

**ROAD COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MEETING
October 4th, 2022
5:00 P.M.**

Present: DeWayne Ramsey, Nathan Pilgreen, Andrew Ford, Jr. and Johnny Buckley. Absent: None. Also present: Paul Riley, Lane Rugg, Brenda Abercrombie, L.W. Nolan, Bernie Nolan, Ceis Nyegaard, Tammy Ramsey and Lynn Ramsey.

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

Motion Mr. Pilgreen, seconded by Mr. Buckley 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 September 6th, 2022 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Johnny Dollar was on the agenda to discuss Buffalo Landing Road, but he was unable to attend. **No action taken on this matter.**

Paul Riley, Riley Company, addressed the jury regarding the LCDBG application. The LCDBG applications are due November 20th, 2022. It is critical that the jury pick a road/roads to submit. The grant is up to \$800,000 and can be spread out over multiple roads. Mr. Riley has spent several hours ascertaining which roads meet the income qualifications and are in desperate need of repair. The perfect scenario would be a densely populated area with low to moderate income and a road that is not in good shape. Mr. Riley stated that there are two areas which would fit these criteria. The first area is in Mrs. Abercrombie's district and those roads are River Road and a small road off of it called Short Road. The second area is in Mr. Pilgreen's district and those roads are Water Tank Road and McElroy Road. **Motion Mr. Pilgreen, seconded by Mr. Ford to recommend to the full jury to authorize Riley Company to move forward with the LCDBG application for River Road, Short Road, Water Tank Road and McLemore Road and authorize the President to execute any necessary documents. Motion carried unanimously.**

Motion Mr. Buckley, seconded by Mr. Pilgreen to recommend to the full jury to approve the final change order for the 2022 Union Parish Police Jury Road Program and authorize the President to execute any necessary documents. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion Mr. Pilgreen, seconded by Mr. Ford to recommend to the full jury to issue a letter of Substantial Completion for the 2022 Union Parish Police Jury Road Program and authorize the President to execute any necessary documents. Motion carried unanimously.

A brief discussion was held regarding the 2015 Kubota Tractor with Tiger Side Mower. The equipment was destroyed by fire on September 9th at approximately 11:15 AM. Mr. Rugg was tasked with finding a replacement and after extensive research he is recommending a New Holland Power Star Tractor with a Woods Cutter. The Secretary/Treasurer stated that the

insurance proceeds will cover most of the purchase. The insurance company is waiting on a replacement cost to issue a check. **Motion Mr. Pilgreen, seconded by Mr. Buckley to recommend to the full jury to authorize the Secretary/Treasurer to purchase a New Holland Power Star 75 Tractor in the amount of \$61,900 from South Ark Equipment off state contract and a Woods BW 10.51 Cutter in the amount of \$25,250 from South Ark Equipment off state contract. Motion carried unanimously.**

A brief discussion was held concerning the LGAP application for 2022/2023. Mr. Rugg is recommending that the jury apply for a New Holland Power Star Tractor with a Woods Cutter. **Motion Mr. Pilgreen, seconded by Mr. Ford to recommend to the full jury to authorize the Secretary/Treasurer to complete the LGAP application for 2022/2023 and apply for a New Holland Power Star Tractor with a Woods Cutter. Motion carried unanimously.**

A brief discussion was held concerning the two (2) 2023 Mack Dump Trucks that were previously leased through Bruckner's. There was an issue with the lease agreement and it had to be terminated. The Secretary/Treasurer has been working with Traci from Bruckner's to find alternative financing. Traci has found a lender who would agree to a lease agreement. There was some confusion before with the previous lender regarding the lease agreement. The Secretary/Treasurer reported that Trevor Fry, Gold Weems Law Firm and James Buckley, ADA have reviewed the proposed lease. Mr. Fry suggested a couple of changes and the lender has agreed with those changes. **Motion Mr. Buckley, seconded by Mr. Pilgreen to recommend to the full jury to enter into a lease agreement with Lease Servicing Center, Inc. dba NCL Government Capital for two (2) 2023 Mack Dump Trucks in the amount of \$4,498.08 per month and authorize the President to execute any necessary documents. 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. Pilgreen on this the 4th day of October, 2022.

DeWayne Ramsey, Chairman
Paula Strickland, Secretary/Treasurer