

**EQUIPMENT COMMITTEE  
MINUTES OF MEETING  
March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024  
3:30 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, Chris Strickland, Danielle Harkins and Brandon Norris.

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

**Motion Mr. Holley, seconded by Mr. Pilgreen 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 February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2024 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.**

A brief discussion was held regarding the purchase of a John Deere 6000 series tractor and diamond cutter. Mr. Bridges stated that the John Deere tractor is at Covington waiting for the cutter. The tractor has been at Covington for several months.

Mr. Bridges met with Ted White (Goldman Equipment) at the Police Jury conference. Goldman has a 6000 series tractor and a Diamond Cutter on their lot. There is a 6105E tractor with a Diamond Cutter in West Monroe on state contract.

If possible, Mr. Bridges would like to get the John Deere tractor from Covington and use a “pull behind” grader. The Secretary/Treasurer was asked to see if the cutter order from Covington could be canceled. The Secretary/Treasurer was also asked to see if the LGAP funds could be used for a different piece of equipment. **Motion Mr. Wade, seconded by Mr. Holley to table the discussion until the requested information could be obtained. Motion carried unanimously.**

The Secretary/Treasurer reported that the Kubota Excavator trenching bucket had been ordered.

**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. Holley on this the 5<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2024.**

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