

**ROAD COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MEETING
February 3rd, 2025
4:00 P.M.**

Present: Mike Holley, Russell Wade, Curtis Moses and Nathan Pilgreen. Absent: None.
Also present: Ben Bridges, Glenn Hutto, Paul Riley, Alan Ates and Tracy Ausberry.

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

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

Motion Mr. Pilgreen, seconded by Mr. Moses to approve the minutes of the November 5th, 2024 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Tracy Ausberry, North Delta Regional Planning & Development, addressed the committee regarding DRA (Delta Regional Authority) funding for 2025 Community Infrastructure. Ms. Ausberry stated that funding is now available to address basic public infrastructure and transportation infrastructure, as well as flood control issues for communities within DRA's eight state service area. Awards will range from \$500,000 to \$2 million, with grant applications being reviewed on an annual rolling cycle. Ms. Ausberry stated that she will write the grant paper. The jury will be responsible for support letters and project costs. Ms. Ausberry stated that once an application is submitted, it can be resubmitted year after year. **Motion Mr. Moses, seconded by Mr. Wade to recommend to the full jury to move forward with a DRA project for Dozier Road and CC Camp Road; hire Riley Company to assist with projects and authorize the President and/or Secretary/Treasurer to execute any necessary documents. Motion carried unanimously.**

Motion Mr. Pilgreen, seconded by Mr. Wade to recommend to the full jury to approve the three-year program for years 2025, 2026 and 2027.

**2025 Downsview Road (Begin at Pittman Road and end at La. Highway 15)
 Sardis Church Road (Begin at La. Highway 33 to the end of maintenance)
 Village Creek Road (Begin at Pisgah Church Circle to the end of pavement)
 Dale Love Road (Begin at Love Road to the end of pavement)
 Lolley Road (Begin at Emmett Road to the end of maintenance)
 Holland Road (Begin at Newman Road to La. Highway 550)**

2026 To be decided by Future 3-year priority lists done for 2026, 2027 and 2028

**2027 To be decided by Future 3-year priority lists done for 2026, 2027 and 2028
Motion carried unanimously.**

A brief discussion was held regarding a three-year priority list. **Motion Mr. Pilgreen, seconded by Mr. Wade to recommend to the full jury to hire Riley & Company to prepare a 3-year priority list as required by law. Motion carried unanimously.**

A brief discussion was held regarding the approval of the Annual Road Capital Improvements Policy for years 2026, 2027 and 2028. Mr. Pilgreen questioned the language on Section 4. It stated that no more than four miles of new hard surface will be constructed in any one year on any existing road. Mr. Pilgreen said that it would be better to shorten that to two years. **Motion Mr. Pilgreen, seconded by Mr. Wade to recommend to the full jury to approve the Union Parish Police Jury Annual Road Capital Improvements Policy for years 2026, 2027 and 2028. Motion carried unanimously.**

A lengthy discussion was held regarding the equipment wish list for Senator Cathey. **Motion Mr. Pilgreen, seconded by Mr. Wade to recommend to the full jury to submit the following to Senator Cathey:**

- **Front Load Garbage Truck**
- **Tractor/Trailer Rig**
- **Mini X**

Motion carried unanimously.

A brief discussion was held regarding the Subdivision Ordinance. Mr. Riley has revised the ordinance several times and presented to the jury for discussion. **Motion Mr. Pilgreen, seconded by Mr. Wade to recommend to the full jury to approve the revised Subdivision Ordinance as presented. Motion carried unanimously.**

A brief discussion was held regarding the miles of roads in each district. Mr. Riley prepared a list of roads broken down by each district. **Motion Mr. Wade, seconded by Mr. Pilgreen to recommend to the full jury to approve the calculation of miles in each district provided by Riley Company and approve the funds for this project. Funds will be distributed to the Road Department Fund once the balance in the Landfill Fund reaches 4 million or more. Funds will be made in 1 million increments at a ratio of \$5.00 for blacktop roads and \$1.00 for dirt roads. Motion carried unanimously.**

A brief discussion was held regarding a request from the Town of Farmerville. The TOF is requesting assistance with Dawkins Drive and Bee Street. **Motion Mr. Wade seconded by Mr. Moses to recommend to the full jury to assist the Town of Farmerville with repairing road failures on Dawkins Drive and Bee Street. Repairs will be made with hot mix. Motion carried unanimously.**

Motion Mr. Pilgreen, seconded by Mr. Wade to recommend to the full jury to enact a 30 MPH speed limit on Crip Mason Road in its entirety. Motion carried unanimously.

There being no more business to come before the committee, Mr. Holley declared the meeting adjourned upon motion by Mr. Pilgreen and duly seconded by Mr. Wade on this the 3rd day of February, 2025.

Mike Holley, Chairman
Paula Strickland, Secretary/Treasurer