

**EQUIPMENT COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MEETING
June 4th, 2024
5:00 P.M.**

Present: A.J. Ford, Jr., Nathan Pilgreen, Russell Wade and Mike Holley. Absent: None. Also present: Ben Bridges, Brenda Abercrombie and Danielle Harkins.

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

There were no public comments on agenda items.

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. Wade, seconded by Mr. Pilgreen and declared adopted by unanimous vote to approve the minutes of the May 7th, 2024 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Tandem Axle Trucks

A discussion was held regarding the bids received for the tandem axle trucks. The Secretary/Treasurer reported that sealed bids were opened this morning at 10:00 AM. Three bids were received.

Bruckner's \$283,172.00

No dump bed – truck only
Dealer license included as specified

Old River \$310,980.00

No dump bed – truck only
Dealer license included as specified

Kenworth of Louisiana, LLC \$345,478.00

Dump bed included
No dealer license

Mr. Lewis Jones was consulted and the Kenworth of Louisiana bid was disqualified because of the lack of a dealer license. A valid Louisiana dealer license was specified in the Notice to Bidders.

Motion Mr. Pilgreen, seconded by Mr. Holley to recommend to the full jury to accept the lowest bid from Bruckner's for two (2) tandem axle trucks in the amount of \$283,172.00 and authorize the President to execute any necessary documents. Motion carried unanimously.

Enterprise Trucks

The Secretary/Treasurer reported that two (2) F-150 4 x 4 crew cab trucks were received from Enterprise Fleet Management. Mr. Ates said he has no use for these trucks. There are two (2) other F-150 trucks that have a significant amount of equity built up. The Secretary/Treasurer is requesting to send those trucks back and sell. The equity from those trucks will be put back in the Union Parish Police Jury budget. The two (2) new F150's would be used for the Road Department. **Motion Mr. Wade, seconded by Mr. Pilgreen to recommend to the full jury to contact Enterprise Fleet Management and begin the process of selling two (2) F-150 trucks. Motion carried unanimously.**

Cutter

The Secretary/Treasurer reported that six (6) quotes were received for cutters.

Goldman	Bush Hog 3810 HD Flex Wing	\$24,316.50
Goldman	Bush Hog 2810 Flex Wing	\$22,045.40
Goldman	John Deere FC 10R Flex Wing	\$23,845.38
WT Equip	Woods Cutter BW 10.52	\$25,250.00
Allegiance Ag&Turf	Woods Cutter BW 13.71	\$25,361.70
Allegiance Ag&Turf	BW ST-120 Single Chain	\$21,828.11

Mr. Holley recommended purchasing the Bush Hog 3810 HD Flex Wing due to the ten (10) year warranty and it has a heavier axle. The Bush Hog 3810 is on state contract and readily available.

Motion Mr. Holley, seconded by Mr. Pilgreen to recommend to the full jury to accept the quote from Goldman Equipment for one (1) Bush Hog 3810 HD Flex Wing cutter in the amount of \$24,316.50. The cutter is on state contract. Motion carried unanimously.

A brief discussion was held regarding grader blades. One quote was received for the grader blades. The grader blades are a specialty item and not made by any other company. Seal Bilt, LLC provided a quote for the following:

8-foot Heavy Duty Hydraulic Adjustable GRADE MAX Grader with a Fixed Top Hitch
\$5,500

9-foot Heavy Duty Hydraulic Adjustable GRADE MAX Grader with a Fixed Top Hitch
\$6,250

10-foot Heavy Duty Hydraulic Adjustable GRADE MAX Grader with a Fixed Top Hitch
\$6,500

Heavy Duty for Extreme Duty Upgrade
\$1,200

Rear Blade Attachment for 8-foot grader only
Heavy Duty Manual Adjustable Rear Blade Attachment
\$1,890

Hydraulic/Manual Adjustable Rear Blade Attachment
\$2,250

Motion Mr. Pilgreen, seconded by Mr. Wade to recommend to the full jury to accept the only quote from Seal Bilt, LLC for 3 eight (8) foot heavy duty, hydraulic adjustable, grade max grader blades with attachments; blades cost \$5,500 per blade and attachments cost \$3,090. Motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business to come before the committee, Mr. Ford declared the meeting adjourned upon motion by Mr. Holley and duly seconded by Mr. Wade on this the 4th day of June, 2024.

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