

Operations Committee  
June 18, 2020

The Operations Committee met Thursday, June 18, 2020 at 3:00 PM in the Police Jury Meeting Room of the Jackson Parish Courthouse, 500 E. Court Street, Room 301, Jonesboro, Louisiana. Members present: Mr. Lewis Chatham, Ms. Amy Magee and Mr. Lynn Treadway. Absent: none. Also in attendance: Mr. Jody Stuckey, Road Superintendent; Mr. Robin Sessions, Solid Waste Superintendent, and Mr. Darrell Avery, Assistant D.A.

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 Committee discussed the need for defining a public use road. Mr. Avery stated that the Attorney General had ruled that it is not possible to define what a public use road is and advised the Committee to use their Revocation of Public Road policy to remove roads. The Committee reviewed the policy and determined that they need to provide guidance to the Parish Engineer in order for him to compile a list of roads to be reviewed for removal.

Motion Mr. Treadway, seconded Mr. Chatham to recommend the Jury authorize the Parish Engineer to compile a list of roads in the Parish Road System that:

- Have been requested for removal by a property owner
- Have one landowner on all 3 sides
- Have road maintenance extending beyond the property line (re-assess maintenance line)

Motion carried.

The Chair invited Mr. Stuckey to discuss issues with drainage work performed in the right-of-way when the property owner(s) does not want it. The Committee reviewed Revised Statute 48:483 which gives the Jury authority to cut ditches and canals where necessary to drain public roads.

Motion Mr. Chatham, seconded Mr. Treadway to recommend the Jury amend the Culvert Policy to give authority to the drainage crew to replace any existing culverts as needed for proper drainage of the Parish Road System and to make the property owner responsible for the purchase of new culverts, per the culvert permit, to be installed and maintained by the Road Department. Motion carried.

The Committee reviewed the status of Sugar Creek Road. Mr. Stuckey confirmed that the barricades were up for the closed portion of the road. The Committee and Mr. Avery reviewed the portion of the road to be removed and discussed notices to be sent to the affected property owners.

The Committee reviewed the letter of request from the Village of Quitman.

Motion Mr. Chatham, seconded Mr. Treadway to have the Road Superintendent prepare a cost estimate for the request and to reply to the Village of Quitman that if they purchase the materials or use the annual appropriation funds, the Road Department can perform the work. Motion carried.

The Committee reviewed the revenues vs. expenses for the Solid Waste Recycle Program for plastic, aluminum, and cardboard/paper. Mr. Sessions detailed the cost of the program over a three-year period.

Motion Mr. Treadway, seconded Mr. Chatham to recommend the Jury authorize the closure of the plastic, aluminum, and cardboard/paper recycle programs as of August 30<sup>th</sup>, notify the public and

businesses, and offer one additional weekly pickup as-needed to current participants as a good faith offer for participating in the volunteer recycle program over the years. Motion carried.

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