly on Railroad Street to Ward Chapel Road; thence, easterly on Ward Chapel Road to State Route 828; thence, easterly on State Route 828 to Linville Fire Tower Road; thence, northeasterly on Linville Fire Tower Road to Bayou de Loutre; thence, northwesterly along Bayou de Loutre to Big Cane Creek; thence, northerly along Big Cane Creek to an un-named stream; thence, northerly on un-named stream to State Route 551; thence northerly on State Route 551 to State Route 549; thence, northerly on State Route 549 to the northern boundary of Union Parish; thence westerly along the northern boundary of Union Parish back to the point of beginning.

## **DISTRICT 7**

The point of beginning being the intersection of Ward Chapel Road and Railroad Street; thence southerly on Railroad Street to Highway 2; thence, easterly on East Highway 2 to a point where an un-named stream intersects Highway 2; thence, southerly along the un-named stream to a point where the un-named stream enters Lake D'arbonne; thence, westerly along the shore of Lake D'arbonne to State Route 33; thence, southwesterly on State Route 33 to Old Highway 15; thence, southeasterly on Old Highway 15 to the shore of Lake D'arbonne; thence, southeasterly along the shore of Lake D'arbonne to Spillway Road boat ramp; thence, easterly along Spillway Road boat ramp to Spillway Road; thence northeasterly on Spillway Road to D'arbonne Bayou; thence, in an easterly direction along D'arbonne Bayou to Hodge Road; thence, northeasterly on Hodge Road to West Port Union Road; thence, easterly on West Port Union Road to Crossroads Loop; thence, southeasterly on Crossroads Loop to Ferry Road; thence, northeasterly on Ferry Road to Bayou de Loutre; thence, northwesterly along Bayou de Loutre to Lonnie Branch; thence, northerly on Lonnie Branch to Buffalo Hole Road; thence, northwesterly on Buffalo Hole Road to Thurston Traylor Road; thence, westerly on Thurston Traylor Road to Harrell Road; thence, northwesterly on Harrell Road to Linville Fire Tower Road; thence, southwesterly

on Linville Fire Tower Road to State Route 828; thence, westerly on State Route 828 to Ward Chapel Road; thence, westerly on Ward Chapel Road back to the point of beginning.

## **DISTRICT 8**

The point of beginning being the intersection of Pinewood Road and State Route 143; thence, westerly on Pinewood Road to Arkansas Road; thence, northerly on Arkansas Road to an unnamed rural road; thence, southwesterly on an un-named rural road to Buffalo Hole Road; thence, westerly on Buffalo Hole Road to Lonnie Branch; thence, southerly on Lonnie Branch to Bayou de Loutre; thence, southeasterly along Bayou de Loutre to Ferry Road; thence, southwesterly on Ferry Road to Crossroads Loop; thence, westerly on Crossroads Loop to West Port Union Road; thence, westerly on West Port Union Road to Hodge Road; thence, southwesterly on Hodge Road to Bayou D'arbonne; thence, westerly along Bayou D'arbonne to Francis Creek; thence, southwesterly along Francis Creek to Ruggs Bluff Road; thence, southeasterly on Ruggs Bluff Road to Highway 552; thence, westerly on Highway 552 to Prentice Pardue Road; thence, southerly on Prentice Pardue Road to a powerline; thence, southwesterly along the powerline to Mars Hill Road; thence, southerly on Mars Hill Road to Goldsmith Road; thence, southerly on Goldsmith Road to Old New Orleans Road; thence easterly on Old New Orleans Road to Wilhite Cemetery Road; thence, easterly on Wilhite Cemetery Road to Highway 552; thence, southwesterly on Highway 552 to the southern boundary of Union Parish; thence, northeasterly along the southern boundary of Union Parish to an extension of River Road; thence, southwesterly on River Road to Pruitt Road; thence, westerly on Pruitt Road to a powerline; thence, northwesterly along the powerline to Ouachita City Road; thence, northwesterly on Ouachita City Road to Cook Cemetery Road; thence, westerly on Cook Cemetery Road to its intersection with Henry Cook Road; thence, southerly on Henry Cook Road to Ouachita City Road; thence, westerly on Ouachita City Road to State Route 143; thence, northerly on State Route 143 back to the point of beginning.

