

**ROAD COMMITTEE  
MINUTES OF MEETING  
February 21<sup>st</sup>, 2024  
5:00 P.M.**

Present: Mike Holley, Jeremy Hobbs, Russell Wade and Nathan Pilgreen. Absent: None.  
Also present: Curtis Moses, Glenn Hutto, Ben Bridges, Brenda Abercrombie, Andrew Ford, JR., Alan Ates, Lynde Scarborough, Ethan Williams, Chris Strickland, Fred Franklin, Zane Matthews, Danielle Harkins, Shane Abercrombie and Johnny Creed.

Mr. Holley called the meeting to order. Mr. Pilgreen led the group in prayer.

There was no public comment on agenda items.

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

**Motion Mr. Wade, seconded by Mr. Pilgreen to approve the minutes of the January 29<sup>th</sup>, 2024 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.**

A lengthy discussion was held regarding the fiber being laid by EPC on behalf of Conexon. The cable is being laid in the parish right-of-ways. The cable is currently being laid in four districts. Mr. Bridges addressed the committee and said that he was contacted by the Point Wilhite Water System with concerns regarding the way the fiber was being laid. EPC plowed the poly pipe down the edge of the traffic lane on the entire Rocky Branch Road. EPC did not obtain a right-of-way permit before doing this. They did not attempt to place the pipe on the black slope or in the ditch. EPC has already laid several miles of fiber and has not asked the jury for any input.

**Motion Mr. Wade, seconded by Mr. Pilgreen to recommend to the full jury that a permit will be issued for each parish road EPC is laying fiber on, a \$10,000 bond per mile where the fiber is being laid in the parish right-of-way, any lines laid prior must be removed by August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2025 if they don't meet the requirements of the parish permit and a one year warranty period before bond can be released. Motion carried unanimously.**

A brief discussion was held regarding contracting for side boom cutting. **Motion Mr. Hobbs, seconded by Mr. Pilgreen to table this discussion until a later date. Motion carried unanimously.**

A brief discussion was held regarding the request from the Village of Spearsville regarding Cole Street. **Motion Mr. Wade, seconded by Mr. Pilgreen to recommend to the full jury to assist with the repairs to Cole Street as time permits and with the Village of Spearsville paying for the materials. Motion carried unanimously.**

A brief discussion was held regarding the rock needed for the rock program. Mr. Ates has provided a list of what he needs to complete the program.

600 tons of 67 rock  
1,285 tons of C3  
2,072 tons of 57 rock

**Motion Mr. Pilgreen, seconded by Mr. Wade to recommend to the full jury to spend an amount up to \$275,000 to purchase rock for the 2024 Road Program. Motion carried unanimously.**

A lengthy discussion was held regarding Buffalo Landing Road. Mr. Hobbs has not looked at the road and the gate. Mr. Hobbs would like time to drive the road and view where the gate is. **A motion was made by Mr. Pilgreen to take down the gate, but failed for lack of a second. Motion Mr. Hobbs, seconded by Mr. Wade to table the discussion of the gate.**

<b>Vote to table</b>	<b>No to table</b>
<b>Hobbs</b>	<b>Pilgreen</b>
<b>Wade</b>	<b>Holley</b>

**No action taken.**

**There being no more business to come before the committee, Mr. Holley declared the meeting adjourned upon motion by Mr. Pilgreen and duly seconded by Mr. Wade on this the 21<sup>st</sup> day of February, 2024.**

Mike Holley, Chairman  
Paula Strickland, Secretary/Treasurer