

Operations Committee
September 23, 2020

The Operations Committee met Wednesday, September 23, 2020 at 12:00 PM in the Police Jury Meeting Room of the Jackson Parish Courthouse, 500 E. Court Street, Room 301, Jonesboro, Louisiana. Members present: Ms. Amy Magee, Mr. Lewis Chatham, and Mr. Lynn Treadway. Absent: none. Also in attendance: Mr. Jody Stuckey, Road Superintendent, Mr. Robin Sessions, Solid Waste Superintendent, and Mr. Paul Riley, Engineer.

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

There being no public comments, the Chair moved on to agenda items.

The Chair updated the Committee on the LDEQ review of the land on Pardue Loop. She stated that because of the existing debris from the 2019 tornadoes, LDEQ would not approve the site and would instead use the old Quitman Road Barn location.

Motion Mr. Treadway, seconded Mr. Chatham to recommend the Jury authorize the Road Department to clear the Pardue Loop site for future use. Motion carried.

The Committee discussed requesting the State of Louisiana to do a controlled burn of the debris. Mr. Chatham said that he would make the request.

Motion Mr. Chatham, seconded Mr. Treadway to recommend the Jury authorize the Road Department to repair and complete the fencing and gates around the property. Motion carried.

The Committee reviewed the Revocation of Public Road Policy and the qualifications that had been given to the Parish Engineer at the June 18, 2020 Operations Committee Meeting. They reviewed the first round of road studies and made the following recommendations:

- Motion Ms. Magee, seconded Mr. Treadway to recommend the Jury adjust the parish maintenance on Bob Watkins Road to end at the turnaround at 250 Bob Watkins Road and keep the remaining portion of the road in the Parish Road System due to there being three landowners and two houses. Motion carried.
- Motion Mr. Treadway, seconded Mr. Chatham to recommend the Jury adjust the parish maintenance on Bryant Road to end at the 183 Bryant Road mailbox and keep the remaining portion of the road in the Parish Road System due to there being multiple landowners and houses. Motion carried.
- Motion Mr. Chatham, seconded Mr. Treadway to recommend the Jury leave Fails Road in the Parish Road System due to there being multiple landowners and houses and a property owner needing access to their land from this road to avoid being landlocked. Motion carried.
- Motion Mr. Chatham, seconded Mr. Treadway to recommend the Jury adjust the parish maintenance on Folks Road to end at the property line of Patsy Ruth Mathews and keep the remaining portion of the road in the Parish Road System due to there being multiple landowners and houses. Motion carried.
- Motion Mr. Treadway, seconded Mr. Chatham to recommend the Jury bring Go Thru Road to a public hearing for the Jury to hear comments on how the road serves the public. Motion carried.

- Motion Mr. Treadway, seconded Mr. Chatham to recommend the Jury bring Into Road to a public hearing for the Jury to hear comments on how the road serves the public. It was noted that the property owner on all three sides of the road is the same person and they had requested the Jury remove the road from the Parish Road System. Motion carried.
- Motion Mr. Chatham, seconded Mr. Treadway to recommend the Jury leave Palmer Road in the Parish Road System due to there being multiple landowners and one house. Motion carried.
- Motion Mr. Chatham, seconded Mr. Treadway to recommend the Jury adjust the parish maintenance on Preacher Martin Road to end at the Randy Ewing and Huey Morgan property line and keep the remaining portion of the road in the Parish Road System due to there being three landowners and two houses. Motion carried.
- Motion Mr. Treadway, seconded Mr. Chatham to recommend the Jury leave Thunder Road in the Parish Road System due to there being two landowners and two houses. Motion carried.
- Motion Mr. Treadway, seconded Mr. Chatham to recommend the Jury bring Womack-Otwell Road to a public hearing for the Jury to hear comments on how the road serves the public. Motion carried.

Mr. Sessions requested the Jury authorize overtime, if needed, in order for the Solid Waste Department to grind and haul debris.

Motion Mr. Treadway, seconded Mr. Chatham to recommend the Jury authorize the Solid Waste Department to use overtime, if needed, for grinding and hauling debris. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Treadway, seconded Mr. Chatham to recommend the Jury authorize Mr. Darrell Avery to negotiate a land purchase for the land adjacent to the Solid Waste Landfill to be used for future expansion. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Chatham, seconded Mr. Treadway to recommend the Jury authorize the Solid Waste Department to research grant opportunities for equipment purchases for boom trucks with larger capacity. Motion carried.

The Committee discussed the exit interview from the 2019 audit and Ms. Magee explained that they received negative feedback from the surplus balance in the Library Fund. They discussed the fund balance for the Solid Waste Fund and the continued trend of the sales tax revenues not covering the expenses for the operation. The Secretary-Treasurer stated that when the Solid Waste Fund runs at a deficit, the additional funding comes from the General Fund. The Committee discussed long-term plans for revenue sources for the Solid Waste Fund to be able to restore the parish-wide recycle program, construct the final model bin sites, and purchase the necessary equipment for the operation.

Motion Mr. Chatham, seconded Mr. Treadway to recommend the Jury propose a rededication of \$1.5M from the Library Fund to the Solid Waste Fund to the Jackson Parish voters in an open election. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Chatham, seconded Mr. Treadway to recommend the Jury propose a new ad valorem tax of 2 mills for the Solid Waste Fund to the Jackson Parish voters in an open election. Motion carried.

The Committee requested that Mr. Glen Kirkland, Tax Assessor be present at the October Business Session to answer questions from the Jury.

The Secretary-Treasurer gave a business update on the status of the debris removal, the Industrial Drive office building, and the new application process for building permits.

Motion Mr. Chatham, seconded Mr. Treadway to adjourn. Motion carried.