Police Jury Meeting, Police Jury Room April 16, 2025 Abbeville, Louisiana

Minutes of a regular meeting of the Vermilion Parish Police Jury held on April 16, 2025, with President Mark Poche' presiding.

The meeting was called to order by President Mark Poche', who asked Mr. Paul Moresi, III to lead the group in the Pledge of Allegiance. Following the pledge, the President asked Mr. Paul Moresi, III for a moment of prayer or reflection. The President then reminded all present to turn all cell phones, pagers, etc. off or set to silent mode for the duration of the Police Jury Meeting.

The following members were present:

	Mr. Shane Meaux Mr. Ronald Darby – 5:46pm Mr. Mark Poche` Mr. Errol J. Domingues Mr. Ronald Menard Mr. Dexter Callahan	Mr. Brent Landry Ms. Liz Touchet Mr. Roy Keith Meaux Mr. Chad Lege Mr. Scott Broussard Mr. Chad Vallo
Absent:	Mr. Dane Hebert	Mr. Brian Hollier
Guest:	Mr. Kim Touchet	Mr. Todd Vincent

President Poche' recognized a period for public comment on any agenda item to be considered.

No comments.

President Poche' recognized Reading or Approval of the minutes of the previous meeting- Regular Meeting of March 19, 2025.

Upon motion by Mr. Chad Vallo, duly seconded by Mr. Errol Domingues, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury approved to dispense and approve the minutes from the Regular Meeting of March 19, 2025.

President Poche' recognized to consider action to amend the agenda to discuss and consider actions on any new items presented by Engineering and Architectural reports.

Upon motion by Mr. Errol Domingues, duly seconded by Mr. Shane Meaux, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury approved to amend the agenda to discuss and consider actions on any new items presented by Engineering and Architectural reports. Mr. Todd Vincent, Sellers & Associates, Inc., presented the following:

Upon motion by Mr. Brent Landry, duly seconded by Mr. Shane Meaux, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury approved Final Plat Review for JBC Farms Partition, ED3, contingent upon comments from Sellers & Associates, Inc.

Upon motion by Mr. Dexter Callahan, duly seconded by Mr. Scott Broussard, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury approved Final Plat Review for Landqwest Dalton Rd. Partition Phase II, ED12, contingent upon comments from Sellers & Associates, Inc.

Upon motion by Ms. Liz Touchet, duly seconded by Mr. Brent Landry, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury approved a Letter of No Objection for LUS Fiber – Bore 1.25" HDPE conduit underground for 8,328' with 2 road crossings in the Monte Blanc area of the Parish near Abbeville, ED5.

Upon motion by Ms. Liz Touchet, duly seconded by Mr. Brent Landry, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury approved a Letter of No Objection for LFT Fiber – Bore 1.25" HDPE conduit underground for 5,760' with 2 road crossings on Center Street, Abbeville, ED9.

Upon motion by Ms. Liz Touchet, duly seconded by Mr. Brent Landry, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury approved a Letter of No Objection for LUS Fiber – Bore 1.25" HDPE conduit underground for 4,010' with 2 road crossings on Maple Street, Abbeville, ED5.

Upon motion by Ms. Liz Touchet, duly seconded by Mr. Brent Landry, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury approved a Letter of No Objection for LUS Fiber – Bore 1.25" HDPE conduit underground for 845' with 1 road crossing on E Elina Street, Abbeville, ED4.

Upon motion by Ms. Liz Touchet, duly seconded by Mr. Errol Domingues, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury approved to adopt a Resolution Proclaiming April as Fair Housing Month and Adopting a Fair Housing Policy in Connection with the Community Development Block Grant Program.

Upon motion by Mr. Chad Vallo, duly seconded by Mr. Keith Meaux, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury approved Change Order No. 2, Siema Construction LLC – FEMA-1786-DR-LA No. 0095 Town of Gueydan Flood Protection, total decrease of \$27,034.00.

Upon motion by Mr. Chad Vallo, duly seconded by Mr. Chad Lege, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury approved Partial Payment No. 1, Siema Construction, LLC – Town of Gueydan Flood Protection (Hazard Mitigation Grant Program No. 1786-DR-LA-0095), in the amount of \$228,555.89.

