

**ROAD COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MEETING
August 2nd, 2022
5:00 P.M.**

Present: DeWayne Ramsey, Nathan Pilgreen, Andrew Ford, Jr. and Johnny Buckley. Absent: None. Also present: Ben Bridges, Brenda Abercrombie, L.W. Nolan, Lane Rugg, Paul Riley, Laura Hartt, Shannon Futch, Lynn Ramsey, Ceis Nyegaard, Milas Davidson and Justin Echols.

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

Motion Mr. Buckley, seconded by Mr. Pilgreen and declared adopted by unanimous roll call vote to approve the agenda as written:

Motion Mr. Pilgreen and seconded by Mr. Ford to approve the minutes of the June 6th, 2022 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Paul Riley addressed the Road Committee regarding the upcoming FY 2023 LCDBG applications. This year the LCDBG project will consist of a Road Project. The maximum grant amount for Union Parish will be \$800,000. Applications will be accepted for single purpose grants for asphalt construction. Mr. Riley stated whatever project is chosen will have to meet the low income requirements for the residents that live on that road. **Motion Mr. Buckley, seconded by Mr. Pilgreen to recommend to the full jury to hire the firms of Riley Company Engineers and David M. Hartt, CPA for Engineering and Project Management for the FY 2023 LCDBG application and authorize the President to execute any necessary documents. Motion carried unanimously.**

Mr. Rugg, Road Superintendent, addressed the Committee regarding the need for a front-end loader. Mr. Rugg provided quotes to the committee from Scott Equipment and Louisiana Cat. Both machines quoted are on state contract. **Motion Mr. Pilgreen, seconded by Mr. Ford to recommend to the full jury to purchase a 2022 Volvo Front-End Loader from Scott Equipment in the amount of \$210,750.00 from state contract. Motion carried unanimously.**

Mr. Rugg also provided a quote from Scott Equipment in the amount of \$247,560 for a motor grader. There was some discussion regarding leasing versus purchasing. Mr. Rugg was asked to gather more information regarding a motor grader. **Motion Mr. Pilgreen, seconded by Mr. Buckley to table the motor grader discussion. Motion carried unanimously.**

Motion Mr. Buckley, seconded by Mr. Pilgreen to recommend to the full jury to assist the Town of Bernice with street repairs with the jury providing labor and the Town of Bernice providing the materials. The work will be performed as time permits. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion Mr. Pilgreen, seconded by Mr. Ford to recommend to the full jury to repair Mattie Roan Road and Tony Sawyer Road in an amount up to \$17,000. This amount will be taken out of the Road Maintenance fund. Motion carried unanimously.

There being no more business to come before the committee, Mr. Ramsey declared the meeting adjourned upon motion by Mr. Buckley and duly seconded by Mr. Ford on this the 2nd day of August, 2022.

DeWayne Ramsey, Chairman
Paula Strickland, Secretary/Treasurer