

Tallulah, Louisiana  
October 9, 2023

The Madison Parish Police Jury met in regular session and convened at the Courthouse Building, Tallulah, Louisiana on Monday, October 9, 2023, 4:00 p.m.

President Sanders called the meeting to order and Juror Hughes gave the invocation. The roll call followed the announcement of a quorum. The following members were present at roll call:

District 1 Jerry Hicks  
District 2 Absent  
District 3 Dave Wilson  
District 4 Johnny Hughes  
District 5 Jane Sanders

Visitors: C. Gordon, M. Book, T. Branson, T. Johnson

Present Sanders asked for a motion to amend the agenda to add Cindy Gordon of Entergy. Mr. Hughes offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Wilson, to amend the agenda. Upon a roll call, the votes were as follows:

District 1 Yea  
District 2 Yea  
District 3 Yea  
District 4 Yea  
District 5 Yea

No discussion. Motion carried.

A Public Comments Period held at the beginning of the meeting to allow for comments on agenda items received no comments.

Prior to the President's Report, Atty. Branson requested to address the jurors during Public Comment. She first introduced herself and commented on the reason for her appearance, that was to confirm her appointment to the position on the Delta Agriculture Research and Sustainability Board. During this time Representative T. Johnson also expounded on the Board and the reason for Atty. Branson's recommendation.

Mr. Hicks offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Wilson, to approve the Consent Agenda (September 25, 2023 minutes, September Building Report, Financials, and Garbage/Sewer Report and the Outstanding Invoice Report). No discussion. Motion carried.

Mr. Wilson offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Ogden, to approve the request to pay outstanding invoices with available funds or as funds become available. No discussion. Motion carried.

Jurors were reminded of District's 5 Annual Meeting that was going to be held on October 17<sup>th</sup> in Rayville.

The final invoice, for the work done at the Port by D & J Construction, in the amount of \$242,193.85 was presented for payment. The Police Jury was asked to pay the invoice up front, and be reimbursed \$194,258.36 by Delta Regional Authority. The balance of \$47,935.49 is the Jury's match for the project. The Jury's match will be paid by Public Works and the Building Fund, if approved. Mr. Hughes offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Wilson, to pay the final invoice, with the jury's share being paid from the Public Works and the Building Funds. Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

District 1	Yea
District 2	Yea
District 3	Yea
District 4	Yea
District 5	Yea

No discussion. Motion carried.

Roads to be repaired from Act 397 (line item of the 2023 Regular Legislative Session in the amount of \$25,000) need to be identified.

The Parish Superintendent is to identify and seek approval from the jury on the equipment he wishes to purchase from the LATCF grant.

Discussion of personnel policies for consideration was tabled.

Each juror reported on concerns within their district.

Ms. Mary Book addressed the jurors regarding getting a section of the bayou cleaned up, prior to the Christmas Festivities.

Upon review of the bids received for the proposed water well for Walnut Bayou Water System, Watson Well Drilling & Construction, LLC, of Rayville, LA was the low bidder with a base bid amount of \$573,510.00. The contractor is licensed to perform the work. Mr. Wilson offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Hughes, to award the bid to Watson Drilling. Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

District 1	Yea
District 2	Yea
District 3	Yea
District 4	Yea
District 5	Yea

No discussion. Motion carried.

The following resolution was offered by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Hughes, approving the Scott Airport Capital improvement Plan for FY 2024-2029. No discussion. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2023-11**

**WHEREAS** the Madison Parish Police Jury is identified as the Sponsor for Scott Airport; and

**WHEREAS** the Madison Parish Police Jury did formally request the LA DOTD, Division of Aviation to provide funds necessary to complete the airport improvements at the Scott Airport specifically as described in the Capital Improvement Program Application for State Financial Assistance; and

**WHEREAS** the Scott Airport Capital Improvement Plan for FY 2024-2029 has been completed;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Madison Parish Police Jury does hereby approve the Scott Airport Capital Improvement Plan for FY 2024-2029.

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the President, Jane Sanders, of the Sponsor be and is hereby authorized and directed to evidence this agreement by affixing her signature at the place provided therefore on this resolution and on subsequent related documents/agreements as required by the rules and regulations of the Federal Aviation Administration and the State of Louisiana and the Secretary/Treasurer is hereby authorized to attest said execution.

The Madison Parish Police Jury for the Sponsor of the Parish of Madison met in a regular session on this date. The aforesaid resolution was offered by Mr. Ogden and seconded by Mr. Wilson. The aforesaid resolution, having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS:	Hicks, Ogden, Wilson, Hughes and Sanders
NAYS:	None
ABSTAINED:	None
ABSENT:	None

Mr. Ogden offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Wilson, to approve an Alcohol Beverage Permit for 80 East Texaco. No discussion. Motion carried.

Mr. Hughes offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Wilson, to approve an Alcohol Beverage Permit for 120/Hwy 65 South Texaco. No discussion. Motion carried.

Ms. C. Gordon, representing Entergy, addressed the jury regarding the renewal of the Parish's franchise with Entergy. Mr. Hicks offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Wilson, to renew the franchise. Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

District 1	Yea
District 2	Yea
District 3	Yea
District 4	Yea
District 5	Yea

No discussion. Motion carried.

There were no public comments nor discussion of correspondence.

Mr. Hicks offered a motion to adjourn.