Upon motion by Mr. Ronald Menard, duly seconded by Mr. Scott Broussard, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury approved payment of the following invoices from Ritter Consulting Engineers Ltd:

- A. Invoice No. 14325, 3319 Bethany Rd Asbestos Inspection FMA 2021 Project #26, dated March 31, 2025, in the amount of \$316.67.
- B. Invoice No. 14326, 3408 Broadview Dr Asbestos Inspection FMA 2021 Project #26, dated March 31, 2025, in the amount of \$316.67.
- C. Invoice No. 14327, 916 Edwards Dr Asbestos Inspection FMA 2022 Project #43, dated March 31, 2025, in the amount of \$325.00.
- D. Invoice No. 14328, 2210 S Monte Blanc Asbestos Inspection FMA 2022 Project #43, dated March 31, 2025, in the amount of \$325.00.

Upon motion by Mr. Keith Meaux, duly seconded by Mr. Shane Meaux, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury approved Contract Change Order No. 3, Glenn Lege Construction LLC – 2023 Rd Improvements – Phase III, total increase of \$32,960.31.

Upon motion by Mr. Chad Vallo, duly seconded by Mr. Dexter Callahan, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury approved Partial Payment No. 7, Glenn Lege Construction, LLC – 2023 Road Improvements Phase III, in the amount of \$126,281.50.

Upon motion by Mr. Shane Meaux, duly seconded by Mr. Brent Landry, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury approved a Resolution of Acceptance from Glenn Lege Construction LLC pertaining to the completion of the contract for 2023 Road Improvements – Phase III, authorizing the President to sign the Notice of Acceptance.

Upon motion by Mr. Chad Lege, duly seconded by Mr. Scott Broussard, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury approved to discuss the RFP Garbage Collection results in the Public Works Committee.

President Poche' recognized Report of Standing Committees, Coastal Protection/Restoration Committee.

Upon motion by Mr. Errol Domingues, duly second by Mr. Ronald Menard, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury approved to accept the Coastal Protection/Restoration Committee recommendations and authorize the appropriate officials to carry out the recommendations.

> COASTAL PROTECTION & RESTORATION COMMITTEE APRIL 02, 2025 ABBEVILLE, LOUISIANA

AS A RESULT OF A COASTAL PROTECTION & RESTORATION COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON APRIL 02, 2025, THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED FOR THE JURY'S CONSIDERATION:

1. It is recommended the Police Jury approve to allow Shannon Neveaux and Chad Lege to meet with Kay Barnett with the Chenier Plain Authority to discuss the parish's coastal priorities for CPRA's upcoming 2029 Master Plan.

Respectfully submitted Mr. Errol Domingues Chairman

President Poche' recognized Report of Standing Committees, Courthouse/General Needs Committee.

Upon motion by Mr. Chad Vallo, duly second by Mr. Ronald Darby, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury approved the Courthouse/General Needs Committee recommendations and authorize the appropriate officials to carry out the recommendations.

> COURTHOUSE/GENERAL NEEDS COMMITTEE APRIL 02, 2025 ABBEVILLE, LOUISIANA

AS A RESULT OF A COURTHOUSE/GENERAL NEEDS COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON APRIL 02, 2025, THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED FOR THE JURY'S CONSIDERATION:

- 1. It is recommended the Police Jury approve the St. Mary Community Action Agency 5311 Report for the month of February 2025 and the corrected report for January 2025.
- It is recommended the Police Jury approve payment of Invoice No. 5655, The Sellers Group – Professional Services for Observation of Construction Phase (25% Base Fees): Additions to the Rabies and Animal Control Center, dated March 17, 2025, in the amount of \$4,127.48.
- 3. It is recommended the Police Jury approve payment of Application No. 4, L&L Erectors Additions to the Vermilion Parish Rabies and Animal Control Center, in the amount of \$130,915.44.
- 4. It is recommended the Police Jury authorize the President to sign an agreement from St. Mary Community Action Agency between the Department of Transportation and Development and the Vermilion Parish Police Jury covering reimbursement for a

portion of the cost of the State Project No. RU-18-57-26 Public Transportation Operating Assistance Program for the Non-Urbanized area of Vermilion Parish.

