

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD AUGUST 10, 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, Darryl Ryder, Jerry Bates, Vic Fowler, Michael Nelson and Raymond Malone.

The invocation was given by Mr. Fowler.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Malone.

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

Mr. Fowler made the motion to waive the reading of the minutes of the last regular meeting of July 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 payment to the surface treatment contractor minus the 10% retainage for the invoices submitted in July.

Mr. Ryder made the motion to approve the recommendation as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Fowler and a roll call vote was as follows:

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

After the report of the Solid Waste Committee, Mr. Ryder made the motion to approve the request for proposals and authorize the advertisement for bids for a new solid waste contract. The motion was seconded by Mr. Roberson and a roll call vote was as follows:

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

Mr. Ryder made the motion to approve the repairs to the floor at the jail. The motion was seconded by Mr. Malone and a roll call vote was as follows:

YEAS:	Sims, Roberson, Ryder, Bates, Fowler, Nelson and Malone.
NAYS:	None.
ABSENT:	None.
ABSTAINING:	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 2, 2022 through September 16, 2022 and a hearing date of September 14, 2022. Mr. Ryder 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 a roll call vote was as follows:

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

The Secretary stated that Mrs. Ann Chapman, of the Bienville Council on Aging, requested the jury adopt the annual resolution. Mr. Nelson 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:

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. Ryder offered the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Nelson:

RESOLUTION

A resolution ordering and calling a special election to be held in the Parish of Bienville, State of Louisiana, to authorize the continuation of a special tax therein; making application to the State Bond Commission and providing for other matters in connection therewith.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Police Jury of the Parish of Bienville, State of Louisiana (the "Governing Authority"), acting as the governing authority of the Parish of Bienville, State of Louisiana (the "Parish"), that:

SECTION 1. Election Call. Subject to the approval of the State Bond Commission, and under the authority conferred by the Constitution of the State of Louisiana of 1974, including Article VI, Section 26 thereof, the applicable provisions of the Louisiana Election Code, and other constitutional and statutory authority, a special election is hereby called and ordered to be held in the Parish on **SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2022**, between the hours of seven o'clock (7:00) a.m. and eight o'clock (8:00) p.m., in accordance with the provisions of La. R.S. 18:541, and at the said election there shall be submitted to all registered voters qualified and entitled to vote at the said election under the Constitution and laws of this State and the Constitution of the United States, the following proposition, to-wit:

**PROPOSITION
(TAX CONTINUATION)**

Shall the Parish of Bienville, State of Louisiana (the "Parish"), be authorized to continue to levy a special tax of four and three hundredths (4.03) mills on all property subject to taxation in the Parish (an estimated \$1,359,100 expected at this time to be collected from the levy of the tax for an entire year), for a period of ten (10) years, beginning with the year 2024 and ending with the year 2033, for the purpose of providing funds for equipment, supplies, maintenance, operation and support of a public library and its branch or branches in the Parish, said millage to represent a seven hundredths of a mill (.07) increase (due to reappraisal) over the 3.96 mills tax authorized to be levied through the year 2023 pursuant to an election held on December 8, 2012?

SECTION 2. Publication of Notice of Election. A Notice of Special Election shall be published in the official journal of the Parish once a week for four consecutive weeks, with the first publication to be made not less than forty-five (45) days nor more than ninety (90) days prior to the date of the election, which Notice shall be substantially in the form attached hereto as "Exhibit A" and incorporated herein by reference the same as if it were set forth herein in full.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, prior to the publication of the Notice of Election, the President is authorized and directed to make any amendments to the foregoing proposition that may be required to comply with any state or federal regulatory agencies.

SECTION 3. Canvass. This Governing Authority shall meet at its regular meeting place, the Police Jury Meeting Room, 100 Courthouse Drive, Suite 2100, Arcadia, Louisiana, on **WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11, 2023**, at **NINE O'CLOCK (9:00) A.M.**, and shall then and there in open and public session proceed to examine and canvass the returns and declare the result of the said special election.

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SECTION 4. Polling Places. The polling places for the precincts in the Parish are hereby designated as the polling places at which to hold the said election, and the Commissioners-in-Charge and Commissioners, respectively, will be the same persons as those designated in accordance with law.

