

**ROAD COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MEETING
June 4th, 2024
5:15 P.M.**

Present: Mike Holley, Russell Wade and Nathan Pilgreen. Absent: Jeremy Hobbs.
Also present: Curtis Moses, Ben Bridges, Brenda Abercrombie, Danielle Harkins, Lewis Jones and Johnny Creed.

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

There were no public comments on agenda items.

Motion Mr. Pilgreen, seconded by Mr. Wade to amend the agenda as follows:

#9 Discuss the purchase of a used 6-yard dump truck

Motion Mr. Pilgreen, seconded by Mr. Wade and declared adopted by unanimous vote of the Committee to approve the agenda as amended above.

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

Mr. Bridges addressed the Committee regarding a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with Claiborne Parish. The Cooperative Endeavor Agreement will allow Claiborne/Union to utilize equipment, materials and manpower interchangeable between the parishes for the purpose of road maintenance. The jury previously voted to enter into this agreement in 2022. Claiborne Parish discussed and voted on it in 2022. Claiborne Parish instructed their Road Superintendent, Tommy Durrett, to work out the details. Shortly thereafter Mr. Durrett left Claiborne Parish and came to work for Union Parish. Mr. Bridges stated that Claiborne Parish has a Road Committee meeting tomorrow at 9:00 AM and a regular meeting at 10:00 AM. Mr. Bridges further stated that he would like to attend those meetings to discuss the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement once again.

Motion Mr. Pilgreen, seconded by Mr. Wade to recommend to the full jury to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with Claiborne Parish to utilize equipment, materials and manpower interchangeably between parishes for the purpose of road maintenance. Motion carried unanimously.

A brief discussion was held on AC10 – petroleum-based asphalt. Mr. Holley explained what the material is and how much of an improvement it will be for the roads. **No action taken.**

A discussion was held on Buffalo Landing Road. Mr. Pilgreen addressed the committee and stated that there are two (2) gates on Buffalo Landing Road. Gate one (1) is closest to the water and has been closed for a considerable length of time. Gate two (2) has been up for a considerable length of time, but has not been closed. The gate is now closed and is blocking

access to that road. Mr. Pilgreen further stated that between the two (2) gates there have been culverts installed, pit run/rock put down and the road has been graded/bladed. Mr. Pilgreen said the parish has records that reflect that.

Mr. Jones addressed Mr. Pilgreen and stated that he was under the impression that this issue had already been discussed and addressed. Mr. Jones further stated that he was aware of the two (2) gates because both gates were up when he toured the area. Mr. Jones inquired as to what proof the parish has regarding that the work has been done. Mr. Pilgreen stated that the work orders had generalized statements saying the work had been done.

Mr. Jones further stated that he does not think the parish has enough proof that the road has been adequately maintained for three (3) years sufficient to make it a public road. Mr. Jones does not think there are sufficient records to prove in court that it is a public road. A court will want to know how much maintenance has been done. "Token maintenance" is unacceptable. **No action taken.**

There was no update from the Interim Road Superintendent. He was removing trees from the roadways.

Motion Mr. Wade, seconded by Mr. Pilgreen to recommend to the full jury to authorize the Secretary/Treasurer to solicit bids for a six (6) yard used dump truck with a maximum mileage of 200,000 miles. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Mike Holley, Chairman
Paula Strickland, Secretary/Treasurer