- 5. It is recommended the Police Jury approve a Permit Extension for 14935 S Guegnon St, Abbeville, ED9.
- 6. It is recommended the Police Jury authorize the President to execute the Intergovernmental Agreement with Dr. Hutchinson.

Respectfully Submitted, Mr. Chad Vallo Chairman

President Poche' recognized Report of Standing Committees, Public Works Committee.

Upon motion by Mr. Brent Landry, duly second by Mr. Ronald Menard, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury approved the Public Works Committee recommendations and authorize the appropriate officials to carry out the recommendations.

> PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE APRIL 02, 2025 ABBEVILLE, LOUISIANA

AS A RESULT OF A PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON APRIL 02, 2025, THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED FOR THE JURY'S CONSIDERATION:

- It is recommended the Police Jury approve Contract Change Order No. 1, Glenn Lege Construction, LLC - Bella Road Borrow Pit Closure Plan, increase of \$5,355.00. Partial Payment No. 1 in the amount of \$74,791.50. Along with authorizing the President to sign the Notice of Acceptance for Bella Road Borrow Pit Closure Plan – Glenn Lege Construction, LLC.
- 2. It is recommended the Police Jury approve payment of Invoice No. 76904270804, Philip Reclamation Services/Clean Earth 2024 Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day, dated January 30, 2025, in the amount of \$42,653.94.
- 3. It is recommended the Police Jury approve to notify the public the Air Force will conduct mosquito spraying in Vermilion Parish as part of their training in September.

- It is recommended the Police Jury approve the usage of four (4) dumpster for the Vermilion Catholic, a legacy of Mount Carmel – May Festival 2025, Wednesday, April 30th, 2025, located at 425 Park Avenue, Abbeville.
- 5. It is recommended the Police Jury approve EPA access to the property at Barn II for soil and water testing .
- It is recommended the Police Jury approve the usage of one (1) dumpster for the City of Abbeville's Mid-Sized Cities Mayors' Conference, April 9th – 11th, 2025, located on Concord Street, Abbeville.

Respectfully Submitted, Mr. Brent Landry Chairman

President Poche' recognized Report of Standing Committees, Public Road Committee.

Upon motion by Mr. Chad Lege, duly second by Mr. Chad Vallo, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury approved the Public Road Committee recommendations and authorize the appropriate officials to carry out the recommendations.

PUBLIC ROAD COMMITTEE APRIL 02, 2025 ABBEVILLE, LOUISIANA

AS A RESULT OF A PARISH ROAD COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON APRIL 02, 2025, THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED FOR THE JURY'S CONSIDERATION:

- 1. It is recommended the Police Jury approve a Letter of No Objection for LUS Fiber, bore 1.25" HDPE conduit underground for 1,295' with 1 road crossing on Oak Creek Lane, near Abbeville, LA, ED11.
- 2. It is recommended the Police Jury approve a Letter of No Objection for LUS Fiber, bore 1.25" HDPE conduit underground for 5,515" with 8 road crossing in the Monte Blanc Area of the Parish near Abbeville, LA, ED5.
- 3. It is recommended the Police Jury authorize the Settle of Disputes and the Road Use Bondage for LLOX, Jean Marie Rd.

Respectfully Submitted, Mr. Chad Lege Chairman President Poche' recognized New Business. Adopt the millage rates.

Upon motion by Mr. Chad Vallo, duly seconded by Mr. Chad Lege, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury approved to adopt the millage rates.

