

Colfax, LA  
June 11, 2026

The Police Jury of the Parish of Grant, State of Louisiana, met in regular session at its meeting place, the Grant Parish Police Jury Meeting Room, 200 Main Street, Colfax, Louisiana, on Thursday, June 11, 2026 at 5:00 p.m.

The following members were present:

Mr. Mark Ball, Mr. Cephas Bowie Jr., Mr. Roy Edwards, Mr. Johnny Jamison, Mr. Brandon DuBois, Mrs. Jennifer Murrell Futrell, Mrs. Charline Roberts, and Mr. Mike Merrell

The following members were absent:

None

Motion by Mr. Brandon DuBois, seconded by Mrs. Charline Roberts to open the agenda to public comments on agenda items. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Mrs. Charline Roberts, seconded by Mr. Brandon DuBois to accept the minutes of the last meeting as published in the official journal. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Cade Bishop of Acadian Ambulance gave the monthly call report for May of 2026.

Mr. Glenn, Coghlan, Swyft Fiber, discussed upcoming funding and what that means for Grant Parish including catching the remaining unserved areas in the parish.

Jurors authorized the parish manager to release information regarding the upcoming property tax renewals.

Motion by Mr. Mark Ball, seconded by Mr. Roy Edwards to adopt Proclamation 11-2026; Recognizing Mr. Gene Tiley on his 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday. Motion carried unanimously.

#### **PROCLAMATION 11-2026**

**WHEREAS**, it is most fitting to recognize Mr. Gene Wesley Tiley for his inspiring longevity and to commend him on the occasion of his one hundredth birthday; and

**WHEREAS**, Gene Wesley Tiley was born on June 14, 1926, in Monroe, Louisiana, to Dana a Boyd Tiley and Roscoe Abel Tiley Sr.; and at the age of nine, he moved with his family to Antonia I Grant Parish, Louisiana; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Tiley attended boot camp at Camp Wallace, Texas, and completed a sixteen-week signal school in Sampson, New York, he spent his entire active service career abroad the USS LST-975; he served from the time the ship was commissioned until it was decommissioned and was honorably discharge on May14, 946, with the rank of signalman second class; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Tiley earned numerous campaign ribbons for his service in the U.S. Navy, including World War II Victory Ribbon, American Theatre Ribbon, Asiatic Pacific Ribbon and the Philippine Liberation Ribbon; Mr. Gene Wesley Tiley is the oldest surviving World War II veteran residing in Grant Parish; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Tiley returned home to Pollock, where he partnered with his brother-in-law and father to purchase Johnson's Café, which led to the formation of Tiley-Montgomery General Mercantile; the partnership lasted seventeen years; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Tiley married the love of his life, Hilda Waggoner, in the summer of 1947; in 1951 they were baptized at First Baptist Church in Pollock, he and his wife raised four children: Patricia, George, John, and Janet; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1963 Mr. Tiley purchased Foster's Store and established Tiley's supermarket on Highway 165 in Pollock in 1963; he and his wife worked tirelessly to meet the needs of the Pollock community, and the supermarket became the hub of the community offering a variety of goods and services; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Tiley was ordained as a deacon at First Baptist Church on August 13, 1967, and served the church in various capacities. He also served many years as quartermaster at the Pollock Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) post, and continues to support the VFW and Disabled American Veterans; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Tiley and his wife retired in 1984 and enjoyed many years of traveling, and attending church events as well as activities with their grandchildren and great grandchildren; their marriage spanning sixty-one years until his wife Hilda's passing in 2008; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Gene Wesley Tiley continues to enjoy his retirement spending his days at home, reading, watching television, making jokes, and recounting his countless adventures over the past one hundred years; he is an inspiration to our parish and is most deserving of recognition for reaching this milestone in life.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, The Grant Parish Police Jury does hereby proclaim and recognize June 14, 2026 as Gene Tiley Day in Grant Parish; and to commend Mr. Tiley on the occasion of his one hundredth birthday, and to extend sincere wishes that he remains happy, healthy and prosperous as he joins the exclusive club of Louisiana centenarians.

(s) Jessie Pace  
Jessie Pace  
Parish Manager - Sec/Treas.  
Grant Parish Police Jury

(s) Cephas Bowie Jr.  
Cephas Bowie Jr.  
President  
Grant Parish Police Jury

**STATE OF LOUISIANA  
PARISH OF GRANT**

I, Jessie Pace, Parish Manager of the Grant Parish Police Jury do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a Proclamation adopted by the said Police Jury in regular session on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2026.

