

REGULAR MEETING UNION PARISH POLICE JURY

Farmerville, Louisiana
September 3rd, 2024

The Union Parish Police Jury met this date in regular session in the Police Jury meeting room, Courthouse Annex, Farmerville, Louisiana with the following present: Curtis Moses, Nathan Pilgreen, Michael Holley, Glenn Hutto, Ben Bridges, Russell Wade, Jeremy Hobbs and Brenda Abercrombie. Absent: A.J. Ford, Jr. Also present was Lewis Jones, Assistant District Attorney. The President called the session to order and welcomed all guests. Mr. Wade offered the invocation and Mrs. Abercrombie led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Lewis Jones, Assistant District Attorney, addressed the audience regarding Union Parish Police Jury Ordinance #549. The ordinance states that public comment shall not exceed three (3) minutes unless that period is specifically extended for good cause by the presiding officer of the Police Jury. Mr. Jones also stated that there are two (2) public comment periods. The first public comment period is only for items shown on the agenda. The second public comment period is at the end of the meeting and is for commenting about anything.

The Secretary/Treasurer announced that there would be a Special Meeting on Tuesday, September 24th, 2024 @ 6:00 P.M. The Special Meeting is for the Union Parish Assessor's Board of Review.

President Hutto welcomed everyone to the meeting. President Hutto asked if anyone in the audience would like to register for public comment. At this time the public was given the opportunity to comment on any item shown on the agenda.

Motion Mr. Pilgreen, seconded by Mr. Bridges and declared adopted by unanimous vote of the Jury to approve the agenda as written.

Motion Mr. Pilgreen, seconded by Mr. Moses to adopt the minutes of the August 6th, 2024 regular meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

The Secretary/Treasurer presented the Budget to Actual Revenue and Expense report for the month of August to the Finance Committee earlier. **Motion Mr. Wade, seconded by Mr. Holley to adopt the Revenue and Expenditures Report for the month of August. Motion carried unanimously.**

President Glenn Hutto authorized the payment and distribution of the 2023-2024 Two Percent (2%) Fire Protection Rebate checks based on the parish’s population as compiled by the Louisiana State University and Agriculture and Mechanical College Agriculture Center, Department of Agricultural Economics and Agribusiness. For the districts that had a representative attending this meeting, the representative was given the district's check by the juror representing the fire district. The amounts of the checks are shown below:

Fire Protection District	LA 2% Rebate
Junction City Volunteer Fire Department	\$5,731.47
Lillie Volunteer Fire Department	\$1,846.84
Spearsville Volunteer Fire Department	\$9,518.39
Ward 5 Volunteer Fire Department	\$18,435.33
Farmerville Volunteer Fire Department	\$31,971.48
Marion Volunteer Fire Department	\$4,814.02
Bernice Volunteer Fire Department	\$16,391.08
Rocky Branch/Crossroads	\$10,323.58
Spencer-West Sterlington Volunteer Fire Department	\$5,219.78
Northeast Union Fire District	\$16,359.37
North Union Fire District	\$5,067.62
Sadie-Tiger Bend Fire District	\$13,969.15
TOTAL	\$139,648.11

The following resolution was offered by Mr. Hobbs and seconded by Mr. Pilgreen:



UNION PARISH POLICE JURY RESOLUTION 2024-10

WHEREAS, Title 2 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950 provides that cities, towns, parishes, and other political subdivisions of this State may separately or jointly acquire, establish, construct, expand, own, lease, control, equip, improve, maintain, operate, regulate, and police airports and landing fields for the use of aircraft; and,

WHEREAS, the State of Louisiana, Department of Transportation and Development, Division of Aviation (formerly the LA DOTD-OAPT) is charged by Title 2 with the responsibility for the development of aviation facilities within the State to foster air commerce and to safeguard the interests of those engaged in all phases of the aviation industry and of the general public; and,

WHEREAS, the Union Parish Police Jury hereinafter referred to as “Sponsor”, has completed an FAA and DOTD approved Master Plan, Action Plan, and/or Airport Layout Plan which outlines the specific future development of the Union Parish Airport; and, the Sponsor is desirous of implementing a portion of the approved Plan recommendations which provide for the critically needed improvements as stated below to substantially improve the safety and usability of the Airport, but does not have sufficient funds of its own required for completing the needed improvements; and,

WHEREAS, the LA DOTD, Division of Aviation is authorized by Title 2 to expend funds for the construction or enlargement of airports for the safety and advancement of aeronautics;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

SECTION I

That the Sponsor does hereby formally request that the LA DOTD, Division of Aviation provide funds required to complete the airport improvements at the Union Parish Airport specifically as described in the Capital Improvement Program Application for State Financial Assistance dated September 2024:

SECTION II

That the said LA DOTD, Division of Aviation be and is hereby assured that all necessary servitudes, rights-of-way, rights of ingress and egress and means thereof will be furnished by the Sponsor and the titles thereto will be valid and indefeasible, and that the Sponsor will assume ownership, financial reporting, and complete responsibility for the maintenance and upkeep of the airport after completion of said improvement.

SECTION III

That the Sponsor will save and hold the said LA DOTD, Division of Aviation, its officers, agents, and employees harmless from any liability or claim for damages arising out of the project, including death or injuries to third parties including, but not limited to, liability or claim for damages out of the negligence of said LA DOTD, Division of Aviation, its officers, agents, or employees, and expressly agrees to defend any suit of any nature brought against the LA DOTD, Division of Aviation as a result of this project.

SECTION IV

That the President of the Sponsor be and is hereby authorized and directed to evidence this agreement by affixing his signature at the place provided therefore on this resolution and on subsequent related documents/agreements as required by the rules and regulations of the Federal Aviation Administration and the State of Louisiana and the Clerk is hereby authorized to attest said execution.

