

The Jackson Parish Police Jury met in Business Session Tuesday, September 3, 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: Ms. Amy Magee, Mr. John McCarty, Ms. Niki Cowans, Ms. Regina Rowe, and Mr. Lynn Treadway. Absent: Mr. Todd Culpepper and Mr. Eddie Langston.

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

There were no public comments.

The President called for discussion on continued business.

The Secretary-Treasurer updated the Jury on the status of the repair work at the Community Center and building on Industrial Drive stating that they were waiting on roofing materials and that the interior work would be completed once the roofs were repaired.

The Jury discussed the cost projection and planned work for the Town of Jonesboro to relocate the effluent line on Industrial Drive with Mr. Treadway stating that this was the final work needing to be done in order to get the land on Industrial Drive certified. The Jury discussed not taking on any liability for the effluent line and reviewing the project once completed to reimburse the Town of Jonesboro for a portion of the cost.

The President called for discussion on new business.

Mr. Tommy Chatham, President of the Vixen Water System, gave a report to the Jury on the efforts made to upgrade the water system and how they had used grants and local banks to be able to fund the project. Work will begin on Highway 4 to replace the pipes.

Mr. Robin Sessions, Solid Waste Superintendent presented the Jury with the plans for four model bin sites throughout the parish that would replace all remaining road-side sites. The Jury discussed the timeline of the construction and the budget to complete the sites. The Jury agreed that they needed to complete the project to replace all road-side sites.

Mr. Sessions presented the Jury with the plans for a Solid Waste Annex building to provide storage, restroom facilities, and a meeting space at the Solid Waste Department. The Jury reviewed the location options and agreed to complete Option 2 as budgeted for 2019.

Mr. Treadway discussed expiration dates on gift cards issued in Jackson Parish and requested a legal opinion on if the Police Jury has the authority to restrict merchants from being able to issue gift cards with expiration dates in Jackson Parish.

The Jury reviewed Louisiana Act 272 granting the Police Jury the right to purchase the property on Bond Street. The Jury discussed the request from Mr. Danny Peel to be able to use the right-of-way for logging and determined that since they did not own the property, they did not have the authority to grant the right-of-way.

The Jury reviewed the current list of parish board members and terms. They reviewed the vacancies and expiration dates. They questioned the terms and member attendance on several of the boards. The Secretary-Treasurer stated she would give an updated report with the attendance information and would research the ordinances to verify any restrictions on board members.

Ms. Magee updated the Jury on the request from the Watershed Board for the Police Jury to provide liability insurance for their board members. Ms. Magee explained that since the Police Jury created the other parish boards, they were covered under the Police Jury's insurance policy, but since the Watershed Board was created by the state, they do not have coverage through the Police Jury. Mr. Tommy Chatham was invited to provide input as he had served on the Watershed Board in the past. He stated that the State of Louisiana provides liability insurance for board members through their policy.

With no other topics or discussion, the President called for announcements and notifications.

The Secretary made the following announcements:

- The Region V Police Jury Meeting will be held on 17th in Tensas Parish.
- There is a current vacancy in the Solid Waste Department and transfer requests are being reviewed.
- The Library Board has requested the Jury's support to request land from the Town of Chatham to build a parking lot extension for the Chatham Branch.
- DEQ has met with the President and will be presenting information to the Jury at the October Business Session on the Drinking Water Protection Program.

The Jury also discussed tentative plans for the 2019 Veteran's Program.

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