

**ROAD COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MEETING
July 11th, 2023
3:30 P.M.**

Present: Ceis Nyegaard, Johnny Buckley, DeWayne Ramsey and Curtis Moses. Absent: None.
Also present: Ben Bridges, L.W. Nolan, A.J. Ford, Jr., Brenda Abercrombie, Danielle Harkins (Banner), Luke Britt (Gazette), Paul Riley, Russell Wade, Jerry Taylor, Tim Hicks, Tommy Durrett, George Cothran, Tammy Ramsey, Lynn Ramsey, Judy Auger and Johnny Creed.

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

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

Motion Mr. Ramsey, seconded by Mr. Moses to approve the minutes of the May 2nd, 2023 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Paul Riley gave a brief update on the Scotts Hideaway Road Hazard Mitigation Grant. The project is moving forward. A new BCA (Benefit Cost Analysis) has been done which allowed an increase in funding. This is an elevation project. **No action taken.**

Paul Riley addressed the Committee regarding future and past road programs. Mr. Riley stated that there are several different ways to build roads. There are economical ways such as the chip and seal program. Mr. Riley addressed the Scotts Hideaway Road bleeding issue. The contractor is going to come back and spread more rock. **No action taken.**

A brief discussion was held regarding repairs on Burma Road. Mr. Durrett stated that this is a major culvert replacement project and it will have to be bid out. **No action taken.**

Motion Mr. Ramsey, seconded by Mr. Buckley to recommend to the full jury a 25 MPH speed limit on Denton Road. The 25 MPH will be in the residential areas only. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion Mr. Buckley, seconded by Mr. Moses to recommend to the full jury to assist the Town of Bernice with the replacement of a culvert on 1st Street. The Town of Bernice will pay for the cost of the materials and the work will be performed as time allows. Motion carried unanimously.

A brief discussion was held on the Attorney General opinion which was received on June 28th, 2023. The opinion specifically addresses whether the Police Jury can pass an ordinance setting forth specific standards for what constitutes the public effort to satisfy the kept up, maintained or worked requirement of La.R.S. 48:491(B)(1)(a). The Secretary/Treasurer stated that at some point the jury may want to enact a Road Policy. **No action taken.**

In accordance with Ordinance 549, time for public comment was given.

Jerry Taylor, 303 Miller Street, Farmerville, addressed the Committee regarding Dale Love Road.

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. Moses on this the 11th day of July, 2023.

Ceis Nyegaard, Chairman
Paula Strickland, Secretary/Treasurer