## **DISTRICT 9**

The point of beginning being the intersection of northern boundary of Union Parish and the western boundary of Union Parish; thence, southerly along the western boundary of Union Parish to Ward Line Road; thence, easterly on Ward Line Road to Chip Mill Road; thence, southeasterly on Chip Mill Road to Van Roach Road; thence, southerly on Van Roach Road to State Route 2; thence easterly on State Route 2 to Bernice City Limits Line; thence, southerly, easterly, and northerly along Bernice City Limits Line to Pisgah Church Road; thence, northeasterly on Pisgah Church Road to Pisgah Church Circle; thence, northeasterly on Pisgah Church Circle to Barnes Bridge Road; thence, northeasterly on Barnes Bridge Road to Walter Road; thence, northerly on Walter Road to Wilbur Road; thence, northwesterly on Wilbur Road to State Route 15; thence, westerly on State Route 15 to New Hope Church Road; thence, northerly on New Hope Church Road to John Lewis Road; thence, westerly on John Lewis Road to Steep Bank Creek; thence, a southerly direction along Steep Bank Creek to Little Corney Bayou; thence, northwesterly along Little Corney Bayou to the northern boundary of Union Parish; thence westerly along the northern boundary of Union Parish back to the point of beginning.

**BE IT ORDAINED** that if any action of this ordinance were declared unconstitutional, that the rest of said ordinance should be and remain in full force and effect.

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED** by the Union Parish Police Jury that this ordinance will supersede all prior resolutions or ordinances of the Union Parish Police Jury, which are in conflict.

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

YEAS:	NAYS:	ABSENT:	ABSTAINING:
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WHEREUPON, the Ordinance was declared duly adopted this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of November, 2021.

s/ Paula Strickland	s/ Johnny Buckley		
PAULA STRICKLAND	JOHNNY BUCKLEY		
SECRETARY-TREASURER	PRESIDENT		
UNION PARISH POLICE JURY	UNION PARISH POLICE JURY		

Motion Mr. Ramsey, seconded by Mr. Nolan to open a public hearing regarding the proposed abandonment 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. President Buckley declared the public hearing open and asked the public if they had any comments relating to the road closure. Ricky Taylor and Lonnie Copeland spoke in favor of the road closure. Motion Mr. Ramsey, seconded by Mr. Nyegaard to close the public hearing. Motion carried unanimously. President Buckley declared the public hearing closed.

The following ordinance was introduced by Mr. Pilgreen and seconded by Mr. Nyegaard:

## **ORDINANCE #925**

AN ORDINANCE RELATIVE TO THE UNION PARISH ROAD SYSTEM PROVIDING 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.

Pursuant to Public Notice published in *The Banner*, a weekly newspaper published in Farmerville, Union Parish, Louisiana and the Official Journal of the Union Parish Police Jury on September 23, 2021, October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021, October 14<sup>th</sup>, 2021 and October 28<sup>th</sup>, 2021, Public Hearing was being held by the Union Parish Police Jury at the Police Jury Meeting Room, Courthouse Annex, 303 East Water Street, Farmerville, Louisiana for the purpose of considering whether or not certain road listed in said Public Notice should be deleted from the Union Parish Road System.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED**, by the Police Jury of Union Parish, Louisiana, convened in Regular Session this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of November 2021, that the following Ordinance be and the same is hereby adopted:

#### **SECTION 1**

Approximately 5.1 miles of Tennessee Road beginning at Concord Road and ending 6/10ths of a mile East from Game Reserve Road, is found to be no longer needed for public purposes and is hereby deleted and removed from the Union Parish Road System.

## **SECTION 2**

This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its passage by the Union Parish Police Jury.

#### **SECTION 3**

If any section, paragraph, sentence, clause and/or phrase of this Ordinance or the application thereof is declared unconstitutional, unenforceable or invalid by the valid judgment of any court of competent jurisdiction such unconstitutionality, unenforceability or invalidity shall not affect any of the remaining sections, paragraphs, sentences, clauses and/or phrases of this Ordinance, since the same would have been enacted by the Union Parish Police Jury without the incorporation in this Ordinance of any such unconstitutional, unenforceable or invalid section, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase. To this end, the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby declared severable.

#### **SECTION 4**

All other ordinances, or any parts thereof, which are in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

This above and foregoing Ordinance was introduced by Mr. Pilgreen who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Mr. Nyegaard and after having been considered by sections was adopted by sections and as a whole by the following YEA and NAY vote:

MEMBERS:	YEAS:	NAYS:	ABSENT:	ABSTAINING:
Curtis Moses	X			
Nathan Pilgreen	X			
Dewayne Ramsey	X			
Johnny Buckley	X			
Ben Bridges	X			
Ceis Nyegaard	X			
L.W. Nolan	X			
Brenda Abercrombie	X			
John W. Watley	X			

WHEREUPON, the Ordinance was declared duly adopted this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of November, 2021.

