

**EQUIPMENT COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MEETING
February 6th, 2024
5:00 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, Justin Echols, Johnny Creed, Lawrence Hill and George Cothran.

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

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

Motion Mr. Holley, seconded by Mr. Wade and declared adopted by unanimous vote to approve the minutes of the January 25th, 2024 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

A lengthy discussion was held regarding the following equipment purchases:

Asphalt Zipper

Mr. Durrett previously provided a quote for the Asphalt Zipper. Mr. Pilgreen, Mr. Wade and Mr. Holley looked at the zipper and saw no major damage. Mr. Holley stated that he did not see where the old machine could not be fixed. Mr. Pilgreen spoke with Buck Shot Benson who welded the zipper and Mr. Benson said it would last a long time. Mr. Durrett was asked if he had any comments and he declined. **Motion Mr. Pilgreen, seconded by Mr. Holley to not purchase the Asphalt Zipper. Motion carried with the following vote:**

NOT PURCHASE ZIPPER
Pilgreen
Wade
Holley

PURCHASE ZIPPER
Ford

Motion carried 3 to 1 to not purchase the Asphalt Zipper. Motion did not come out of committee.

Roll Off Containers

Mr. Durrett stated that he has tried to get quotes from different companies and has not received any. Mr. Bridges stated that due to his workload he has been unable to research the proposals that he was already provided. **Motion Mr. Pilgreen, seconded by Mr. Wade to table the discussion of the roll off containers and trailer. Motion carried unanimously.**

Low Boy Trailer

Mr. Durrett provided two quotes from Enviro Services.

- Enviro quoted on a Viking Lowboy in the amount of \$60,112
- Enviro quoted on a 50 ton Triaxle Low Boy in the amount of \$79,695

Mr. Holley stated that he looked at the old low boy and neither he nor Mr. Wade could find anything wrong with it. Mr. Durrett stated that the original plan was to keep the old low boy trailer. He would like to get a new one so the department will have two trailers.

Motion Mr. Wade, seconded by Mr. Holley to not purchase a Low Boy Trailer.

Motion carried unanimously. Motion did not come out of committee.

Motion Mr. Pilgreen, seconded by Mr. Wade to recommend to the full Jury that the Jury apply for the Local Government Assistance Program (LGAP) grant through the State of Louisiana and authorize the Secretary/Treasurer and/or President to execute all necessary documents. Any monies received will be used to purchase a John Deere 6110M Cab Tractor (\$108,341.91) and a Diamond Mower (\$78,983.32).

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 6th day of February, 2024.

A.J. Ford, Jr., Chairman

Paula Strickland, Secretary-Treasurer