

**ROAD COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MEETING
March 7th, 2023
2:00 P.M.**

Present: Ceis Nyegaard, Johnny Buckley, DeWayne Ramsey and Curtis Moses. Absent: None. Also present: Ben Bridges, Nathan Pilgreen, L.W. Nolan, Brenda Abercrombie, Tommy Durrett, Paul Riley, Greg Gossler, Mr. Hill, Mike Holley, Johnny Creed, Tammy Ramsey and Lynn Ramsey.

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

Motion Mr. Buckley, seconded by Mr. Ramsey and declared adopted by unanimous roll call vote to approve the agenda with the following item:

3A Discuss and make recommendations, if necessary, regarding the hiring of Laura Hartt for the Scotts Hideaway Mitigation Project.

Motion Mr. Buckley, seconded by Mr. Ramsey to approve the minutes of the February 7th, 2023 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion Mr. Buckley, seconded by Mr. Ramsey to recommend to the full jury to hire Laura Hartt to assist with Project Management Services for the Scott's Hideaway Hazard Mitigation Project. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion Mr. Ramsey, seconded by Mr. Buckley to recommend to the full jury to enter into an agreement with Hiperweb Software in the amount of \$12,700 for the first year and \$6,700 for every year thereafter and authorize the Secretary/Treasurer to execute the agreement. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion Mr. Moses, seconded by Mr. Ramsey to recommend to the full jury to assist with work in the Village of Junction City (302 South Pecan Street, 303 South Main & 6th Street and 411 East 6th Street) with the Village of Junction City paying for the cost of materials. Work will be performed as time allows. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion Mr. Buckley, seconded by Mr. Ramsey to recommend to the full jury to enact a 35 MPH speed limit on Scotts Hideaway Road in its entirety. Motion carried unanimously.

A lengthy discussion was held regarding the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement for the FLAP program. The CEA pertains to the Alabama Landing Project. The CEA does include language regarding a thirty (30) day reimbursement turn-around. Mrs. Abercrombie expressed concerns regarding the potential flooding of the road and what would happen if it flooded. Mrs. Abercrombie also expressed reservations regarding the future of the Union Parish Police Jury Road Program. Mr. Pilgreen stated that this is a 3.1-million-dollar project. The project is a federal project. There is no match for the jury. **Motion Mr. Ramsey, seconded by Mr. Buckley to recommend to the full jury to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement**

between the Federal Lands Access Program and the Union Parish Police Jury and authorize the President to execute any necessary documents pending attorney review. Motion failed with the following Roll Call vote:

Curtis Moses	No
Johnny Buckley	Yes
DeWayne Ramsey	Yes
Ceis Nyegaard	No

The Secretary/Treasurer calculated the votes and stated that the motion failed with a vote of 2 to 2. Further discussion was held regarding reimbursement requests. The Secretary/Treasurer reported that there are ARPA funds available to fund the project pending the reimbursement request.

Motion Mr. Ramsey, seconded by Mr. Buckley to recommend to the full jury to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between the Federal Lands Access Program and the Union Parish Police Jury and authorize the President to execute any necessary documents pending attorney review. Motion carried with the following Roll Call vote:

Curtis Moses	Yes
Johnny Buckley	Yes
DeWayne Ramsey	Yes
Ceis Nyegaard	Yes

Motion Mr. Buckley, seconded by Mr. Ramsey to recommend to the full jury to approve the hiring of Riley Company for the Alabama Landing Road FLAP Project and authorize the President to execute any necessary documents. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion Mr. Buckley, seconded by Mr. Ramsey to recommend to the full jury to hire Riley Company for the 2023 Union Parish Police Jury Road Program and authorize the President to execute any necessary documents. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion Mr. Buckley, seconded by Mr. Moses to recommend to the full jury to authorize legal counsel to submit for an Attorney General Opinion on what constitutes routine road maintenance. Motion carried unanimously.

There being no more business to come before the committee, Mr. Nyegaard declared the meeting adjourned upon motion by Mr. Buckley and duly seconded by Mr. Ramsey on this the 7th day of March, 2023.

Ceis Nyegaard, Chairman
Paula Strickland, Secretary/Treasurer