SECTION 5. Election Commissioners; Voting Machines. The officers designated to serve as Commissioners-in-Charge and Commissioners pursuant to Section 4 hereof, or such substitutes therefor as may be selected and designated in accordance with La. R.S. 18:1287, shall hold the said special election as herein provided, and shall make due returns of said election for the meeting of the Governing Authority to be held as provided in Section 3 hereof. All registered voters in the Parish will be entitled to vote at the special election, and voting machines shall be used.

SECTION 6. Authorization of Officers. The Secretary-Treasurer of the Governing Authority is hereby empowered, authorized and directed to arrange for and to furnish to said election officers in ample time for the holding of said election, the necessary equipment, forms and other paraphernalia essential to the proper holding of said election and the President and/or Secretary-Treasurer of the Governing Authority

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are further authorized, empowered and directed to take any and all further action required by State and/or Federal law to arrange for the election.

SECTION 7. Furnishing Election Call to Election Officials. Certified copies of this resolution shall be forwarded to the Secretary of State, the Clerk of Court and *Ex-Officio* Parish Custodian of Voting Machines of Bienville Parish and the Registrar of Voters of Bienville Parish, as notification of the special election, in order that each may prepare for said election and perform their respective functions as required by law.

SECTION 8. Application to State Bond Commission. Application is made to the State Bond Commission for consent and authority to hold the special election as herein provided, and in the event said election carries for further consent and authority to continue to levy and collect the special tax provided for therein. A certified copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to the State Bond Commission on behalf of this Governing Authority, together with a letter requesting the prompt consideration and approval of this application.

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 10th day of August, 2022.

/s/ Rodney L. Warren
Secretary-Treasurer

/s/ Jerry Bates
President

Mr. Fowler offered the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Roberson:

RESOLUTION

A resolution approving the holding of an election in Bienville Parish Hospital Service District No. 1, State of Louisiana, on Saturday, December 10, 2022, to authorize the levy of a special tax therein.

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Bienville Parish Hospital Service District No. 1, State of Louisiana (the "Governing Authority"), acting as the governing authority of Bienville Parish Hospital Service District No. 1, State of Louisiana (the "District"), plans to adopt a resolution on August 11, 2022, calling a special election in the District on Saturday, December 10, 2022, 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 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 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 Bienville Parish Hospital Service District No. 1, State of Louisiana, this Police Jury hereby approves the holding of an election in the District, on Saturday, December 10, 2022, at which election there will be submitted the following proposition, to-wit:

**PROPOSITION
(MILLAGE)**

Shall Bienville Parish Hospital Service District No. 1, State of Louisiana (the "District"), levy a one and ninety-four hundredths (1.94) mills tax on all the property subject to taxation

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in the District for a period of ten (10) years, beginning with the year 2023 and ending in the year 2032 (an estimated \$294,880 reasonably expected at this time to be collected from the levy of the tax for an entire year), for the purpose of acquiring, constructing, improving, maintaining and/or operating facilities and equipment of and for the District?

SECTION 2. In the event the election carries, this Police Jury does hereby further consent to and authorize the District 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 10th day of August, 2022.

/s/ Rodney L. Warren
Secretary-Treasurer

/s/ Jerry Bates
President

Mr. Malone offered 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, December 10, 2022, to authorize the continuation 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"), adopted a resolution on July 14, 2022, calling a special election in the District on Saturday, December 10, 2022, to authorize the continuation 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, December 10, 2022, 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 \$155,500 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, 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

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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 10th day of August, 2022.

/s/ Rodney L. Warren
Secretary-Treasurer

/s/ Jerry Bates
President

After discussion of the ARPA funds allocated to the Bienville Parish Police Jury and obligated to several water systems throughout the parish by resolution in the October 2021 meeting, Mr. Roberson made the motion to reaffirm the obligation of the ARPA funds to the water systems. The motion 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. Roy Murray requested the Police Jury reverse the abandonment of the Hebrew Church Road that took place by public hearing in the regularly scheduled meeting in January of 2016. President Bates explained to Mr. Murray that the abandonment had taken place in the manner prescribed by law and that the matter was now a civil matter. No formal action was taken.

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. Sims 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. Fowler, seconded by Mr. Sims and unanimously approved, President Bates declared the meeting adjourned, subject to call, until the regular meeting date, September 14, 2022, at 9:00 a.m.

Rodney L. Warren
Secretary

Jerry Bates
President

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