RESOLUTION 2025-R-03

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Vermilion Parish Police Jury of the Parish of Vermilion, Louisiana, in a public meeting held on April 16, 2025, which meeting was conducted in accordance with the Open Meetings Law and the additional requirements of Article VII, Section 23(C) of the Louisiana Constitution and R.S. 47:1705(B), that the following **adjusted** millage rates be and they are hereby levied upon the dollar of the assessed valuation of all property subject to ad valorem taxation within said Parish for the year 2025, for the purpose of raising revenue:

MILLAGE

Parishwide General Alimony (Expect Abbeville & Kaplan)	3.89 mills
Parishwide General Alimony (Abbeville & Kaplan)	1.94 mills
Health Unit	2.47 mills
Parishwide Road - Maintenance	3.14 mills
Road District No. 1 - Maintenance	5.83 mills
Road District No. 2 Sub 1 - Maintenance	4.98 mills
Road District No. 2 Sub 2 - Maintenance	5.95 mills
Road District No. 2 Sub 3 - Maintenance	4.43 mills
Road District No. 2 Sub 4 - Maintenance	8.01 mills
Road District No. 2 Sub 5 - Maintenance	5.02 mills
Road District No. 3 – Maintenance	5.43 mills
Road District No. 4A – Maintenance	6.85 mills
Road District No. 6 – Maintenance	6.62 mills
Road District No. 7- Maintenance	8.69 mills
Ward 8 Cemetery Maintenance	1.19 mills

BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED that the Assessor of the Parish of Vermilion, shall extend upon the assessment roll for the year 2025 the taxes herein levied, and the tax collector of said Parish shall collect and remit the same to said taxing authority in accordance with the law.

President Poche' stated to consider action to amend the agenda to discuss and consider actions on any new items presented by the Parish Administrator.

Upon motion by Mr. Chad Vallo, duly seconded by Mr. Errol Domingues, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury approved to amend the agenda to discuss and consider actions on any new items by the Parish Administrator. Mr. Keith Roy, Parish Administrator, presented the following:

Provided to the Police Jurors is the Statement of Operations prior monthly budget-to-actual comparisons for all of the major funds of the Vermilion Parish Police Jury.

Upon motion by Mr. Shane Meaux, duly seconded by Mr. Dexter Callahan, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury approved a variance of five (5) feet from the back line for Jared Lege, 7231 Kirkland Blvd, Maurice, ED1.

Upon motion by Mr. Chad Vallo, duly seconded by Mr. Scott Broussard, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury approved a Permit Extension for Permit #37260, 29402 LA Hwy 82, Kaplan, ED 13.

Upon motion by Mr. Chad Vallo, duly seconded by Mr. Chad Lege, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury approved payment of Invoice No. C257070, Kolder, Slaven & Company, LLC – Professional Services Audit of 12/31/24 Financial Statements Progress Billing, dated March 31, 2025, in the amount of \$20,560.00.

Upon motion by Mr. Keith Meaux, duly seconded by Ms. Liz Touchet, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury approved payment of the following invoices from Sellers & Associates, Inc.:

- A. Invoice No. 27973, Project No. 0069-02, Pipeline Permits: General Pipeline Correspondence (February 2024 – February 2025), dated March 27, 2025, in the amount of \$762.50.
- B. Invoice No. 27976, Project No. 8528-11, Borrow Pit Permits Various Work: Response to Questions Regarding Borrow Pit Excavation Ordinance to Determine Active Permits (September 2023 – February 2025), dated March 27, 2025, in the amount of \$415.00.
- C. Invoice No. 27977, Project No. 8528-28, Borrow Pit Permits: Review Borrow Pit Application for Submittal Jeremy & Tracey Rowe, dated March 27, 2025, in the amount of \$842.50.
- D. Invoice No. 27979, Project No. 8990-16, Miscellaneous Engineering Services: Tower Permits Review Application and Required Documents, Correspondence with Applicant, Prepare Recommendation to (February 2024 – February 2025), dated March 27, 2025, in the amount of \$1,051.25.
- E. Invoice No. 27980, Project No. 8990-80, Miscellaneous Engineering Services: Prepare and Submit Response to LDEQ Notice of Deficiency, dated March 27, 2025, in the amount of \$780.00.
- F. Invoice No. 27990, Project No. 9632-11, Pond Permits: Permit Application for Alec Martin (near 5337 Hwy 82, Youngsville), dated March 27, 2025, in the amount of \$87.50.
- G. Invoice No. 27991, Project No. 9717-01, Subdivision Development Review: Review of David Elston Partition (Steamboat Cove), dated March 27, 2025, in the amount of \$650.00.
- H. Invoice No. 27982, Project No. 9256-09, LWI Round 1 Project Grant Program: AABDBS Basic Engineering Services, dated March 27, 2025, in the amount of \$3,900.00.

