

The Lincoln Parish Police Jury met in regular session on Tuesday, August 8, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. in the Police Jury Meeting Room, 100 West Texas Avenue, Ruston, Louisiana. Present were: Hazel Hunter, District Two; Richard I. Durrett, District Three; T.J. Cranford, District Four; Logan Hunt, District Five; Glenn Scriber, District Six; Matt Pullin, District Seven; Skip Russell, District Eight; Joe Henderson, District Nine; Milton Melton, District Ten; Sharyon Mayfield, District Eleven; and Annette Straughter, District Twelve.

ABSENT: Theresa Wyatt, District One.

President Durrett called the meeting to order, and Matt Pullin delivered the Invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Annette Straughter offered a motion, seconded Hazel Hunter, to approve the Agenda as printed. The motion carried with the following votes:

YEAS: Hunter, Durrett, Cranford, Hunt, Scriber, Pullin, Russell, Henderson, Melton, Mayfield, and Straughter

President Durrett called for Public Comments on Agenda Items. There were none.

Annette Straughter offered a motion, seconded by Sharyon Mayfield, to approve the Minutes of the July 11, 2023, regular meeting. The motion carried with the following votes:

YEAS: Hunter, Durrett, Cranford, Hunt, Scriber, Pullin, Russell, Henderson, Melton, Mayfield, and Straughter

Following a brief description of the procedural requirements for conducting a Board of Review and holding necessary Public Hearings for property tax assessment purposes for the year 2023, Annette Straughter offered a motion, seconded by Milton Melton, to recess the regular meeting of the Police Jury and convene as the Board of Review. The motion carried with the following votes:

YEAS: Hunter, Durrett, Cranford, Hunt, Scriber, Pullin, Russell, Henderson, Melton, Mayfield, and Straughter

Convened as the Board of Review, the body reviewed the procedural requirements and the timetable for conducting public hearings and certifying the assessment listing to the Louisiana Tax Commission. Sharyon Mayfield offered a motion, seconded by Hazel Hunter to set the public

hearing date for September 12, 2023 at 7:00 PM to consider written or oral complaints of persons desiring to be heard and who have filed timely reports as required by state law relative to the assessment of real and personal property in Lincoln Parish, LA for the year 2023. The motion carried with the following votes:

YEAS: Hunter, Durrett, Cranford, Hunt, Scriber, Pullin, Russell, Henderson, Melton, Mayfield, and Straughter

Hazel Hunter offered a motion, seconded by Logan Hunt, to recess the Board of Review and reconvene the Police Jury meeting. The motion carried with the following votes:

YEAS: Hunter, Durrett, Cranford, Hunt, Scriber, Pullin, Russell, Henderson, Melton, Mayfield, and Straughter

Next on the agenda was to schedule a public hearing for the Section 8 Housing Assistance Program to request input from the public to discuss the mission, goals, and objective of the Section 8 Program administered by the Police Jury. Annette Straughter offered a motion, seconded by Hazel Hunter, to schedule a public hearing for the Section 8 Housing Program for September 18, 2023 at 10:00 AM at the Housing Program Office, 829 E. Georgia Ave, Ste. 7, Ruston, LA. The motion carried with the following votes:

YEAS: Hunter, Durrett, Cranford, Hunt, Scriber, Pullin, Russell, Henderson, Melton, Mayfield, and Straughter

Next on the agenda was to adopt a resolution authorizing the President to execute the Annual Public Housing Authority Certifications of Compliance.

Resolution No. 23-19-

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved that the Lincoln Parish Police Jury convened in regular session this 8th day of August, 2023 does hereby certify that it will carry out the public housing program of the agency in conformity with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Fair Housing Act, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, and Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, and will affirmatively further fair housing by examining their programs or proposed programs, identifying any impediments to fair housing choice within those program, addressing those impediments in a reasonable fashion in view of the resources available and working with local jurisdictions to implement any of the jurisdiction's initiatives to affirmatively further fair housing that require the PHA's involvement and by maintaining records reflecting these analyses and actions, and hereby authorizes the President, Richard I. Durrett, to sign the Certifications.

/s/ Courtney Hall
Courtney Hall
Interim Parish Administrator

/s Richard I. Durrett
Richard I. Durrett
Parish President

The motion carried with the following votes:

YEAS: Hunter, Durrett, Cranford, Hunt, Scriber, Pullin, Russell, Henderson, Melton, Mayfield, and Straughter

Next on the agenda was to adopt a resolution to adopt the Lincoln Parish Hazard Mitigation Plan. Following comments from Mr. Kip Franklin, Homeland Security Director, Glenn Scriber offered a motion, seconded by Matt Pullin, to adopt a resolution adopting the Lincoln Parish Hazard Mitigation Plan.

Resolution No. 23-20

RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE LINCOLN PARISH HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN

WHEREAS, LINCOLN PARISH is a grant recipient of Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) funding through the Louisiana Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness (GOHSEP) and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for the purpose of reviewing and updating the Lincoln Parish Hazard Mitigation Plan and;

WHEREAS, the Plan will enable LINCOLN PARISH to better prepare for and reduce the effects of disasters and;

WHEREAS, LINCOLN PARISH formed a Steering Committee consisting of state and local governments and agencies, local organizations, businesses and private citizens and;

WHEREAS, this Lincoln Parish Steering Committee has prepared and reviewed the Lincoln Parish Hazard Mitigation Plan, update 2016 and updated it accordingly, now titled (the "2023 Lincoln Parish Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan") that will guide the Parish and;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE POLICE JURY OF LINCOLN PARISH, LOUISIANA, in Regular Session convened on the 8th day of August, 2023, that it does hereby formally adopt the 2023 Lincoln Parish Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan.

/s/ Courtney Hall
Courtney Hall
Interim Parish Administrator

/s Richard I. Durrett
Richard I. Durrett
Parish President

The motion carried with the following the votes:

YEAS: Hunter, Durrett, Cranford, Hunt, Scriber, Pullin, Russell, Henderson, Melton, Mayfield, and Straughter

Next on the agenda was to consider, and take action if necessary, amending Police Jury policy regarding public comment to allow remote public participation by persons with ADA recognized disabilities. After a procedural demonstration and discussion, Milton Melton offered a motion, seconded by Annette Straughter, to amend the Police Jury policy regarding public comment to allow remote public participation by persons with ADA recognized disabilities. The motion carried with the following the votes:

YEAS: Hunter, Durrett, Cranford, Hunt, Scriber, Pullin, Russell, Henderson, Melton, Mayfield, and Straughter

Treasurer Michael Sutton presented the budget report. The Jury then heard various departmental reports.

Following reports, Annette Straughter offered a motion, seconded by Sharyon Mayfield, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried with the following votes:

YEAS: Hunter, Durrett, Cranford, Hunt, Scriber, Pullin, Russell, Henderson, Melton, Mayfield, and Straughter

Courtney Hall
Interim Parish Administrator

Richard I. Durrett
Police Jury President