

TO: Lincoln Parish Police Jury  
FROM: Solid Waste & Recycling Committee  
SUBJECT: Committee Report

The Solid Waste & Recycling Committee of the Lincoln Parish Police Jury met in the Jack Beard Community Room, 910 North Trenton Street, Tuesday, April 12, 2022, at 6:30 p.m. Present were: TJ Cranford, Chair; Theresa Wyatt, Skip Russell, and Milton Melton.

ABSENT: Glenn Scriber

TJ Cranford called the meeting to order and Logan Hunt delivered the invocation.

Theresa Wyatt made a motion, seconded by Milton Melton, to approve the agenda. The motion carried with the following votes:

YEAS: Wyatt, Cranford, Russell, and Melton

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Scriber

The first item on the agenda was to discuss plans for solid waste collection. Parish Administrator Doug Postel stated that the parish currently has 67 dumpster sites with a total of 217 dumpsters, however other parishes are moving away from this model toward Consolidated Collection Sites (mega-sites). He gave three options for the Committee to consider:

- Option 1: Do nothing and leave the current sites as they are.
- Option 2: Move exclusively to consolidated collection sites. These sites would be large enough for 10-20 containers as well as roll-off containers for furniture and other larger items and would also have more robust camera systems. This plan would also include upgrading our current Consolidated Collection Sites.
- Option 3: Move to Door to Door pickup. City of Ruston has a 3-mile radius of the city limits for \$15 and no interest in moving to a 5-mile radius. However, some smaller, private companies are slightly more expensive that may be interested.

After listing these options for the Committee, Mr. Postel stated that he didn't believe there was one comprehensive solution that would work for the entire parish. He suggested possibly looking into a combination of solutions. Skip Russell asked if the consolidated container sites would be manned. Mr. Postel stated that if those sites were manned, they would have set hours and would not be accessible to citizens at all times.

Logan Hunt stated that growth in the outer areas of the parish has created a volume problem and that he would like to see what a hybrid solution would look like. Chair Cranford asked what the numbers for upgrading our current four consolidated sites would look like. Mr. Postel stated that current sites would be expanded to fit 20 containers, they would have a concrete center with a gravel perimeter, additional fencing, and upgraded lighting and cameras. The cost for upgrading these four sites would be 1.4 million dollars, for new sites it would be roughly \$500,000.00 per site.

Theresa Wyatt stated solid waste has been a chronic problem in the parish. Milton Melton asked about enforcement and how that might make a change in some of the larger issues. Matt Pullin asked what the cost comparison would be between each of these options and what we currently have in place. After much further discussion, no action was taken, but it was recommended the study continue on a hybrid model of collection.

The next item on the agenda was to consider authorization to enter into an agreement with The Riley, Co. for engineering services. Mr. Postel reminded the jurors about the scale failure that took place last month and reminded them that placing new scales would be a good opportunity to build the new scale house. The building would provide an office for the superintendent and meeting space for the employees. The new placement of the building would also allow trucks to pull off of Arkansas Plant Road and alleviate traffic issues at the gate area. Milton Melton offered a motion, seconded by Theresa Wyatt, to recommend entering into an agreement with Riley Co. for engineering services on a new scale house. The motion carried with the following votes:

YEAS: Wyatt, Cranford, Russell, and Melton

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Scriber

There being no other business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned.

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Doug Postel  
Parish Administrator

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TJ Cranford  
Committee Chair