

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD AUGUST 12, 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: Darryl Ryder, Jerry Bates, Vic Fowler, Michael Nelson and Keith Duck. Absent was Bill Sims and Jerrica Roberson.

The invocation was given by Mr. Darryl Ryder.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Turner Madden.

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

Mr. Bates made the motion to waive the reading of the minutes of the last regular meeting of July 8, 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.

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. Ratify the approval of purchasing an Ice Machine for District C in excess of \$6,650.
2. Ratify the approval of purchasing a pickup for the Road Superintendent.
3. Approve the hiring of Colton Carr on a full-time basis.
4. Approve adding 5th Street in Arcadia to the 2026 Priority List.
5. Approve the request from the School Board for a bus turnaround at 3101 Hill Street in Ringgold.
6. Approve the request from the Town of Ringgold to boom mow the following: Hall Street., Parkway Street, Leshe Lane, East Street.
7. Approve the request from the Village of Saline to fill in potholes and clean ditches on Morgan Road.
8. Approve the request form Mill Creek Recreation and Water Conservation District to add rock to the public boat ramp.
9. Approve the request from the Village of Mr. Lebanon to fill in potholes, boom mow, and bush hog Lathon Road.

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

After a brief discussion regarding Direct Deposit, Mr. Duck made the motion to approve Jury personnel with the option of enrolling in Direct Deposit. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bates and unanimously approved.

The Secretary stated that he had received a letter from Mrs. Catherine Perritt, Assessor, asking the jury to set the dates of the Board of Review from September 4, 2026 through September 18, 2026 and a hearing date of September 9, 2026. Mr. Bates made the motion to set the dates of the Board of Review as requested by the Assessor. The motion was seconded by Mr. Fowler and a roll call vote was as follows:

YEAS: Ryder, Bates, Fowler, Nelson and Duck.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Sims and Roberson.

Mr. Duck made the motion to set a public hearing for the September 9, 2026 meeting to consider the abandonment of approximately 410 feet of Haynes Road and the adoption of 410 feet relocated west of the original road. The motion was seconded by Mr. Fowler and unanimously approved.

Mr. Ryder submitted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Mr. Huey Havard served the people of Bienville Parish faithfully and diligently for 50 years in District C, and;

WHEREAS, Mr. Rodney Steve Cloud served the people of Bienville Parish faithfully and diligently for 29 years in District C, and;

WHEREAS, Mr. Terry Cobb served the people of Bienville Parish faithfully and diligently for 10 years in District C, and;

WHEREAS, Mr. Havard, Mr. Cloud, and Mr. Cobb has decided to retire.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Police Jury of the Parish of Bienville, State of Louisiana, that it does hereby adopt this resolution in appreciation and admiration for the

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years of service Mr. Huey Havard, Mr. Rodney Steve Cloud, and Mr. Terry Cobb gave to the Bienville Parish Police Jury.

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

YEAS: Ryder, Bates, Fowler, Nelson and Duck.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Sims and Roberson.

Mr. Duck 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. Ryder 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. Fowler and unanimously approved.

During the Public Comments portion of our meeting, Mr. Cruz Burrous came to the podium to express his opposition to the License Plate Reading cameras located in the parish.

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, September 9, 2026, at 9:00 a.m.

Turner Madden
Secretary

Michael Nelson
President

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