

**ROAD COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MEETING
November 7th, 2023
4:00 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, Chris Strickland, Mike Holley, Glenn Hutto, Russell Wade, Danielle Harkins (*Banner*) and Luke Britt (*Gazette*).

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

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

Motion Mr. Moses, seconded by Mr. Buckley to approve the minutes of the August 22nd, 2023 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Paul Riley addressed the Committee regarding Burma Road. Burma Road is located in District 5 and leads to the lake. It crosses two ravines. There are several homes located on this road. The road needs two (2) cross drains replaced. Both of the cross drains have caused half of the road to be washed out and it is not safe for travel. The current condition of the road poses an imminent risk of injury to any person traveling over it, and failure to repair the road expediently poses a risk of a complete washout.

Mr. Riley has been soliciting bids to repair the road. Mr. Riley thinks he has finally found someone willing to quote on this project. Mr. Riley is proposing to hire a HydroVac to clean out the culvert and run a camera through the culvert. By doing this, it would show Mr. Riley how he needed to proceed. **No action taken.**

Motion Mr. Buckley, seconded by Mr. Ramsey to recommend to the full jury to approve the final change order decrease 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. Ramsey to recommend to the full jury to issue a letter of Substantial Completion for the 2023 Union Parish Police Jury Road Program and authorize the President to execute any necessary documents. Motion carried unanimously.

The Secretary/Treasurer reported that an insurance claim was submitted by Thomas Butler in March 2023 for rim and tire damage. The claim stated that Mr. Butler was driving 5 MPH on Moshack Road when he hit a pothole. Mr. Butler stated that when he hit the pothole, it busted his tire and bent his rim. Gallagher Bassett denied his claim on June 15th, 2023. **No action taken.**

The Public Works Director presented a quote from Asphalt Zipper for a cutter in the amount of \$28,885.22. Mr. Durrett stated that he was only requesting a cutter and not the actual machine.

Mr. Durrett further stated that he would also price a new machine if the jury would like to purchase a new machine. **No action taken.**

Mr. Durrett presented a cost estimate for the 2024 Union Parish Police Jury Road Program of \$1,126,937.00. The estimate provides for options of different shots, primer oil and culverts if needed. The actual roads that will be included in the program will be decided at a later date. **No action taken.**

In accordance with Ordinance 549, time for public comment was given. No public comments were made.

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. Buckley on this the 7th day of November, 2023.

Ceis Nyegaard, Chairman
Paula Strickland, Secretary/Treasurer