

**ROAD COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MEETING
August 1st, 2023
4:45 P.M.**

Present: Ceis Nyegaard, Johnny Buckley, DeWayne Ramsey and Curtis Moses. Absent: None.
Also present: Ben Bridges, Nathan Pilgreen, L.W. Nolan, A.J. Ford, Brenda Abercrombie, Tommy Durrett, Bernie Nolan, Tammy Ramsey, Lynn Ramsey, Judy Auger, Shane Abercrombie, Brooke Abercrombie, Amanda White, Tim/Mary Beth Biron and Johnny Creed.

Mr. Nyegaard called the meeting to order. Mr. Moses 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. Moses, seconded by Mr. Ramsey to approve the minutes of the July 11th, 2023 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

The Secretary/Treasurer reported that bids for the 2023 Union Parish Police Jury Road Program were opened on July 20th, 2023. There was only one (1) bid received from Dreher Contracting, LLC. Dreher submitted a bid in the amount of \$830,347.00. The Roads for the 2023 Union Parish Police Jury Road Program will consist of the following:

- **Patrick Church Road 2.9 miles**
- **Chapman Road 4.1 miles**
- **Garland Gin Road 0.4 miles**

Motion Mr. Buckley, seconded by Mr. Ramsey to recommend to the full jury to accept the only bid from Dreher Contracting, LLC in the amount of \$830,347.00 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 authorize the Secretary/Treasurer to advertise for a partial road deletion of Haile Loop Road. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion Mr. Buckley, seconded by Mr. Ramsey to recommend to the full jury to authorize the annexation of the following property to the Town of Farmerville:

- **Portion of Hudson Road, southeast of the VFW property further described as the following:
All of the Hudson Road ROW from the intersection of the North ROW of LA Highway 828
and Hudson Road N 62°40'49: E 200 feet, Union Parish, Louisiana.**

Motion carried unanimously.

A brief discussion was held regarding the purchase of a side boom cutter in District 2. Mr. Durrett presented two quotes from Bayou Kubota for a side boom cutter. **Motion Mr. Buckley, seconded by Mr. Moses to recommend to the full jury to purchase a boom and dipper in an amount up to \$20,000 from Bayou Kubota. Motion carried unanimously.**

Ronald Meredith submitted an email to the Secretary/Treasurer requesting the following:

“To bring relevance back to the issue of the Rocky Branch Road flooding for the approximately 1.2 miles between Rocky Branch and Point. I am asking for the Parish to fund a new engineering study and a subsequent new cost estimate to improve the road from flooding. The new formal cost estimate will be used to lobby state and federal funds for the much-needed project.”

Mr. Ramsey stated that funds are being spent on a much-needed bush hog and should not be spent for funding a study. **Motion Mr. Buckley, seconded by Mr. Ramsey to table the discussion of the Rocky Branch Road. Motion carried unanimously.**

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

Tim Biron, 740 Spring Lake Road, Farmerville, addressed the Committee regarding the resurfacing of Scott's Hideaway Road.

There being no more business to come before the committee, Mr. Nyegaard declared the meeting adjourned upon motion by Mr. Ramsey and duly seconded by Mr. Moses on this the 1st day of August, 2023.

Ceis Nyegaard, Chairman
Paula Strickland, Secretary/Treasurer