

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD JUNE 10, 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. Fowler.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Ryder.

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

Mr. Duck made the motion to waive the reading of the minutes of the last regular meeting of May 13, 2026, and to approve the same as published in the official journal and mailed to the members. The motion was seconded by Ms. Roberson and unanimously approved.

President Nelson 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 purchase of an Ice Machine for District A in excess of \$6,125.
2. Approve the hiring of Casey Rogers to be placed on full time as a Class A CDL driver and Equipment operator.

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

President Nelson called for the opening of bids for Certificate of Deposit rates. The rates submitted by the area banks were opened and read as follows:

	90 day	180 day	1 year
Bank of Montgomery	3.79%	3.81%	3.79%
Louisiana National Bank	3.80%	3.82%	3.89%
Gibsland Bank & Trust	3.85%	3.97%	4.21%
Sabine Bank	n/b	n/b	n/b

After discussion, Mr. Bates made the motion to renew the jury's certificates of deposit as they mature with GBT. The motion was seconded by Mr. Duck and a roll call vote was as follows:

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

Mr. Duck made the motion to Rescind the 7.32 Road Maintenance Millage Rate adopted on May 13th, 2026. The motion was seconded by Mr. Fowler and a roll call vote was as follows:

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

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED, that the following millage(s) are hereby levied on the 2026 tax roll on all property subject to taxation by the Bienville Parish Police Jury:

MILLAGE

Ad Valorem, Parishwide	5.21 Mills
Special Parishwide Road Maintenance	6.03 Mills
Library Tax, Parishwide	4.03 Mills
Recreation District #1	3.45 Mills
Council On Aging	1.24 Mills
Courthouse & Annex	2.00 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 spread said taxes, as hereinabove set forth, upon the assessment roll of said Parish for the year 2026, 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 seconded by Mr. Bates and a roll call vote was as follows:

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

Mr. Ryder made the motion to appoint the Bienville Democrat as the official journal of the parish. The motion was seconded by Mr. Fowler and unanimously approved.

Mr. Bates made the motion to appoint Mr. Turner Madden to the Sales Tax Commission. The motion was seconded by Mr. Sims and unanimously approved.

Mr. Fowler made the motion to approve the Chamber of Commerce requests on behalf of Arcadia/Bienville Parish Chamber in the amount of \$4,500 for parish wide Independence Day event. The motion was seconded by Mr. Sims and unanimously approved.

The following resolution was offered by Mr. Duck and seconded by Mr. Fowler:

RESOLUTION

A resolution approving the holding of an election in Bienville Parish Fire Protection District No. 6, State of Louisiana, on Tuesday, November 3, 2026, to authorize the continuation of a special tax therein.

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Bienville Parish Fire Protection District No. 6, State of Louisiana (the "Governing Authority"), acting as the governing authority of Bienville Parish Fire Protection District No. 6, State of Louisiana (the "District"), adopted a resolution on May 21, 2026, calling a special election in the District on Tuesday, November 3, 2026, 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 authorize the District 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 Bienville Parish Fire Protection District No. 6, State of Louisiana, this Police Jury hereby approves the holding of an election in the District, on Tuesday, November 3, 2026, at which election there will be submitted the following proposition, to-wit:

PROPOSITION (MILLAGE CONTINUATION)

Shall Bienville Parish Fire Protection District No. 6, State of Louisiana (the "District"), continue to levy a 7.85 mills tax (the "Tax") on all property subject to taxation in the District (an estimated \$303,700 reasonably expected at this time to