SECTION V

That this resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its adoption.

The President and Police Jury for the Sponsor of the Parish of Union met in regular session on this date. The aforesaid resolution was offered by **Mr. Hobbs** and seconded by **Mr. Pilgreen**. The aforesaid resolution, having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

MEMBERS:	YEAS	NAYS	ABSENT	ABSTAINING
Curtis Moses	x			
Nathan Pilgreen	x			
Mike Holley	x			
Glenn Hutto	x			
Ben Bridges	x			
Russell Wade	x			
Jeremy Hobbs	x			
Brenda Abercrombie	x			
A.J. Ford, JR.			x	

WHEREUPON, the resolution was declared adopted on the 3rd day of September, 2024.

s/ Paula H. Strickland
PAULA H. STRICKLAND
SECRETARY-TREASURER
UNION PARISH POLICE JURY

s/ Glenn Hutto
GLENN HUTTO
PRESIDENT
UNION PARISH POLICE JURY

STATE OF LOUISIANA

PARISH OF UNION

I, Paula H. Strickland, Secretary/Treasurer of the Police Jury of Union Parish, Louisiana, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of one (1) motion adopted by the Union Parish Police Jury in regular session on September 3rd, 2024 at which meeting a quorum was present. Given under my official Signature and Seal of Office on this the 3rd day of September, 2024.

s/ Paula H. Strickland
Paula H. Strickland
Secretary/Treasurer
Police Jury of Union Parish, Louisiana

Motion Mr. Moses, seconded by Mr. Holley to approve travel for the HUD Director to attend the 2024 Fall Conference at the Golden Nugget Casino in Lake Charles on September 16th – September 20th, 2024. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion Mr. Moses, seconded by Mr. Bridges to approve the request from Kurt Auger for the use of the courthouse square/parking lot on October 27th, 2024 for a Community Fall Festival. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion Mr. Moses, seconded by Mr. Pilgreen to approve the request from the Town of Farmerville for the use of the courthouse square/parking lot on Saturday, September 7th, 2024 for the final weigh-in for the Crappie Masters National Championship from 7:00 AM until 6:00 PM. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion Mr. Moses, seconded by Mr. Bridges to approve the request from the Town of Farmerville for the use of the courthouse square/parking lot on Friday, November 1st and Saturday November 2nd, 2024 for the 1st Annual Smokin' on the Bonne BBQ competition. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion Mr. Hobbs, seconded by Mr. Pilgreen to approve the request from the Lake Commission to repair the road and surrounding area leading to the boat launch below the D'Arbonne Spillway at the end of Spillway Road. The Lake Commission will pay for the cost of the materials up to \$1,000. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion Mr. Pilgreen, seconded by Mr. Moses to approve the request from the NE Union Fire Station for approximately thirty (30) yards of pit run. NE Union Fire Station will pay for the cost of the materials. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion Mr. Pilgreen, seconded by Mr. Bridges to assist the Town of Bernice for side arm cutting of brush on the following streets: Cemetery Street, Gary Street, Louisiana Avenue South, Graves Street, Evans Street, Eighth Street, Seventh Street, Maple Street, Hubbard Street, Gary Street, Railroad Street, Elm Street, Church Street, Third Street, West Fourth Street and Reeves Street. Work will be done as time permits. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion Mr. Holley, seconded by Mr. Pilgreen to hire Carol Cook for full-time employment at the Road Department with his time being counted back to his original hire date of June 24th, 2024. His full-time status is effective September 30th, 2024 and at that time he is eligible for all police jury benefits including retirement, insurance, vacation, sick leave and holiday pay. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion Mr. Pilgreen, seconded by Mr. Holley to hire Harvey Ellis for full-time employment at the Landfill Department with his time being counted back to his original hire date of June 5th, 2024. His full-time status is effective September 9th, 2024 and at that time he is eligible for all police jury benefits including retirement, insurance, vacation, sick leave and holiday pay. Motion carried unanimously.

Recommendations from the Finance Committee

Mr. Wade stated that the Finance Committee met earlier. The Secretary/Treasurer presented a detailed Revenue and Expense report to the Committee.

Recommendations from the Landfill Committee

Mr. Bridges stated that the Landfill Committee met earlier. The Landfill Committee did not have any recommendations.

Recommendations from the Courthouse Committee

Mrs. Abercrombie stated that the Courthouse Committee met earlier regarding Betty Street Community Center. **Motion Mrs. Abercrombie, seconded by Mr. Moses for the Union Parish Police Jury to control the rental of the facility. The center will be available for the public to rent as follows: \$250 per day with a \$150 refundable deposit if the facility is clean. The hours will be Monday through Friday 7:00 AM to 9:00 PM; Weekend 7:00 AM to 10:00 PM. Motion carried unanimously.**

In accordance with Ordinance 549, time for public comment was given.

Michelle Bryan, 308 Wildwood Drive, Farmerville, addressed the jury regarding the Union Parish Lake & Launch Sweep to be held on September 14th, 2024.

Lisa Lambert, 186 Lake Drive, Farmerville, addressed the jury about dumpster lids and the jury working together.

Freddie Hill, 3849 Highway 550, Spearsville, thanked the jury for the work that is being done in the parish.

Jon McKinnie, 116 N. Main Street, addressed the jury regarding the Crappie Master National Tournament.

There being no further business to come before the Jury, the President declared the meeting adjourned upon motion by Mrs. Abercrombie, seconded by Mr. Moses on this the 3rd day of September, 2024.

s/ Paula H. Strickland

PAULA H. STRICKLAND
SECRETARY-TREASURER
UNION PARISH POLICE JURY

s/ Glenn Hutto

GLENN HUTTO
PRESIDENT
UNION PARISH POLICE JURY