

REGULAR MEETING UNION PARISH POLICE JURY

Farmerville, Louisiana

June 7th, 2022

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, L.W. Nolan, Brenda Abercrombie and Andrew Ford, Jr. Absent: Ceis Nyegaard. Also present was James Buckley, Assistant District Attorney. The President called the session to order and welcomed all guests. Mr. Ramsey offered the invocation and Mr. Buckley led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

President Abercrombie 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.

The Secretary/Treasurer made the following announcement:

Notice is hereby given that at its meeting to be held on Tuesday, August 2nd, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. at its regular meeting place, the Police Jury Meeting Room of the Courthouse Annex, 303 E. Water Street, Farmerville, Louisiana, the Police Jury of the Parish of Union, State of Louisiana, plans to consider adopting a resolution ordering and calling an election to be held within the Parish of Union to authorize the levy of an ad valorem tax for the operation of the Union Parish Health Unit.

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

Motion Mr. Ramsey, seconded by Mr. Nolan to adopt the minutes of the May 3rd regular meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

The Secretary/Treasurer presented the Budget to Actual Revenue and Expense report for the month of May and explained to the jurors that the report reflects what has been budgeted for the year compared to what has been spent. The Secretary/Treasurer highlighted the General Fund, Sales Tax Collection, Detention Center Fund and Litter Court Fund.

Motion Mr. Bridges seconded by Mr. Buckley to adopt the Revenue and Expenditures Report for the month of May. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion Mr. Ramsey, seconded by Mr. Bridges to open a public hearing regarding the proposed abandonment of Pryor Kyle Road in its entirety from the Union Parish Road System. Motion carried unanimously. President Abercrombie declared the public hearing open and asked the public if they had any comments relating to the road closure. No comments were made with regard to the road closure. Motion Mr. Buckley, seconded by Mr. Bridges to close the public hearing. Motion carried unanimously. President Abercrombie declared the public hearing closed.

The following ordinance was offered by Mr. Bridges and seconded by Mr. Nolan:

ORDINANCE # 930

AN ORDINANCE RELATIVE TO THE UNION PARISH ROAD SYSTEM PROVIDING FOR THE DELETION OF PRYOR KYLE ROAD IN ITS ENTIRETY

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 May 12th, 2022, May 19th, 2022 and May 26th, 2022, 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 7th day of June, 2022 that the following Ordinance be and the same is hereby adopted:

SECTION 1

Pryor Kyle 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. Bridges** who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by **Mr. Nolan** and after having been considered by sections was adopted by sections and as a whole by the following YEA and NAY vote:

YEAS: Eight (Moses, Pilgreen, Ramsey, Buckley, Bridges, Nolan, Abercrombie and Ford)
NAYS: None
ABSTAINED: None
ABSENT: Nyegaard

WHEREUPON, the Ordinance was declared duly adopted this 7th day of June, 2022.

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

s/ Brenda Abercrombie
BRENDA ABERCROMBIE
PRESIDENT
UNION PARISH POLICE JURY

Motion Mr. Nolan, seconded by Mr. Bridges to open a public hearing regarding the proposed abandonment of approximately the last 300 feet of Smith Road from the Union Parish Road System. Motion carried unanimously. President Abercrombie declared the public hearing open and asked the public if they had any comments relating to the road closure. No comments were made with regard to the road closure. Motion Mr. Nolan, seconded by Mr. Buckley to close the public hearing. Motion carried unanimously. President Abercrombie declared the public hearing closed.

The following ordinance was offered by Mr. Bridges and seconded by Mr. Ford:

ORDINANCE # 931

AN ORDINANCE RELATIVE TO THE UNION PARISH ROAD SYSTEM PROVIDING FOR THE DELETION OF APPROXIMATELY THE LAST 300 FEET OF SMITH 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 May 12th, 2022, May 19th, 2022 and May 26th, 2022, 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 7th day of June, 2022 that the following Ordinance be and the same is hereby adopted:

SECTION 1

Approximately the last 300 feet of Smith 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. Bridges** who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by **Mr. Ford** and after having been considered by sections was adopted by sections and as a whole by the following YEA and NAY vote:

YEAS:	Eight (Moses, Pilgreen, Ramsey, Buckley, Bridges, Nolan, Abercrombie and Ford)
NAYS:	None
ABSTAINED:	None
ABSENT:	Nyegaard

WHEREUPON, the Ordinance was declared duly adopted this 7th day of June, 2022.

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

s/ Brenda Abercrombie
BRENDA ABERCROMBIE
PRESIDENT
UNION PARISH POLICE JURY

Official Journal Selection

Motion Mr. Moses, seconded by Mr. Bridges to nominate the *Gazette* as the official journal for the period of July 1st, 2022 to June 30th, 2023. The following Roll Call Vote was taken:

MEMBERS:	BANNER	GAZETTE	ABSENT
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	
A.J. Ford, Jr.	x		

The Secretary/Treasurer calculated the votes. Five votes were cast for *The Banner* and three votes were cast for the *Gazette*. **President Abercrombie declared *The Banner* as the official journal for the period of July 1st, 2022 to June 30th, 2023.**

Motion Mr. Bridges, seconded by Mr. Pilgreen for a continuance of the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement (\$13,000 per year) with the LSU Extension Office and to authorize the President to execute any necessary documents. Motion carried unanimously.

