

The Jackson Parish Police Jury met in Business Session Monday, March 2, 2020 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, Mr. Lewis Chatham, Ms. Amy Magee, Mr. John McCarty, Ms. Niki Cowans, Ms. Regina Rowe, and Mr. Lynn Treadway. Absent: none. Also present: Mr. Darrell Avery, Assistant District Attorney.

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

Mr. Treadway gave the invocation and Ms. Cowans led in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

The President opened the floor for public comments.

Ms. Linda Devine spoke about the reduction in appropriations, the Operations Manager position, and parish board members.

Ms. Anita Waggoner asked the Jury to support efforts to enforce the No Wake Zone ordinance.

With no other public comments, Ms. Magee moved on to Board Reports.

Mr. Lavelle Smith presented a report from the Watershed District highlighting their completed and open projects. He discussed the No Wake Zone ordinance and issues with enforcement from Wildlife and Fisheries.

Mr. Tommy Smith presented a report from the Recreation District. He explained the facilities managed by the District and reported on the programming provided throughout the Parish and future projects.

Ms. Magee stated that she had received a letter of concern regarding the concessions at the ballpark complex and asked Mr. Smith to take it to his Board.

Ms. Magee thanked Mr. Smith and Mr. Smith for their reports.

The President called for Committee Reports.

Ms. Magee, Chairman of the Operations Committee provided a summary of the February 7th, 21st, and 28th meetings stating that the Committee had met with each of the department heads to discuss their operational duties, work schedules and reports, materials and supplies, equipment needs, complaint procedures, and the general needs and recommendations of the departments. She stated that they Committee had given each department operational suggestions and that they would have a follow-up meeting on March 11th where the Committee would make formal recommendations.

The Committee presented the following recommendations for discussion:

- Permission to bid Clay Hilltop (Hwy 148) and Walker Road model bin sites
- Closure of road-side sites upon completion of bin site construction
- Closure of Pine Thicket road-side bin site

Mr. Culpepper, Chairman of the Finance Committee provided a summary of the February 26th meeting.

The Committee presented the following recommendations for discussion:

- Authorizing 2020 appropriations to Trailblazer and Sparta Groundwater Commission at the 10% reduced amounts
- Recommended purchases of a fire alarm for the Health Unit, digital whiteboard for the meeting room, and a scanner for the Registrar of Voters
- Continued updating and submittal of state funding request for livestock pavilion

Ms. Rowe, Chairman of the Project Committee stated the Committee would meet in March.

Ms. Cowans, Chairman of the Policy & Personnel Committee provided a summary of the February 10th meeting. She stated that the Committee would begin reviewing the Code of Ordinances at a meeting in March. The Committee presented the following recommendations for discussion:

- Adopt the Operations Manager job description, job duties list, and recommended salary range at 10% above the Superintendents.

Mr. McCarty, Chairman of the Parish Clean-up Committee stated that he was working to get a clean-up event registered with the state. The Jury discussed groups and individuals interested in helping with the event.

With the conclusion of Committee Reports, the President moved on to Continued Business. The Jury reviewed the status of Committee assignments and discussed the schedule for March meetings.

The Jury discussed staggering the Recreation Board terms so that they would not all expire at the same time. By random draw, the terms were determined as follows:

District 1: 3-year term, District 2: 3-year term, District 3: 1-year term, District 4: 1-year term, District 5: 2-year term, District 6: 2-year term, District 7: 3-year term

The President asked that all nominees be submitted to the Secretary-Treasurer by Wednesday.

Mr. Avery updated the Jury on the status of the Sportsman-J. Hunting Club lawsuit and stated that the Police Jury had been dismissed from the lawsuit.

The President moved to New Business.

The Jury reviewed the letters of requests. Mr. Culpepper stated that they should be consistent with their requirements for the Municipalities and asked that the School Board requests be approved by their board in minutes. He also stated that the Mayor of North Hodge wanted to withdraw their request as they would take care of the issues themselves. They asked the Secretary-Treasurer to respond to each of the requests.

The Jury discussed the request for a No Wake Zone ordinance. Mr. Culpepper requested that Mr. Avery be authorized to contact Wildlife and Fisheries about enforcing the ordinance. Mr. Avery stated that the ordinance adopted by the Watershed District should be enforceable and that he would draft an ordinance for the Jury to consider and contact Wildlife and Fisheries.

The President assigned establishing a policy for Juror MiFi devices to the Policy & Personnel Committee.

The Secretary-Treasurer presented the requirements for being a Certified Building Official to the Jury.

The Jury reviewed the submitted nuisance complaints. The President assigned reviewing the complaints to the Parish Clean-up Committee and assigned reviewing the Nuisance Ordinance to the Policy & Personnel Committee.

The Secretary-Treasurer presented a grant opportunity from the Delta Regional Authority for industrial or economic development projects. The President assigned the Economic Development Committee to discuss and recommend projects to submit and asked that they coordinate with the Parish Mayors.

With no other discussion, the President opened the floor for Announcements and Notifications. The Secretary-Treasurer announced that they would be submitting a grant for energy efficiency projects to the Louisiana Public Service Commission.

Mr. Culpepper stated that Senator Jay Morris would be trying to get some BP funding allocated to north Louisiana and requested that the Jury provide 3 projects to be submitted. The Jury discussed Lakeshore Drive and the issues on Chatham Lake.

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