

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD APRIL 8, 2026, 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, Jerrica Roberson, Darryl Ryder, Jerry Bates, Vic Fowler, Michael Nelson and Keith Duck.

The invocation was given by Mr. Duck.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Ms. Roberson.

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

Mr. Duck made the motion to waive the reading of the minutes of the last regular meeting of March 11, 2026, and to approve the same as published in the official journal and mailed to the members. The motion was seconded by Mr. Fowler and unanimously approved.

Ms. Roberson made the motion to approve the recommendations presented by the Secretary from the Building and Grounds Committee to have Fire Tech replace the existing fire alarm system for the jail per the recommendation by the fire marshal. The price of the replacement is in the amount of \$15,680. The motion was seconded by Mr. Duck and unanimously approved.

Mr. Sims made the motion to approve a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between the Police Jury and the Village of Bryceland in the amount of \$25,840 from the \$500,000 Line Item Appropriation per Act 461 of 2025 Regular Legislative Session. The motion was seconded by Mr. Ryder and unanimously approved.

Mr. Bates made the motion to approve the travel for the upcoming Legislative Day on April 28-29. The motion was seconded by Ms. Roberson and unanimously approved.

Mr. Duck made the motion to approve the HiTech service contract. The motion was seconded by Ms. Roberson and unanimously approved.

Mr. Bates made the motion to approve the Chamber's request to raise each town's yearly limit from \$4,000 to \$4,500. The motion was seconded by Mr. Duck and unanimously approved.

Mr. Ryder submitted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Gibsland Coleman High School Bulldogs are the 2026 Class C Basketball State Champions.

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NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Police Jury of the Parish of Bienville, state of Louisiana, that it does hereby express its congratulations to the players and coaches of the Gibsland Coleman High School Bulldogs for their outstanding accomplishments this season.

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

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

Mr. Ryder 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. Bates and unanimously approved.

Mr. Fowler 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. Duck and unanimously approved.

Mr. Bates made the motion to approve all ARPA Fund bills submitted by the Treasurer and examined by the Finance Committee. The motion was seconded by Ms. Roberson and unanimously approved.

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There being no further business to come before the jury, and on motion to adjourn by Mr. Duck, seconded by Mr. Fowler and unanimously approved, President Nelson declared the meeting adjourned, subject to call, until the regular meeting date, May 13, 2026, at 9:00 a.m.

Rodney L. Warren
Secretary

Michael Nelson
President