The following resolution was offered by **Mr. Pilgreen** and seconded by **Mr. Ramsey**:

RESOLUTION 2022-05

A resolution approving the holding of an election in Sadie-Tiger Bend Fire Protection District of the Parish of Union, State of Louisiana, on Tuesday, November 8, 2022, to authorize the levy of a parcel fee therein.

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Sadie-Tiger Bend Fire Protection District of the Parish of Union, State of Louisiana (the "Governing Authority"), acting as the governing authority of Sadie-Tiger Bend Fire Protection District of the Parish of Union, State of Louisiana (the "District"), adopted a resolution on May 9, 2022, calling a special election in the District on Tuesday, November 8, 2022, to authorize the levy of a parcel fee therein; and

WHEREAS, the governing authority of the District has requested that this Police Jury, acting as the governing authority of the Parish of Union, State of Louisiana, give its consent and authority for the District to hold the aforesaid election, and in the event that the election carries to levy and collect the parcel fee provided for therein; and

WHEREAS, as required by Article VI, Section 15 of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana of 1974, it is now the desire of this Police Jury to approve the holding of said election and in the event that the election carries, to levy and collect the parcel fee provided for therein;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Police Jury of the Parish of Union, State of Louisiana, acting as the governing authority of said Parish, that:

SECTION 1. In compliance with the provisions of Article VI, Section 15 of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana of 1974, and in accordance with the request of the Board of Commissioners of Sadie-Tiger Bend Fire Protection District of the Parish of Union, State of Louisiana, this Police Jury hereby approves the holding of an election in the District, on Tuesday, November 8, 2022, at which election there will be submitted the following proposition, to-wit:

PARCEL FEE PROPOSITION

Shall Sadie-Tiger Bend Fire Protection District of the Parish of Union, State of Louisiana (the "District"), levy and collect annually for a period of ten (10) years, beginning with the year 2023, a fee of Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) on each lot, subdivided portion of ground or individual tract upon which is located, either in whole or in part, a residential or commercial structure, regardless of the structure's being occupied or unoccupied (an estimated \$15,500 reasonably expected at this time to be collected from the levy of the parcel fee for an entire year), for the purpose of acquiring, constructing, maintaining and operating fire protection facilities for the District, including the cost of obtaining water for fire protection purposes and all purposes incidental thereto?

SECTION 2. In the event the election carries, this Police Jury does hereby further consent to and authorize the District to levy and collect the parcel fee provided for therein.

Passed and adopted by the Union Parish Police Jury, Parish of Union, State of Louisiana, on this 7th day of June, 2022, by the following votes:

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			
A.J. Ford, Jr.	x			

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

s/ Brenda Abercrombie
Brenda Abercrombie, President
Union Parish Police Jury

CERTIFICATE

I, Paula Strickland, Secretary-Treasurer of the Union Parish Police Jury, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing constitutes a true and correct copy of a Resolution passed, approved, and adopted by the Union Parish Police Jury on the 7th day of June 2022.

s/ Paula H. Strickland

Paula H. Strickland
Secretary/Treasurer

Recommendations from the Equipment Committee:

Mr. Buckley stated that the Equipment Committee met on May 19th and have one recommendation. **Motion Mr. Buckley to rent a D250 Off-Road Truck in an amount up to \$25,000 from Louisiana Rents. Motion failed due to lack of a second.**

Recommendations from the Personnel Committee:

Mr. Pilgreen stated that the Personnel Committee met earlier and interviewed several applicants for the Section 8 Director position. **Motion Mr. Pilgreen, seconded by Mr. Ramsey to hire Audrey Ewing for the Section 8 Director at a rate of \$16.00 per hour effective June 13, 2022. Motion carried with the following Roll Call 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			
A.J. Ford, Jr.	x			

Motion carried.

Recommendations from the Road Committee:

Mr. Ramsey reported that the Road Committee met earlier and have three recommendations.

Motion Mr. Ramsey, seconded by Mr. Buckley to accept the bid from Dreher Contracting, LLC in the amount of \$892,625 with a concurrent Change Order No. 1 reducing the contract by \$50,025 to \$842,600 for the 2022 Union Parish Police Jury Road Project and authorize the President to execute any necessary documents. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion Mr. Ramsey, seconded by Mr. Pilgreen to authorize the Secretary/Treasurer to advertise for the deletion of Antioch Church Road in its entirety from the Union Parish Road System. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion Mr. Ramsey, seconded by Mr. Buckley to accept the lowest bid in the amount of \$92,250 from Iron Oak Services for the Sheep Foot Roller. Motion carried unanimously.

Recommendations from the Landfill Committee:

Mr. Bridges reported that the Landfill Committee met earlier. The item that was discussed was tabled.

In accordance with Ordinance 549, time for public comment was given. Lynn Ramsey addressed the jury regarding a fund raiser that was held for Sherri Cooper Taylor. Over \$43,000 was raised on her behalf.

Jon McKinnie with the Chamber of Commerce addressed the jury regarding events going on in Union Parish.

There being no further business to come before the Jury, the President declared the meeting adjourned upon motion by Mr. Buckley, seconded by Mr. Nolan on this the 7th day of June, 2022.



**Paula Strickland, Secretary/Treasurer
Union Parish Police Jury**



**Brenda Abercrombie, President
Union Parish Police Jury**