- I. Invoice No. 27983, Project No. 9256-11, LWI Round 1 Project Grant Program: AABDBS Grant Administration, dated March 27, 2025, in the amount of \$2,569.00.
- J. Invoice No. 27984, Project No. 9330-23, COP Road Improvements: Prepare and Submit 2025-2026 COP Application, dated March 27, 2025, in the amount of \$237.50.
- K. Invoice No. 27985, Project No. 9353-13, HMGP Elevation of LA Hwy 14 Bypass: Prepare and Initial Preparation of 2025 PROTECT Application Prior to Portal Closure, dated March 27, 2025, in the amount of \$2,280.25.
- L. Invoice No. 27986, Project No. 9441-01, FY 2021 Flood Mitigation Asst. Grant: Homeowner Outreach, Application Development and Submittal, dated March 27, 2025, in the amount of \$2,577.60.
- M. Invoice No. 27987, Project No. 9441-02, FY 2021 Flood Mitigation Asst. Grant: Acquisitions Grant Management, dated March 27, 2025, in the amount of \$5,370.00.
- N. Invoice No. 27988, Project No. 9441-03, FY 2021 Flood Mitigation Asst. Grant: Acquisitions Per Parcel Fee, dated March 27, 2025, in the amount of \$2,362.80.
- O. Invoice No. 27978, Project No. 8937-39, Vermilion Parish Solid Waste Plant: Permit Modification – New Cell Area III-B, dated March 27, 2025, in the amount of \$1,000.00.
- P. Invoice No. 27975, Project No. 7253-76, Miscellaneous Engineering Services: Vermilion Parish Law Enforcement Center and Rabies Control Building – Non-Compliance Reporting: Processing, Recording and Monitoring of Test Results for Compliance with LPDES Discharge Permit; Prepare Non-Compliance Report/Letter to LDEQ as Needed (March 2024 – February 2025), dated March 27, 2025, in the amount of \$400.00.

Upon motion by Mr. Ronald Menard, duly seconded by Mr. Chad Vallo, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury approved the St. Mary Community Action Agency 5311 Report for the month of March 2025.

Upon motion by Mr. Shane Meaux, duly seconded by Mr. Ronald Darby, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury approved to purchase a JD 335P Compact Track Loader (Extended Full 5yr/3000 Full Warranty \$8,300) in the amount of \$188,144.80.

Upon motion by Mr. Ronald Menard, duly seconded by Ms. Liz Touchet, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury approved to accept the Additions to the Rabies and Animal Control Center Project as Substantially Complete and authorize the Administrator to execute the Certificates of Substantial Completion.

Upon motion by Mr. Ronald Darby, duly seconded by Mr. Brent Landry, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury approved to extend the time at the Governmental Complex Building for the VA.

President Poche' recognized New Business, Legal Counsel, Mr. Paul Moresi, III.

Mr. Paul Moresi, III, Legal Counsel, presented the following:

Upon motion by Mr. Ronald Darby duly seconded by Mr. Ronald Menard, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury authorized Legal Counsel to send a letter in regard to Lot 3 Blk 11 Lillywood Subdivision. Along with having the property inspected, ED4.

President Poche' recognizes Police Juror President Business.

No business to be presented at this time.

President Poche' recognizes Police Juror Business.

Upon motion by Mr. Dexter Callahan, duly seconded by Mr. Scott Broussard, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury approved to put a 15mph speed limit sign and Watch Children sign on Lou Ella Rd, whole length.

Upon motion by Mr. Ronald Darby, duly seconded by Mr. Dexter Callahan, and unanimously carried, there being no further business to be presented, the meeting was duly adjourned.

Parish Administrator

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President