

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD JULY 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. Bates.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Ms. Roberson.

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

Mr. Ryder made the motion to waive the reading of the minutes of the last regular meeting of June 10, 2026, and to approve the same as published in the official journal and mailed to the members. The motion was seconded by Mr. Sims 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 request from Bienville to replace a culvert on 1st Street and install a culvert on Coffield Street.
2. Approve the following requests from Gibsland.
 - A. Fill in a pothole on 10th Street.
 - B. Install a culvert on 2546 Coleman Avenue and clean the ditches.
 - C. Replace a culvert on 3rd Street.
 - D. Install a culvert at 1387 Gibbs Street and clean the ditches.
 - E. Two loads of gravel and two loads of dirt.
3. Approve the request from Arcadia to install a culvert at 2238 Thornhill Street.
4. Approve the request to place No Thru Truck signs at Carr Road, Ridge Road, Evans Road, and Corbitt Road.

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

Mr. Sims made the motion to approve the recommendations presented by the Secretary from the Building and Grounds Committee to have DCS Designs reseal and repair the two triangle widows at the top peak of the courthouse. The motion was seconded by Ms. Roberson and unanimously approved.

Mr. Ryder made the motion to approve the recommendations from the Personnel Committee to provide the Maintenance and Facilities Director with a vehicle to transport tools, supplies, equipment and other items used by the Maintenance and Facilities Director throughout the

buildings and facilities within the parish. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bates and unanimously approved.

Mr. Duck submitted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION

**CERTIFICATE OF Bienville Parish
EVIDENCING PUBLIC APPROVAL OF BONDS
PURSUANT TO SECTION 147(f) OF THE
INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1986, AS AMENDED**

WHEREAS, the Capital Area Finance Authority (the “**Authority**”), a public trust created pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 2-A of Title 9 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended (R.S. 9:2341-9:2347, inclusive) (the “**Act**”) has, by resolution dated April 16th, 2025, in accordance with the requirements of the Act, and the Rules and Regulations of the Louisiana State Bond Commission (the “**Commission**”), duly authorized the issuance of not exceeding \$100,000,000 of Capital Area Finance Authority Revenue Bonds in one or more series (the “**Bonds**”) to finance loans to first-time homebuyers within the jurisdictional parishes of the Authority and such other governmental units (the “**Participating Jurisdictions**”) whose governing authority authorized and directed the execution of a cooperative endeavor agreement (a “**CEA**”) with the Authority under the provisions of the Act and other applicable constitutional and statutory authorities; and

WHEREAS, the Commission, on May 15, 2025, duly authorized the issuance and sale of the Bonds in accordance with law and the Commission's Rules and Regulations; and

WHEREAS, the Bonds are classified as exempt facility bonds under the provisions of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the “**Code**”) and the provisions of Section 147(f)(2)(A), (B) and (E) of the Code require that issuance of the Bonds be approved by the “applicable elected representative” of the governmental unit which issues such bonds or on whose behalf such bonds are issued and by the “applicable elected representative” of such other Participating Jurisdictions that have executed a CEA with the Authority under the provisions of the Act; and

WHEREAS, Bienville Parish (the “**Governmental Unit**”) has executed a CEA with the Authority to permit the financing of loans to first-time homebuyers within geographic area of the Governmental Unit; and

WHEREAS, the applicable elected representative (the “**Approving Representative**”) of the Governmental Unit for purposes of approving the Bonds is Michael Nelson/Parish President and

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WHEREAS, in compliance with the requirements of the Code, Notice of Public Hearing (attached as **Exhibit “A”** hereto), was published in (i) The Advocate, Baton Rouge, Louisiana on April 23 , 2023, (ii) The Daily Advertiser, Lafayette, Louisiana on April 23, 2025, (iii) the Houma Courier, Houma, Louisiana on April 23, 2025, (iv) the Lake Charles American Press, Lake Charles, Louisiana on April 23, 2025, (v) The News Star, Monroe, Louisiana on April 23, 2025, (vi) the Times-Picayune, New Orleans, Louisiana on April 23, 2025, (vii) The Times, Shreveport, Louisiana on April 23, 2025, and (viii) The Town Talk, Alexandria, Louisiana on April 23, 2025, and

WHEREAS, in compliance with the requirements of the Code, the public hearing with respect to the issuance of said Bonds was held on May 5, 2025, at 10:00 a.m., Louisiana Time, at 601 St. Ferdinand Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, and simultaneously held by teleconference using the following link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9940303250?omn=88470185621> or by dialing US toll-free: (833)928-4610; meeting ID: 994 030 3250 in accordance with Rev. Proc. 2022-20 after due notice thereof was published in the official journal of the Authority and in the aforementioned publications sufficient to inform the public within the geographic area of the Participating Jurisdictions of the subject, date and place of said public hearing; and

WHEREAS, no objections were raised by any person present at the said hearing or by any person participating by teleconference relative to the issuance of the Bonds; and

WHEREAS, the undersigned, Approving Representative of the Participating Jurisdiction, desires to approve the issuance of the Bonds for the purposes of the Code;

NOW, THEREFORE, the undersigned does hereby certify that the chief elected executive officer/governing authority Governing authority of the Participating Jurisdiction, hereby approves, and confirms the issuance of the Bonds. The Authority, and its officers, are authorized to cause this certificate to be filed of record in the transcript of proceedings for the Bonds and to file a copy thereof with any State or Federal agency, board or commission as may be required by any applicable State or Federal laws, rules, or regulations.

WITNESS my signature this 8th day of July, 2026, at Arcadia, Louisiana.

Michael Nelson/Parish President

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

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

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Mr. Bates made the motion to approve the travel to Baton Rouge for a Grant Writing Workshop training for Mr. Madden as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Ryder and unanimously approved.

Mr. Bates 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. Duck 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 Ms. Roberson and unanimously approved.

There being no further business to come before the jury, and on motion to adjourn by Mr. Fowler, seconded by Mr. Duck and unanimously approved, President Nelson declared the meeting adjourned, subject to call, until the regular meeting date, August 12, 2026, at 9:00 a.m.

Turner Madden
Secretary

Michael Nelson
President