

Operations Committee
March 11, 2021

The Operations Committee met Thursday, March 11, 2021 at 3:00 PM in The Sunshine Room, Jackson Parish Administrative Building, 160 Industrial Drive, Jonesboro, Louisiana. Members Present: Mr. Lewis Chatham and Ms. Amy Magee. Absent: Mr. John McCarty. Also in attendance: Mr. Robin Sessions, Solid Waste Superintendent.

The meeting was called to order by the Chair, Ms. Amy Magee. Ms. Magee gave the invocation and Mr. Chatham led in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

There were no public comments.

Motion Mr. Chatham, seconded Ms. Magee to recommend the Police Jury adopt a policy to send a notice with the Solid Waste customer's 2nd invoice for non-payment notifying them that the bin will be picked up if not paid by the third month and that there would be a \$75.00 re-location fee to have the bin returned. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Chatham, seconded Ms. Magee to recommend the Police Jury notify the Delta Community College about their commercial bin being charged at the regular rate. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Chatham, seconded Ms. Magee to amend the agenda to include recommendations for the results of the sales tax proposal election. Motion carried unanimously.

The Committee made the following recommendation in the event the sales tax proposal passes:

- Motion Mr. Chatham, seconded Ms. Magee to recommend the Police Jury not renew the existing 0.6% sales tax when it expires if the existing sales tax proposal passes.
 - The Committee discussed the amount of revenue needed to run the operation and how much revenue would be estimated from the 1% sales tax. The Committee determined that the surplus collections from the current year until the expiration of the existing tax would be enough to cover the capital needs of the department and that the 1% would cover the annual expenses for the operation.

Motion carried.

The Committee made the following recommendation in the event the sales tax proposal fails:

- Motion Mr. Chatham, seconded Ms. Magee to recommend the Police Jury modify the residential dumping permit for the landfill and begin charging contractors at the rate of \$45/ton for dumping, but continue allowing residents to dump for free if they are present and have a Jackson Parish ID. Motion carried.
- Motion Mr. Chatham, seconded Ms. Magee to recommend the Police Jury pick up all bins at the existing road-side sites and consolidate them to one site on the existing properties designated for future bin sites. Motion carried.
- Motion Mr. Chatham, seconded Ms. Magee to recommend the Police Jury request proposals for disposal companies to take over waste disposal for Jackson Parish. Motion carried.

- Motion Mr. Chatham, seconded Ms. Magee to recommend the Police Jury notify all municipalities that they will begin being charged for dumping at the same rate as the contractors, currently \$45/ton for disposal to the Union Parish landfill. Motion carried.

The date of the next Operations Committee was set for March 25th at 3:00 PM.

Motion Mr. Chatham, seconded Ms. Magee to adjourn. Motion carried.