

**EQUIPMENT COMMITTEE  
MINUTES OF MEETING  
January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2024  
5:30 P.M.**

Present: A.J. Ford, Jr., Nathan Pilgreen, Russell Wade and Mike Holley. Absent: None. Also present: Ben Bridges, Curtis Moses, Glenn Hutto, Jeremy Hobbs, Brenda Abercrombie, Tommy Durrett, Danielle Harkins, Chris Strickland, Johnny Creed, Lawrence Hill, Jack Hill and Lynn Ramsey.

Mr. Ford called the meeting to order. Mr. Wade led the group in prayer.

**Motion Mr. Pilgreen, seconded by Mr. Wade and declared adopted by unanimous roll call vote of the Committee to approve the agenda as written.**

**Motion Mr. Pilgreen, seconded by Mr. Holley and declared adopted by unanimous vote to approve the minutes of the December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.**

A lengthy discussion was held regarding the following equipment purchases:

**Roll Off Containers/Trailer**

Mr. Durrett provided proposals from Nuttall Trailers, Texas Pride Trailers and Hurricane Trailer Sales. Mr. Durrett also provided quotes regarding roll off containers. **Motion Mr. Pilgreen, seconded by Mr. Wade to table the discussion of the roll off containers and trailer. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Asphalt Zipper**

Mr. Durrett provided a quote for the Asphalt Zipper. The total cost for the machine is \$341,805.00. The company is allowing a trade in allowance (machine must be declared as surplus) of \$75,000 which would make the 2023 model \$256,810. Union Parish could piggy back off of East Carroll Parish Police Jury to purchase.

Mr. Durrett stated that the old Zipper is not worth keeping. There are several fracture cracks in the system. There is an option to put a new drum in. The radiator has been flushed and new hoses have been installed. The delivery of the new machine would be four (4) months out. Before a decision can be made, committee members Wade, Holley and Pilgreen would like to look at the old zipper to determine if it can be repaired.

**Motion Mr. Pilgreen, seconded by Mr. Wade to table the discussion of the zipper until Wade, Holley and Pilgreen can inspect the old zipper. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Excavator**

Mr. Durrett provided quotes for an Excavator. **Motion Mr. Wade, seconded by Mr. Pilgreen to recommend to the full jury to purchase an Excavator (KX080-4S2R3A) from Bayou Kubota in the amount of \$118,972.00. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Low Boy Trailer**

Mr. Durrett has contacted a couple of dealers for a quote on the low boy trailer. Mr. Durrett is waiting on a quote from Enviro Services and a company out of Texas. **Motion Mr. Pilgreen, seconded by Mr. Holley to table the discussion of the Low Boy Trailer. Motion carried unanimously.**

The Secretary/Treasurer informed the Committee that it is time to apply for the Louisiana Governmental Assistance Program (LGAP). A brief discussion was held regarding what kind of equipment the jury should apply for. Mr. Durrett was asked to get a quote on a tractor with side mower. Motion Mr. Pilgreen, seconded by Mr. Wade to table the discussion. Motion carried unanimously.

**There being no further business to come before the committee, Mr. Ford declared the meeting adjourned upon motion by Mr. Pilgreen and duly seconded by Mr. Wade on this the 25<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2024.**

**A.J. Ford, Jr., Chairman  
Paula Strickland, Secretary-Treasurer**