

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD AUGUST 11, 2021, 9:00 A.M. ARCADIA, LA.

The Bienville Parish Police Jury met in regular session via teleconference on the above date with the following members present: Bill Sims, Jerry Roberson, Darryl Ryder, Jerry Bates, Vic Fowler, Michael Nelson and Raymond Malone.

The invocation was given by Mr. Michael Nelson.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Raymond Malone.

Mr. Roberson made the motion to approve the agenda with the addition of the Council On Aging Resolution. The motion was seconded by Mr. Fowler and was unanimously approved.

Mr. Malone made the motion to waive the reading of the minutes of the last regular meeting of July 14, 2021, and to approve the same as published in the official journal and mailed to the members. The motion was seconded by Mr. Roberson and unanimously approved.

President Sims solicited comments from the attendees. None were offered.

President Sims called on Mr. Hays for the report of the Public Works Committee. Mr. Hays stated that the Public Works Committee approved his recommendation as follows:

1. Approve a request to reduce the speed limit on Sawmill Road to 25 mph.
2. Approve purchasing authorization for Lead Mechanic James Russell.
3. Approve payment to the surface treatment contractor for work done in July minus the 10% retainage.
4. Approve the request from the Village of Saline to clean out a ditch on 7<sup>th</sup> and Natchitoches Streets.
5. Approve the promotion of Wayne Roberson to Mechanic.
6. Approve the use of a contractor to replace the culverts on Saline Ridge Road.
7. Approve the repairs in excess of \$3,000 for equipment #134 and #99.

Mr. Bates made the motion to approve the recommendations as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Malone and unanimously approved.

The secretary stated that Mrs. Carol Brown, Assessor had calculated the ad valorem tax based on the direction of the jury. The following resolution was submitted by Mr. Ryder, seconded by Mr. Fowler and unanimously approved.

**RESOLUTION**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the following millage(s) are hereby levied on the 2021 tax roll on all property subject to taxation by the Bienville Parish Police Jury:

Ad Valorem, Parishwide	4.29 Mills
Special Parishwide Road Maintenance	6.03 Mills
Library Tax, Parishwide	4.03 Mills
Recreation District #1	3.37 Mills
Council On Aging	1.02 Mills
Courthouse & Annex	2.50 Mills

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the proper administrative officials of the Parish of Bienville, State of Louisiana, be and they are hereby empowered, authorized, and directed to

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spread said taxes, as hereinabove set forth, upon the assessment roll of said Parish for the year 2021, and to make the collection of the taxes imposed for and on behalf of the taxing authority, according to law, and that the taxes herein levied shall become a permanent lien and privilege on all property subject to taxation as herein set forth, and collection thereof shall be enforceable in the manner provided by law.

The foregoing resolution was read in full, the roll was called on the adoption thereof, and the resolution was adopted by the following votes:

YEAS:               Sims, Roberson, Ryder, Bates, Fowler, Nelson and Malone  
NAYS:               None.  
ABSTAINED:       None.  
ABSENT:           None.

The Secretary stated that he had received a letter from Mrs. Carol Brown, Assessor, asking the jury to set the dates of the Board of Review from September 3, 2021 through September 17, 2021 and a hearing date of September 8, 2021. Mr. Malone made the motion to set the dates of the Board of Review as requested by the Assessor. The motion was seconded by Mr. Roberson and unanimously approved.

Mr. Malone submitted the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Nelson:

**RESOLUTION**

A resolution approving the holding of an election in Ward Seven Fire Protection District of the Parish of Bienville, State of Louisiana, on Saturday, November 13, 2021, to authorize the levy of a special tax therein.

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Ward Seven Fire Protection District of the Parish of Bienville, State of Louisiana (the "Governing Authority"), acting as the governing authority of Ward Seven Fire Protection District of the Parish of Bienville, State of Louisiana (the "District"), plans to adopt a resolution on August 12, 2021, calling a special election in the District on Saturday, November 13, 2021, to authorize the levy of a special tax therein; and

WHEREAS, the governing authority of the District has requested that this Police Jury, acting as the governing authority of the Parish of Bienville, State of Louisiana, give its consent and authority for the District to hold the aforesaid election, and in the event that the election carries to continue to levy and collect the special tax provided for therein; and

WHEREAS, as required by Article VI, Section 15 of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana of 1974, it is now the desire of this Police Jury to approve the holding of said election and in the event that the election carries, to continue to levy and collect the special tax provided for therein;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Police Jury of the Parish of Bienville, State of Louisiana, acting as the governing authority of said Parish, that:

SECTION 1. In compliance with the provisions of Article VI, Section 15 of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana of 1974, and in accordance with the request of the Board of Commissioners of Ward Seven Fire Protection District of the Parish of Bienville, State of Louisiana, this Police Jury hereby approves the holding of an election in the District, on Saturday, November 13, 2021, at which election there will be submitted the following proposition, to-wit:

