

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD MAY 11, 2022, 9:00 A.M. ARCADIA, LA.

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

The invocation was given by President Bates.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Roberson

Mr. Sims made the motion to approve the agenda with the addition of the Official Journal. 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 April 13, 2022, and to approve the same as published in the official journal and mailed to the members. The motion was seconded by Mr. Nelson and unanimously approved.

President Bates 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 the hiring of Kalob Prince on a full time basis.
2. Approve the request from the Town of Gibsland to install a culvert and clean out the ditch on Grover Jones Road.
3. Approve the request from the Village of Saline to repair a pothole on Bobcat Drive.
4. Authorize the advertising for bids for a new pole barn at the District A yard.

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

President Bates called on Mr. Fowler for the report of the Personnel Committee. Mr. Fowler stated the Personnel Committee made the recommendation to reappoint Mr. Rodney L. Warren as the Secretary/Treasurer. Mr. Fowler made the motion to approve the recommendation as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Sims and a roll call vote was as follows:

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

On the recommendation of the Building and Grounds Committee, Mr. Sims made the motion to repair the access control system as presented by the Secretary. The motion was seconded by Mr. Roberson and a roll call vote was as follows:

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

Mr. Nelson made the motion to repair the voting software in the Police Jury Meeting Room as recommended by the Building and Grounds Committee as well. The motion was seconded by Mr. Fowler and unanimously approved.

After discussing the reapportionment plan, Mr. Roberson made the motion to set the next regular meeting of June 8, 2022, as a public hearing to adopt the following captioned ordinance to reapportion the parish:

**ORDINANCE #1 of 2022**

**AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING VOTING PRECINCTS AND DEFINING THE TERRITORIAL LIMITS OF EACH FOR BIENVILLE PARISH, LOUISIANA.**

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

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

The proposed plan maps are available to the public for inspection at the Police Jury office, 100 Courthouse Drive, Suite 2100, Arcadia, Louisiana during regular business hours from 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m..

Mr. Fowler made the motion to approve the Chamber of Commerce requests on behalf of the Mt. Lebanon Historical Society (\$1,500), Jonquil Jubilee Festival (\$1,000), Bonnie & Clyde Festival (\$1,000) and Slabtown (\$3,000). The motion was seconded by Mr. Nelson and unanimously approved.

Mr. Sims made the motion to refrain from paying the solid waste contractor for the month until such time as they can have a representative available to attend the monthly Police Jury meeting. After discussion the motion failed for lack of a second.

Mr. Malone submitted the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, several high school track teams in Bienville Parish participated in the state track meet; and,

WHEREAS, the Gibsland Coleman Lady Bulldogs won the Class C state championship and the Gibsland Coleman Bulldogs were runner up.

WHEREAS, several athletes from schools in Bienville Parish won first place in their individual events at the state track meet.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Police Jury of Bienville Parish, that it does hereby express its congratulations to the players and coaches of all the parish track teams for their outstanding accomplishments this season.

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

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

Mr. Roberson 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. Fowler and unanimously approved.

Mr. Malone 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. Nelson and unanimously approved.

There being no further business to come before the jury, President Bates declared the meeting adjourned, subject to call, until the regular meeting date, June 8, 2022, at 9:00 a.m.

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Rodney L. Warren  
Secretary

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Jerry Bates  
President