s/ Paula Strickland	s/ Johnny Buckley		
PAULA STRICKLAND	JOHNNY BUCKLEY		
SECRETARY-TREASURER	PRESIDENT		
UNION PARISH POLICE JURY	UNION PARISH POLICE JURY		

Motion Mr. Bridges, seconded by Mr. Ramsey to open a public hearing regarding the proposed abandonment of Buffalo Landing Road in its entirety from the Union Parish Police Jury Road System. President Buckley declared the public hearing open and asked the public if they had any comments relating to the road closure. Tim Hicks spoke against the road closure. Mr. Hicks stated that the road should be kept open for community access to the water. Johnny Dollar spoke in favor of the road closure. Mr. Dollar owns the surrounding property and is having issues with drainage on the west side of the road. Currently the road is higher than the pasture and is basically functioning as a levy. He suggests that the road needs to be lowered. Motion Mr. Ramsey, seconded by Mr. Nolan to close the public hearing. Motion carried unanimously. President Buckley declared the public hearing closed.

Motion Mrs. Abercrombie, seconded by Mr. Moses to abandon Buffalo Landing Road in its entirety from the Union Parish Police Jury Road System. Motion failed with the following Roll Call Vote:

MEMBERS:	YES TO CLOSE	NO TO CLOSE
Curtis Moses	X	
Nathan Pilgreen		X
Dewayne Ramsey		X
Johnny Buckley	X	
Ben Bridges		X
Ceis Nyegaard		X
L.W. Nolan		X
Brenda Abercrombie	X	
John W. Watley		X
Motion failed.		

Stephen Gele, an attorney with John Young, addressed the jury regarding a resolution authorizing Union Parish Police Jury to join with the State of Louisiana and other local governmental units as a participant in the Louisiana State-Local Government Opioid Litigation Memorandum of Understanding and any subsequent formal agreements necessary to implement the MOU. The jury had previously entered into a Class Action Lawsuit in July of 2018 to seek damages for local opioid issues. Mr. Gele stated that the State of Louisiana could receive approximately 350 to 365 million dollars in settlement monies. Union Parish would receive .31% of this money which would amount to approximately one million dollars. There will be strict guidelines for using the money and it must be related to opioid issues.

Motion Mr. Nolan, seconded by Mr. Bridges to authorize Union Parish to join with the State of Louisiana and other local governmental units as a participant in the Louisiana State/Local Government Opioid Litigation Memorandum of Understanding and authorize the President to execute any necessary documents. Motion carried unanimously.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 2021-16**

A Resolution authorizing the Parish of Union (herein referred to as this "Governmental Unit") to join with the State of Louisiana and other local governmental units as a participant in the LOUISIANA STATE-LOCAL GOVERNMENT OPIOID LITIGATION MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (the "MOU") and any subsequent Formal Agreements necessary to implement the MOU, including but not limited to, the Subdivision Settlement Participation Form(s) in Exhibit K of the Distributor Settlement Agreement and the Janssen Settlement Agreement. I

WHEREAS, the Parish of Union has suffered harm from the opioid epidemic;

WHEREAS, the Parish of Union recognizes that the entire State of Louisiana has suffered harm as a result from the opioid epidemic;

WHEREAS, the State of Louisiana has a pending action in state court, and a number of Louisiana Cities and Parishes have also filed an action *in re: National Prescription Opiate Litigation*, MDL No. 2804 (N.D. Ohio) (the "Opioid Litigation") and the Parish of Union is a litigating participant in that action;

WHEREAS, the State of Louisiana and lawyers representing certain various local governments involved in the Opioid Litigation have proposed a unified plan for the allocation and use of prospective settlement dollars from opioid related litigation;

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Memorandum of Understanding (the "MOU") sets forth sets forth a framework of a unified plan for the proposed allocation and use of opioid settlement proceeds and it is anticipated that formal agreements implementing the MOU will be entered into at a future date; and,

WHEREAS, participation in the MOU by a large majority of Louisiana cities and parishes will materially increase the amount of funds to Louisiana and should improve Louisiana's relative bargaining position during additional settlement negotiations;

WHEREAS, failure to participate in the MOU will reduce funds available to the State, the Parish of Union, and every other Louisiana city and Parish;

# NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THIS GOVERNMENTAL UNIT:

SECTION 1. That this Governmental Unit finds that participation in the MOU would be in the best interest of the Governmental Unit and its citizens in that such a plan ensures that almost all of the settlement funds go to abate and resolve the opioid epidemic and each and every City and Parish receives funds for the harm that it has suffered.

SECTION 2. That this Governmental Unit hereby expresses its support of a unified plan for the allocation and use of opioid settlement proceeds as generally described in the MOU, attached hereto as Exhibit "A."