GIVEN UNDER MY OFFICIAL SIGNATURE and Seal of Office on this the 11<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2026.

(s) Jessie Pace  
Jessie Pace  
Parish Manager -Sec/Treas.

Motion by Mr. Brandon DuBois, seconded by Mrs. Charline Roberts to appoint Mrs. Tamara Seal as Chief Registrar of Voters for Grant Parish. Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Mayquie Jackson, Humanity 2020 Group did not show.

Motion by Mrs. Jennifer Futrell, seconded by Mrs. Charline Roberts to approve a letter of support for The Lawrence Welk Project by Mr. Scott Wheeler. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Mrs. Jennifer Futrell, seconded by Mr. Johnny Jamison to approve funds for courthouse security as recommended by the Finance Committee. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Mr. Mark Ball, seconded by Mr. Johnny Jamison to amend the agenda to include an update from the Personnel Committee Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Mark Ball updated the jury regarding topics discussed in the Personnel Committee Meeting held at 3:30.

- beginning immediately, the Assistant Roads Superintendent and Maintenance Admin Assistant will be added to the emails regarding cameras and insured vehicles
- Parish Manager and Roads Superintendent will create a policy regarding the maintenance of the cameras in insured vehicles
- Maintenance Admin Assistant will begin monitoring the AZUGA site to periodically check the status of the cameras and equipment
- RISCOM will not dictate to the jury how equipment and vehicles that are not covered by them shall be managed

Motion by Mr. Mark Ball, seconded by Mr. Roy Edwards to approve an increase in mileage for Jury Commissioners to pay state rates effective August 1, 2026 as recommended by the Finance Committee. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Mrs. Charline Roberts, seconded by Mr. Brandon DuBois to select Pan American Engineers, LLC as the engineering firm for Natural Gas Distribution Infrastructure Safety and Modernization Project. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Mr. Mark Ball, seconded by Mr. Johnny Jamison to adopt Resolution 12-2026; Renewal of Iatt Lake Drawdown. Motion carried unanimously.

**RESOLUTION:12-2026**

A RESOLUTION TO THE LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES AND THE LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND DEVELOPMENT URGING THAT ANY PROPOSED DRAWDOWN OF IATT LAKE BE LIMITED TO A MAXIMUM OF FOUR FEET BELOW POOL STAGE

WHEREAS, Iatt Lake is a 7,100-acre impounded swamp located in Grant Parish, Louisiana, and is a vital natural, recreational, and economic resource for the residents of Grant Parish and the surrounding region; and

WHEREAS, Iatt Lake supports a diverse community of anglers, waterfowl hunters, and outdoor recreationists, with extensive shoreline development that includes numerous residential and recreational properties; and

WHEREAS, the Grant Parish Police Jury recognizes the importance of maintaining the ecological health and recreational value of Iatt Lake, while balancing the needs of local residents and stakeholders who rely on the lake for enjoyment and economic activity; and

WHEREAS, Iatt Lake is prone to heavy infestations of aquatic vegetation, particularly giant salvinia (*Salvinia molesta*), due to its shallow average depth, forested structure, and minimal water level fluctuation, which create ideal growing conditions for invasive plant species; and

WHEREAS, since the lake's impoundment in the 1950s, aquatic vegetation management has presented an ongoing challenge, requiring a combination of control strategies, including drawdowns, herbicide application, and biological controls such as stocking of triploid grass carp and salvinia weevils; and

WHEREAS, drawdowns have long been a tool used by the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (LDWF) to manage aquatic vegetation in Iatt Lake, in cooperation with the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (DOTD), which operates and maintains the water control structure; and

WHEREAS, while past drawdowns have ranged from 5 to 11 feet below pool elevation, these more severe drawdowns have often been met with opposition due to significant limitations on lake access, adverse impacts to recreation, and extended recovery periods before water levels return to normal; and

WHEREAS, in both 2021 and 2022, LDWF implemented a drawdown of approximately four feet below normal pool stage, and this strategy proved effective at reducing vegetation, while still maintaining reasonable access to the lake for recreational use; and

WHEREAS, feedback from local residents, lake users, and stakeholders during and after the 2021 and 2022 drawdowns reflected broad support for the 4-foot drawdown strategy as a balanced and practical approach that meets both vegetation control goals and community needs, with gates for drawdown opening June 1<sup>st</sup> and closing September 1<sup>st</sup>; and

