

Operations Committee
October 21, 2020

The Operations Committee met Wednesday, October 21, 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 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.

The Chair opened the floor for public comments.

Mr. Todd Culpepper stated that Mr. Ray Duck had requested that Canard Road remain in the parish road system. He also discussed the history of Culpepper Road.

The Committee reviewed the first-pass review of the following road studies. They stated the need to be consistent with all reviews and treat every road the same. The following recommendations were made:

- Motion Mr. Treadway, seconded Mr. Chatham to recommend the Jury adjust the parish maintenance on Canard Road to end after the second mailbox in order to keep the portion of the road with multiple structures as public. Motion carried.
- Motion Mr. Treadway, seconded Mr. Chatham to recommend the Jury adjust the parish maintenance on Ironwood Road to end at the beginning of the Joyce Harvey property line. Motion carried.
- Motion Mr. Treadway, seconded Mr. Chatham to recommend the Jury take no action on Mary West Road as they confirmed the parish maintenance is currently ending at the last property owner's line. Motion carried.
- Motion Mr. Treadway, seconded Mr. Chatham to recommend the Jury adjust the parish maintenance on Burney Road to end just passed the 181 Burney Road driveway which is where the Road Department is currently ending their maintenance. Motion carried. It was noted that this was a change in the official record of the system, the Road Department had not been performing any maintenance beyond this point in their current operations.
- Motion Mr. Chatham, seconded Mr. Treadway to recommend the Jury adjust the parish maintenance on Culpepper Road to end at the property line of John Everett. Motion carried.
- Motion Mr. Treadway, seconded Mr. Chatham to recommend the Jury take no action on Cypress Branch Road as it has multiple landowners and provides public access to Culpepper Road. Motion carried.
- Motion Mr. Treadway, seconded Mr. Chatham to recommend the Jury remove the portion of Bill Cole Loop at the end of the intersection with Jade Road as requested by the property owner and to request the 911 Office to reclassify the remaining portion of Bill Cole Loop to Jade Road. Motion carried. Mr. Stuckey stated that he would communicate with the 911 office for the changes.
- Motion Mr. Chatham, seconded Mr. Treadway to recommend the Jury bring Branch Creek Road to a public hearing for the Jury to hear comments on how the road serves the public. Motion carried.
- Motion Mr. Chatham, seconded Mr. Treadway to recommend the Jury bring Tree Lane 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 take no action on the existing Jade Road because it serves multiple landowners. Motion carried. It was stated that this road will extend with the removal of Bill Cole Loop.

The Committee reviewed the second-pass of the following road studies and made the following recommendations:

- Motion Mr. Treadway, seconded Mr. Chatham to recommend the Jury take no action on Thunder Road. Motion carried. Ms. Magee stated that after investigating the road, they determined that multiple property owners access the road and confirmed that the maintenance currently ends at the last property owner's property line.

The Committee reviewed the 2021-2023 Road Priority Lists presented by the Parish Engineer. Mr. Stuckey asked that Garner Road be re-classified from the Oil list to the Overlay list due to the work performed by the Road Department during the 2020 maintenance program.

Motion Mr. Chatham, seconded Mr. Treadway to recommend the Jury adopt the 2021-2023 Road Priority Lists as presented with the re-classification of Garner Road to the Overlay list. Motion carried.

The Committee discussed the purchase of traffic counters to be used to develop future priority lists. Motion Mr. Chatham, seconded Mr. Treadway to recommend the Jury authorize the Road Department to use the counters on all Parish Roads for one week with the results being used for the next priority list. Motion carried.

The Secretary-Treasurer discussed the information from Volkert, Inc. regarding clearing debris from private roads. She read the following update from the FEMA policy:

“Private roads are those that are not owned or operated by or otherwise the legal responsibility of a Federal or SLTT (State, local, Territorial, or Tribal) entity (including orphan roads, roads in gated communities, homeowners' association roads, etc.). If the public has unrestricted access (no locks, gates, or guards) and frequently uses the private road, then removal and disposal of the debris, including debris placed at the curbside by residents, is in the public interest and the Applicant is not required to submit documentation demonstrating the debris removal is in the public interest. This does not include debris on private driveways or parking lots. It also does not include removal and disposal activities from private roads in areas with restricted access (roads behind locks, gates, or guards) or private roads that are unrestricted but rarely used by the public.”

Motion Mr. Chatham, seconded Mr. Treadway to recommend the Jury authorize the debris hauling crews to clear debris from private roads that fall under the updated FEMA policy. Motion carried.

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