SECTION 3. That Michael G. Stag and/or John F. Young are hereby expressly authorized to execute the MOU in substantially the form contained in Exhibit "A."

SECTION 4. That Johnny Buckley is hereby authorized to execute any formal agreements implementing a unified plan for the allocation and use of opioid settlement proceeds that is not substantially inconsistent with the MOU and this Resolution including but not limited to the Subdivision Settlement Participation Form(s) in the *Distributor Settlement Agreement* and the *Janssen Settlement Agreement*.

SECTION 5. That the Secretary/Treasurer be and hereby is instructed to record this Resolution in the appropriate record book upon its adoption.

SECTION 6. The Secretary/Treasurer of this Governmental Unit is hereby directed to furnish a certified copy of this Ordinance/Resolution to:

# Attorney General Jeff Landry c/o Bill Stiles Post Office Box 94005 Baton Rouge, LA 70804

SECTION 7. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

This resolution having been submitted to a vote; the vote thereon was as follows:

MEMBERS:	YEAS	NAYS	ABSENT	ABSTAINING
Curtis Moses	X			
Nathan Pilgreen	X			
DeWayne Ramsey	X			
Johnny Buckley	X			
Ben Bridges	X			
Ceis Nyegaard	X			
L.W. Nolan	X			
Brenda Abercrombie	X			
John W. Watley	X			

And the resolution was declared adopted on this, the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of November, 2021.

/s/ Paula Strickland	/s/ Johnny Buckley			
Secretary-Treasurer	President			

## STATE OF LOUISIANA PARISH OF UNION

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 November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2021.

IN FAITH WHEREOF, witness my official signature at Farmerville, Louisiana, on this, the  $2^{nd}$  day of November, 2021.

Paula H. Strickland, Secretary/Treasurer

Motion Mr. Bridges, seconded by Mr. Pilgreen to contribute up to \$6,000 to the Crappie Masters Qualifying Tournament; the jury will be contributing with the Town of Farmerville, Union Parish Chamber of Commerce and Union Parish Tourist Commission. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion Mr. Ramsey, seconded by Mr. Moses to appoint Claire Post to the Union Parish Library Board. Mrs. Post will be replacing Ms. Trull from the Spearsville area. Motion carried unanimously.

## Recommendations from the Landfill Committee:

Motion Mr. Pilgreen, seconded by Mr. Ramsey to hire Riley & Company to design a lift station and/or force main system. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion Mr. Pilgreen, seconded by Mr. Bridges to approve SEMS, Inc. Pay Estimate No. 4 in the amount of \$140,146.87 (Sediment Removal and Disposal from Detention Pond No. 1) and authorize the President to execute any necessary documents. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion Mr. Pilgreen, seconded by Mr. Nyegaard to approve SEMS Change Order No. 2 in the increased amount of \$92,370.13 (Sediment Removal and Disposal from Detention Pond No. 1) and authorize the President to execute any necessary documents. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion Mr. Pilgreen, seconded by Mr. Ramsey to approve the Certificate of Substantial Completion for SEMS, Inc. (Sediment Removal and Disposal from Detention Pond No. 1) and authorize the President to execute any necessary documents. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion Mr. Pilgreen, seconded by Mr. Ramsey to authorize the Secretary/Treasurer to purchase a time clock for the Landfill. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion Mr. Pilgreen, seconded by Mr. Ramsey to authorize the Secretary/Treasurer to solicit bids for a 2016 Mack Truck and trailer. Motion carried unanimously.

## **Recommendations from the Insurance Committee:**

Mrs. Abercrombie reported that the Insurance Committee met earlier regarding the Workers Comp Insurance. Two proposals were presented. Gallagher Bassett (Travelers) presented a quote of \$136,652 and Lincoln Agency presented a quote of \$151,418. Motion Mrs. Abercrombie, seconded by Mr. Nolan to accept the lowest quote from Gallagher Bassett (Travelers) in the amount of \$136,652 for the 2022 Workers Comp Insurance. Motion carried unanimously.

In accordance with Ordinance 549, time for public comment was given.

Bob Stubbelfield (302 Pondee Road) addressed the jury with issues he is having with the Union Parish School Board not picking up his grandchildren on Pondee Road.

Jon McKinnie, Union Parish Chamber, addressed the jury regarding upcoming events in the community.

There being no further business to come before the Jury, the President declared the meeting adjourned upon motion by Mr. Ramsey, seconded by Mr. Watley, on this the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of November, 2021.

Paula Strickland, Secretary/Treasurer

**Union Parish Police Jury** 

Johnny Buckley, President

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