

**LANDFILL COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MEETING
October 14th, 2025
5:00 P.M.**

Present: Ben Bridges, Brenda Abercrombie, Mike Holley and Nathan Pilgreen. Absent: None. Also present: Curtis Moses, Glenn Hutto, Russell Wade, Jeremy Hobbs, Justin Echols, Milas Davidson, Chris Strickland, Jordan Powell and Linda Hammett.

Mr. Bridges called the meeting to order. Mr. Pilgreen led the group in prayer.

Motion Mrs. Abercrombie, seconded by Mr. Pilgreen to approve the agenda as written. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion Mr. Pilgreen, seconded by Mr. Holley to approve the minutes of the September 9th, 2025 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Abercrombie gave a brief update on the CDL Class A status for Davidson and Echols. Mr. Davidson has a permit and is ready to start class. Mr. Echols has a permit and has started classes.

A brief discussion was held regarding the bids received for a front load garbage truck. Two bids were received:

- Siddons-Martin - \$369,516
2026 McNeilus 40-yard Atlantic FEL on Mac TE
- Pac Mac - \$369,227
2026 Peterbilt 520

The Secretary/Treasurer noted that the bid from Pac Mac was received via email due to the salesman becoming ill and not being able to deliver in person. The bid from Siddons-Martin is identical to the trucks we already have. **Motion Mr. Pilgreen, seconded by Mrs. Abercrombie to recommend to the full jury to accept the bid from Siddons-Martin in the amount of \$369,516. Motion carried unanimously.**

A lengthy discussion was held regarding implementing a holiday schedule for the Landfill. The Union Parish Police Jury is scheduled to be off on Friday, November 28th for Thanksgiving. The Lincoln Parish Police Jury requested that the Landfill be open the day after a major holiday. The committee also discussed the Christmas holidays and what could be done to alleviate the trash situation in Union Parish. Mr. Bridges suggested a skeleton crew for the Landfill which would consist of, at the minimum, a scale house operator, certified operator and an operator on the hill. **Motion Mr. Pilgreen, seconded by Mr. Bridges to recommend to the full jury to open the Union Parish Sanitary Landfill with a skeleton crew on the following dates for regular operation and to accommodate contractors for dumping: November 28th, December 26th and December 27th, 2025; garbage trucks will also run in the parish. Motion carried unanimously.**

A lengthy discussion was held regarding a minimum tonnage rate for the Landfill. Currently there is a minimum charge of \$10. Mr. Holley is against a minimum tonnage rate because he said individuals will start dumping illegally out in the parish. Jordan Powell, Trash Guys, encouraged the Committee to implement a minimum tonnage amount. He stated that it would increase revenue slightly. Mr. Bridges stated that this would apply to contractors who are bringing in shingles and various other items. This

would not penalize the Union Parish residents. **Motion Mr. Pilgreen, seconded by Mr. Bridges to implement a “one ton minimum” for contractors. A Roll Call Vote was taken:**

Ben Bridges Yes to a minimum tonnage amount

Brenda Abercrombie No to a minimum tonnage amount

Mike Holley No to a minimum tonnage amount

Nathan Pilgreen Yes to a minimum tonnage amount

Motion failed due to the tie vote. Motion does not come out of committee.

A lengthy discussion was held regarding the in-parish rates for Trash Guys. Trash Guys have a garbage route in Union Parish where they go house-to-house and pick up Union Parish household garbage. They currently pay \$20.26 per ton when dumping. On September 9th, 2025, the Jury voted to implement a new tipping fee schedule that would increase Trash Guys to \$30.00 per ton for in-parish garbage. Jordan Powell addressed the committee and stated that the increase is too much. He will have to pass that fee to his customers. He stated that this would be double dipping the people of Union Parish because they are already paying the one cent sales tax and he is charging them to dump their trash. **Motion Mrs. Abercrombie, seconded by Mr. Pilgreen to bring the discussion of in-parish dumping rates out of committee so the full jury could speak and vote on this issue. Motion carried unanimously.**

Motion Mrs. Abercrombie, seconded by Mr. Pilgreen to bring the discussion of commercial rates out of committee so the full jury could speak and vote on this issue. Motion carried unanimously.

There being no more business to come before the committee, Mr. Bridges declared the meeting adjourned upon motion by Mrs. Abercrombie and duly seconded by Mr. Pilgreen on this the 14th day of October, 2025.

Ben Bridges, Chairman
Paula Strickland, Secretary/Treasurer