

Operations Committee  
June 15, 2021

The Operations Committee met Tuesday, June 15, 2021, at 5:30 PM in The Nathaniel Zeno Jr. Meeting Room, Jackson Parish Police Jury Administrative Building, 160 Industrial Drive, Jonesboro, Louisiana. Members Present: Ms. Amy Magee and Mr. John McCarty. Absent: Mr. Lewis Chatham.

The meeting was called to order by the Chair, Ms. Amy Magee.

There were no public comments.

The Chair opened the floor for a discussion of departmental concerns and requests from the Maintenance Department.

The Secretary-Treasurer stated the sign for the Community Center had been damaged. Ms. Magee stated she would like to look into getting a digital sign that they can use to post announcements, information during emergencies, and other notices. The Committee asked the Maintenance Department to get quotes so they can review the cost.

The Committee reviewed the deferred maintenance projects due to staffing issues and their plans for the future.

The Chair opened the floor for a discussion of departmental concerns and requests from the Administrative Department.

The Secretary-Treasurer discussed the Operators Certification for Sheila and updated the Committee on the timing for building permits. She also discussed the summer worker program through Pinebelt.

The Committee reviewed the letter of request from the Ward 2 Fire District for ditch dirt. They discussed the difference between ditch dirt and pit dirt. Mr. McCarty explained the project the fire district was working on to level the area by their station. Mr. Stuckey stated he could have his drainage crew haul the ditch dirt there when they are in the area.

Ms. Magee stated she approved of the request if it did not cost the Police Jury time or money. Mr. McCarty stated he would confirm with Chief Jim Manning.

Motion Mr. McCarty, seconded Ms. Magee to recommend the Police Jury authorize a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Ward 2 Fire District for ditch dirt to be hauled by the Road Department to the Fire District when the drainage crew was working in their area. Motion carried.

Mr. Paul Riley discussed the status of the road review project noting where the Jury and Committee left off on their last reviews. Ms. Magee stated she would like to start the process back up and finish it by the end of the year.

The Chair opened the floor for a discussion of departmental concerns and requests from the Road Department. Mr. Stuckey discussed road issues on Keppler Creek Road, Hodge School Road, and the remaining roads on the asphalt maintenance list. He discussed issues with the internet ever since Arklanet took over.

The Committee discussed the land needed for the landfill expansion. Ms. Magee stated the purchase could possibly be funded by the American Rescue Plan funding. She stated they need a number figure for the total cost in order to make plans. Mr. Sessions stated Weyerhaeuser was prepared to sell the timber rights and KMI was willing to sell the land.

The Committee discussed the report on the boom truck activity. Ms. Magee stated that the report shows the same boom truck visiting the same sites every day, sometimes multiple times. Mr. Sessions stated that he had begun developing a route to determine the amount of time it takes to do a loop through all of the sites. He stated his plan was to run two trucks on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday and only one truck on Thursday and Friday. Ms. Magee asked Mr. Sessions to consider have the boom truck run first with the compact truck following after. Mr. McCarty stated that they need to consider any way to save money and the Jury needs to have a better understanding of the operations. Ms. Magee stated they need to keep working on cost savings and that every piece helps. She stated that all employees from the President down need to be conscious of getting their jobs done efficiently, cost-effectively, and to the best of their ability.

The Chair opened the floor for a discussion of departmental concerns and requests from the Solid Waste Department. Mr. Sessions discussed concerns about holiday scheduling.

The date of the next Operations Committee was set for Thursday, July 15<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 PM.

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