

The Jackson Parish Police Jury met in Business Session Monday, November 4, 2019 at 5:15 PM in the Police Jury Meeting Room #301 of the Jackson Parish Courthouse, 500 E. Court Street, Jonesboro, Louisiana. Members present: Mr. Todd Culpepper, Ms. Amy Magee, Mr. John McCarty, Ms. Niki Cowans, Ms. Regina Rowe, and Mr. Lynn Treadway. Absent: Mr. Eddie Langston. Also present: Mr. Darrell Avery, Assistant District Attorney.

The meeting was called to order by the President, Mr. McCarty. Mr. Culpepper gave the invocation and Ms. Rowe led in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

The President opened the floor for public comments.

Mr. Lavelle Smith from the Watershed District Board stated that he had worked with State Representatives to research which entity should be supplying liability insurance to their board. He asked that the Police Jury request an opinion from the Attorney General to determine if the State of Louisiana or the Jackson Parish Police Jury is responsible for insurance coverage for the Watershed District board members.

Ms. Linda Devine addressed the Police Jury and asked about Parish Board members paying themselves and the condition of the facilities used for the Watershed District meetings.

With no other public comments, the President continued to presentations.

Mr. Philip Lawrence presented the Police Jury with the preliminary plans to host a Veterans Festival on May 8-9 of 2020. He asked the Police Jury to give a declaration of support for the event and to consider providing funding.

The President called for discussion on continued business.

The Police Jury reviewed the list of current Parish Board vacancies and term expirations.

Ms. Magee nominated Ms. Renee Johnson to serve in the vacant position on the Museum Board and Ms. Ann Standley to serve in the vacant position on the Library Board. Mr. Lynn Treadway nominated Mr. Brandon Lamkin to serve in the unexpired term on the Recreation District Board.

The Secretary-Treasurer discussed the Police Jury presenting candidates for the Watershed Initiative Boards for Regions 2 and 3.

The President asked that the discussed nominees be presented at the Regular Meeting for adoption.

The Police Jury reviewed the continued business items.

- The Secretary-Treasurer will prepare the drafted ordinance for drinking water protection for review
- The Secretary-Treasurer updated the Police Jury on the flood ordinance and timelines for adoption
- The Police Jury reviewed the land appraisals for future model bin sites. The President asked that the authorization to purchase both properties be presented at the Regular Meeting for adoption.
- Mr. Avery discussed the land donation from Kilpatrick Enterprises.
- The Police Jury discussed the status of acquiring the drainage servitudes for the Hospital Drainage Project.
- The Police Jury discussed items to request for the 2019-20 LGAP grant.
- The Secretary-Treasurer discussed policies that needed to be adopted by year-end for audit compliance.

The President called for discussion on new business.

The Police Jury reviewed the letter of request from the Town of Jonesboro asking for support for their 2019-20 LGAP grant application. The President asked that the item be presented at the Regular Meeting for adoption.

The Police Jury reviewed letters of request from the School Board for road maintenance and construction on their parking lots. The Police Jury discussed wanting to help the School Board, but needing to prioritize the Parish road maintenance programs and schedule and stated that the School Board receives ad valorem taxes for transportation and maintenance.

The Secretary-Treasurer requested that the Police Jury review the current litigation charges and plan a meeting in the future to take action.

The Secretary-Treasurer gave an update on current employee disciplinary action.

There was no other discussion or announcements.

Motion Mr. Treadway, seconded Ms. Rowe to adjourn. Motion carried.