

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD OCTOBER 27, 2021, 9:00 A.M. ARCADIA, LA.

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

The invocation was given by Mr. Vic Fowler.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Jerry Bates.

Mr. Malone made the motion to approve the agenda with the addition of the mask mandate and the Chamber request. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bates and was unanimously approved.

Public comments were solicited by President Sims. No comments were offered.

After discussion of the Water Sector Program applications requesting matching funds from the jury utilizing ARPA funds, Mr. Ryder submitted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION COMMITTING \$103,000.00 TO THE VILLAGE OF CASTOR FOR PROJECT FUNDING AND, FURTHER PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, the Village of Castor operates a public water system serving residents of Bienville Parish;

WHEREAS, the Village of Castor has committed \$89,000.00 to this project;

WHEREAS, the improvements that the Village of Castor proposes to make through said project are in the public interest and will benefit citizens of Bienville Parish; and,

WHEREAS, the Bienville Parish Police Jury has received funds from the United States through the American Rescue Plan Act ("ARPA") that may be used for the improvements of water and sewage improvements;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Bienville Parish Police Jury does hereby allocate and commit \$103,000.00 of the Bienville Parish Police Jury's ARPA funds to serve as matching funds for Village of Castor's project in the amount of \$413,000.00 to improve the Village of Castor's Water System in Bienville Parish; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the President of the Bienville Parish Police Jury, is hereby authorized to execute a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Village of Castor concerning the \$103,000.00 made subject of this Resolution.

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

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

Mr. Malone submitted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION COMMITTING \$250,000.00 TO THE SOUTHEAST BIENVILLE WATER SYSTEM FOR PROJECT FUNDING AND, FURTHER PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, the Southeast Bienville Water System operates a public water system serving residents of Bienville Parish;

WHEREAS, the Southeast Bienville Water System has committed \$10,000.00 to this project;

WHEREAS, the improvements that the Southeast Bienville Water System proposes to make through said project are in the public interest and will benefit citizens of Bienville Parish; and,

WHEREAS, the Bienville Parish Police Jury has received funds from the United States through the American Rescue Plan Act ("ARPA") that may be used for the improvements of water and sewage improvements;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Bienville Parish Police Jury does hereby allocate and commit \$250,000.00 of the Bienville Parish Police Jury's ARPA funds to serve as matching funds for Southeast Bienville Water System's project in the amount of \$1,000,000.00 to improve the Southeast Bienville Water System in Bienville Parish; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the President of the Bienville Parish Police Jury, is hereby authorized to execute a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Southeast Bienville Water System concerning the \$250,000.00 made subject of this Resolution.

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

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

Mr. Ryder submitted the following resolution:

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A RESOLUTION COMMITTING \$130,000.00 TO THE TOWN OF MOUNT LEBANON FOR PROJECT FUNDING AND, FURTHER PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, the Town of Mount Lebanon operates a public water system serving residents of Bienville Parish;

WHEREAS, the Town of Mount Lebanon has committed \$6,000.00 to this project;

WHEREAS, the improvements that the Town of Mount Lebanon proposes to make through said project are in the public interest and will benefit citizens of Bienville Parish; and,

WHEREAS, the Bienville Parish Police Jury has received funds from the United States through the American Rescue Plan Act ("ARPA") that may be used for the improvements of water and sewage improvements;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Bienville Parish Police Jury does hereby allocate and commit \$130,000.00 of the Bienville Parish Police Jury's ARPA funds to serve as matching funds for Town of Mount Lebanon's project in the amount of \$520,000.00 to improve the Town of Mount Lebanon's Water System in Bienville Parish; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the President of the Bienville Parish Police Jury, is hereby authorized to execute a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Town of Mount Lebanon concerning the \$130,000.00 made subject of this Resolution.

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

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

Mr. Malone submitted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION COMMITTING \$250,000.00 TO THE FRIENDSHIP WATER SYSTEM FOR PROJECT FUNDING AND, FURTHER PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, the Friendship Water System operates a public water system serving residents of Bienville Parish;

WHEREAS, the Friendship Water System has committed \$100,000.00 to this project;

WHEREAS, the improvements that the Friendhsip Water System proposes to make through said project are in the public interest and will benefit citizens of Bienville Parish; and,

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WHEREAS, the Bienville Parish Police Jury has received funds from the United States through the American Rescue Plan Act (“ARPA”) that may be used for the improvements of water and sewage improvements;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Bienville Parish Police Jury does hereby allocate and commit \$250,000.00 of the Bienville Parish Police Jury’s ARPA funds to serve as matching funds for the Friendship Water System’s project in the amount of \$250,000.00 to improve the Friendship Water System in Bienville Parish; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the President of the Bienville Parish Police Jury, is hereby authorized to execute a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Friendship Water System concerning the \$250,000.00 made subject of this Resolution.

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

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

Mr. Bates submitted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION COMMITTING \$885,000.00 TO THE CYPRESS AND MILLCREEK WATER SYSTEMS FOR PROJECT FUNDING AND, FURTHER PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, the Cypress and Millcreek Water Systems operate public water systems serving residents of Bienville Parish;

WHEREAS, the improvements that the Cypress and Millcreek Water Systems propose to make through said project are in the public interest and will benefit citizens of Bienville Parish; and,

WHEREAS, the Bienville Parish Police Jury has received funds from the United States through the American Rescue Plan Act (“ARPA”) that may be used for the improvements of water and sewage improvements;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Bienville Parish Police Jury does hereby allocate and commit \$885,000.00 of the Bienville Parish Police Jury’s ARPA funds to serve as matching funds for Cypress and Millcreek’s consolidation project in the amount of \$3,540,000.00 to improve the Cypress/Millcreek Water Systems in Bienville Parish; and,

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the President of the Bienville Parish Police Jury, is hereby authorized to execute a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with Cypress and Millcreek Water Systems concerning the \$885,000.00 made subject of this Resolution.

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

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

Mr. Malone made the motion to appoint Katrina Willis to the Shady Grove Recreation District Board. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bates and unanimously approved.

Mr. Fowler made the motion to follow the Governor's guidelines regarding the lifting of the mask mandate. The motion was seconded by Mr. Nelson and unanimously approved.

Mr. Ryder made the motion to approve the request from the Chamber of Commerce in the amount of \$2,500 to promote economic development. The motion was seconded by Mr. Nelson and unanimously approved.

Mr. Nelson informed the jury that the Mayor of Castor, Mrs. Vicki Pickett, expressed her heartfelt appreciation to the members of the jury for their help with the water system project.

There being no further business to come before the jury, and on motion to adjourn by Mr. Malone, seconded by Mr. Bates and unanimously approved, President Sims declared the meeting adjourned, subject to call, until the regular meeting date, November 10, 2021, at 9:00 a.m.

Rodney L. Warren
Secretary

Bill Sims
President