

**ROAD COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MEETING
November 1st, 2022
4:00 P.M.**

Present: DeWayne Ramsey, Nathan Pilgreen, Andrew Ford, Jr. and Johnny Buckley. Absent: None. Also present: Lane Rugg, Brenda Abercrombie, L.W. Nolan, Ceis Nyegaard, Tim Hicks, Ronnie Jones, Mike Jones, Lannie Parker, Sheriff Dusty Gates, Deputy James Fuller and Lynn Ramsey.

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

Motion Mr. Pilgreen, seconded by Mr. Ford and declared adopted by unanimous roll call vote to approve the agenda with the following addition:

- **Discuss and make recommendations, if necessary, regarding the request from the Town of Marion**

Motion Mr. Buckley and seconded by Mr. Pilgreen to approve the minutes of the October 4th, 2022 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

A lengthy discussion was held regarding the gate that Mr. Dollar has put up on Buffalo Landing Road. Several concerned citizens were in attendance regarding why Mr. Dollar was able to put up a gate on a parish road. Tim Hicks spoke in opposition to the Buffalo Landing Road being gated. Mr. Hicks said this is a scenic water way and it is not right that the public be denied access.

Lanny Parker, Former Police Juror for District 2, said that the jury had put several thousand dollars of money into Buffalo Landing Road when he was a juror. Mr. Parker stated that if the road were to be closed then the amount of money that was spent would be wasted. Mr. Parker further stated that Buffalo Landing is a land mark and should not be gated.

Ronnie Jones addressed the Committee. Mr. Jones stated that he owns both side of the road going into the landing at Ouachita City. Mr. Jones asked if these other landings could be closed then why couldn't he close the landing at Ouachita City.

Mrs. Abercrombie addressed the Committee and stated that Mr. Dollar has repeatedly asked if the parish has found out if Buffalo Landing Road was a parish road. Mr. Nyegaard stated that when he worked for the jury it was graded and considered a parish road. Mr. Rugg, Union Parish Road Superintendent, stated that the road has been maintained each year.

Motion Mr. Pilgreen, seconded by Mr. Buckley to recommend to the full jury to send a demand letter to Mr. Dollar to remove the gate blocking access to Buffalo Landing within thirty (30) days or the Police Jury will remove the gate at the owner's expense. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion Mr. Pilgreen, seconded by Mr. Ford to recommend to the full jury to furnish a load of cold mix to the Town of Marion with the Town of Marion reimbursing the Parish for the cost of the mix. Motion carried unanimously.

There being no more business to come before the committee, Mr. Ramsey declared the meeting adjourned upon motion by Mr. Pilgreen and duly seconded by Mr. Buckley on this the 1st day of November, 2022.

DeWayne Ramsey, Chairman
Paula Strickland, Secretary/Treasurer