**WARD SEVEN FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT PROPOSITION  
(MILLAGE TAX CONTINUATION)**

Shall Ward Seven Fire Protection District of the Parish of Bienville, State of Louisiana (the "District"), be authorized to continue to levy a five and thirteen hundredths (5.13) mills tax on all property subject to taxation in the District (an estimated \$162,100 expected at this time to be collected from the levy of the tax for an entire year) for a period of ten years beginning with the year 2023 and ending with the year 2032, for the purpose of acquiring,

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constructing, improving, maintaining, and/or operating facilities and/or equipment for the District to be used for fire protection and emergency response purposes, including acquiring vehicles for such purposes and paying the costs of obtaining water for fire protection purposes and charges for fire hydrant rentals and service, said millage to represent a thirteen hundredths of a mill (.13) increase (due to reappraisal) over the 5 mills tax authorized to be levied through the year 2022 pursuant to an election held on April 6, 2013?

SECTION 2. In the event the election carries, this Police Jury does hereby further consent to and authorize the District to continue to levy and collect the special tax provided for therein.

This resolution having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

Yeas:	Sims, Roberson, Ryder, Bates, Fowler, Nelson and Malone.
Nays:	None.
Absent:	None.
Abstaining:	None.

And the resolution was declared adopted on this, the 11<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2021.

/s/ Rodney L. Warren  
Secretary/Treasurer

/s/ William D. Sims  
President

Mr. Bates made the motion to approve the Chamber of Commerce request on behalf of CASA in the amount of \$3,000. The motion was seconded by Mr. Nelson and unanimously approved.

Mr. Bates made the motion to request Star Gathering LLC to pay the engineering fees regarding their request for a guardrail on Lake Bistineau Road. The motion was seconded by Mr. Roberson and unanimously approved.

Mrs. Ann Chapman, of the Bienville Council on Aging, requested the jury adopt the annual resolution. Mr. Roberson submitted the following resolution:

**AUTHORIZING RESOLUTION**

Resolution authorizing the filing of an application with the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development for a grant under 49 CFR 5311, Formula Grant for Rural Areas, 49 CFR 5339, Grants for Bus and Bus Facility Program.

WHEREAS, the Secretary of Transportation and Development is authorized to make grants for mass transportation projects;

WHEREAS, the contract for financial assistance will impose certain obligations upon the applicant;

WHEREAS, it is required by the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development in accord with the provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, that in connection with the filing of an application for assistance that it will comply with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the U. S. Department of Transportation requirements thereunder; and

WHEREAS, it is the goal of the Applicant that minority business enterprise be utilized to the fullest extent possible in connection with this project, and that definitive procedures shall be established and administered to ensure that minority businesses shall have the maximum feasible opportunity to compete for contracts when procuring construction contracts, supplies, equipment, or consultant and other services:

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NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Bienville Parish Police Jury:

1. That the President is authorized to execute and file an application on behalf of the Bienville Parish Police Jury with the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development, to aid in the financing of operating and/or capital assistance projects pursuant to FTA transit programs.
2. That the President is authorized to execute and file with such applications an assurance or any other document required by the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development effectuating the purposes of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended.
3. That the President is authorized to furnish such additional information as the Louisiana Department of Transportation may require in connection with the application or the project.
4. That the President is authorized to set forth and execute affirmative minority business policies in connection with the project's procurement needs.
5. That the President is authorized to execute grant contract agreements on behalf of the Bienville Parish Police Jury with the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development for aid in the financing of the operating or capital assistance projects.
6. This resolution is applicable for a period of one year unless revoked by the governing body and copy of such revocation shall be furnished to the DOTD.

The resolution was seconded by Mr. Ryder and a roll call vote was as follows:

YEAS:           Sims, Roberson, Ryder, Bates, Fowler, Nelson and Malone.  
NAYS:           None.  
ABSENT:       None.  
ABSTAINING:  None.

Mr. Malone made the motion to approve all General Fund and Solid Waste Fund bills submitted by the treasurer and examined by the Finance Committee. The motion was seconded by Mr. Ryder and unanimously approved.

Mr. Nelson made the motion to approve all Road Fund bills submitted by the treasurer and examined by the Road Superintendent and the Public Works Committee. The motion was seconded by Mr. Malone and unanimously approved.

There being no further business to come before the jury, and on motion to adjourn by Mr. Malone, seconded by Mr. Roberson and unanimously approved, President Sims declared the meeting adjourned, subject to call, until the regular meeting date, September 8, 2021, at 9:00 a.m.

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Rodney L. Warren  
Secretary

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Bill Sims  
President