WHEREAS, LDWF has recognized in its reports that integrated management—including limited drawdowns, biological controls, and targeted herbicide applications—is the most sustainable and effective strategy for long-term vegetation management in Iatt Lake;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Grant Parish Police Jury hereby urges the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries and the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development to limit any future drawdown of Iatt Lake to a maximum of four feet below normal pool elevation, except in cases of emergency maintenance or unforeseen environmental circumstances;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall be submitted to the Secretary of the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries and the Secretary of the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development, with a formal request for their consideration and implementation of this policy in any future lake management planning and operations;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Grant Parish Police Jury remains committed to working cooperatively with LDWF, DOTD, and the public to ensure the continued health, accessibility, and sustainability of Iatt Lake.

This resolution was introduced, seconded, and duly adopted by the Grant Parish Police Jury on this 11<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2026.

Passed, approved and adopted this 11<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2026.

(s) Jessie Pace  
Jessie Pace  
Secretary/Treasurer/Parish Manager  
Grant Parish Police Jury

(s) Cephas Bowie Jr.  
Cephas Bowie Jr.  
President  
Grant Parish Police Jury

#### **CERTIFICATE**

I, Jessie Pace, Secretary/Treasurer of the Grant Parish Police Jury, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing constitutes a true and correct copy of a Resolution passed and adopted by the President and Police Jurors of the Grant Parish Police Jury on June 11, 2026.

(s) Jessie Pace  
Jessie Pace  
Secretary/Treasurer/Parish Manager  
Grant Parish Police Jury

**Motion by Mr. Brandon DuBois, seconded by Mr. Roy Edwards to adopt Ordinance 04-2026; Declaring Coroner's Van as Surplus. Motion carried unanimously.**

#### **ORDINANCE NO: 04-2026**

##### **DECLARING CERTAIN OFFICE FURNITURE, VEHICLES AND EQUIPMENT AS SURPLUS**

WHEREAS, it has been determined that the property described is no longer needed for the public purposes of the Grant Parish Police Jury, and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Grant Parish Police Jury to comply with Louisiana state law regarding the disposition of the surplus property, and

WHEREAS, the value of any item of said movable property does not exceed \$5,000.00, and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the Grant Parish Police Jury in regular session convened that the movable property described in attached Exhibit A is hereby declared not needed for public use and therefore surplus, and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that said surplus property be disposed of pursuant to Louisiana Revised Statute 33:4712, and that should no bids be received on any item of surplus property, the items are to be sold as scrap, and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that if any provision of this ordinance shall be held to be invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions herein which can be given effect without the invalid provision and to this end the provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared to be severable.

WHEREUPON THIS ORDINANCE WAS ADOPTED TO A VOTE AND RESULTED IN THE FOLLOWING:

YEAS: 8                      NAYS: 0                      ABSENT: 0

AND THIS ORDINANCE WAS ADOPTED ON THIS 11<sup>th</sup> DAY OF JUNE, 2026.

(s) Jessie Pace  
Jessie Pace  
Secretary-Treasurer  
Grant Parish Police Jury

(s) Cephas Bowie Jr.  
Cephas Bowie Jr.  
President  
Grant Parish Police Jury

CERTIFICATE

I, Jessie Pace, Secretary/Treasurer of the Grant Parish Police Jury, do hereby certify the forgoing is a true and correct copy of an Ordinance adopted by the said Police Jury in a regular session on the 11<sup>TH</sup> day of June, 2026, at which a quorum was present.

(s) Jessie Pace  
Jessie Pace  
Secretary/Treasurer  
Grant Parish Police Jury

Motion by Mr. Roy Edwards, seconded by Mrs. Charline Roberts to transfer the oldest CGUD truck to the public works department. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Mr. Brandon DuBois, seconded by Mrs. Charline Roberts to accept the resignation of Mr. Timothy Tilton from the Board of Directors for Fire District #2. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Cody Gongre, Roads Superintendent, addressed the jury regarding projects from the public works departments.

Motion by Mr. Mark Ball seconded by Mr. Brandon DuBois to pay bills as funds become available. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Mrs. Charline Roberts, seconded by Mr. Brandon DuBois to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

**Disclaimer: These minutes are not official until adopted by the jury at the next meeting.**