

Colfax, Louisiana  
October 10, 2019

The Police Jury of the Parish of Grant, State of Louisiana, met in regular session at its meeting place, the Police Jury Meeting Room of the Parish Courthouse, 200 Main Street, Colfax, Louisiana on Thursday, October 10, 2019 at 5:00 p.m.

The following members were present:

Mr. Don Arnold, Mr. David Merrell, Mr. Carl Ray Lasyone, Mr. Brandon DuBois, Mr. Winston Roberts, Mr. Cephas Bowie, Jr., Mr. Britton Carroll

The following members were absent:

Mr. Arnold Murrell

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

Mr. Robert Wolfe updated the Jury on projects that he is currently working on.

Motion by Mr. Winston Roberts, seconded by Mr. Brandon DuBois to accept Camp Livingston Drive and Hilltop Drive located in the Forest Ridge Subdivision into the parish road maintenance system. Motion carried.

Mr. Kent Rogers, Executive Director of the Northwest Louisiana Council of Governments addressed the Jury on the Louisiana Watershed Initiative for Region 1.

Motion by Mr. Britton Carroll, seconded by Mr. Cephas Bowie, Jr. to amend the agenda to add adopt Resolution 18-2019 Approving an Agreement with the Northwest Louisiana Council of Governments (NLCOG), the Coordination and Development Corporation (CDC) and the LSUS Red River Watershed Management Institute. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Cephas Bowie, Jr., seconded by Mr. Winston Roberts to adopt Resolution 18-2019 Approving an Agreement with the Northwest Louisiana Council of Governments (NLCOG), the Coordination and Development Corporation (CDC) and the LSUS Red River Watershed Management Institute. Motion carried.

#### RESOLUTION: 18-2019

#### APPROVING AN AGREEMENT WITH THE NORTHWEST LOUISIANA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS (NLCOG), THE COORDINATION AND DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (CDC), AND THE LSUS RED RIVER WATERSHED MANAGEMENT INSTITUTE

A resolution approving an agreement with The Northwest Louisiana Council of Governments (NLCOG), the Coordination and Development Corporation (CDC), and the LSUS Red River Watershed Management Institute, for the purpose of applying for grant funding and acting in support of watershed region management activities and in conjunction with the State of Louisiana Watershed Initiative.

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Watershed Initiative was formed in order to coordinate statewide floodplain management efforts through a watershed management approach in response to the 2016 Great Floods and in preparation for future storm and flood events. This coordination includes outreach with local communities to build support for watershed region management approaches that can more effectively address mounting water risks statewide; and

WHEREAS, coordination among Grant Parish Police Jury and its regional partners is critical to reducing flood risk and preserving the health, safety, and welfare of the residents Grant Parish; and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Watershed Initiative has requested applications for participation in a Regional Capacity Building Grant Program, which may enable the provision of technical assistance to [subject parish or organization] and its regional partners if awarded, thereby furthering immediate watershed management and flood risk reduction goals.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the agreement between Grant Parish Police Jury and The Northwest Louisiana Council of Governments (NLCOG), the Coordination and Development Corporation (CDC), and the LSUS Red River Watershed Management Institute, for the purpose of applying for grant

funding and acting in support of watershed region management activities and in conjunction with the State of Louisiana Watershed Initiative is hereby approved.

THUS PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED on this 10<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2019

Yeas: Mr. Don Arnold, Mr. David Merrell, Mr. Winston Roberts, Mr. Cephas Bowie, Jr., Mr. Brandon DuBois, Mr. Britton Carroll, Mr. Carl Ray Lasyone

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Mr. Arnold Murrell

(s) Cynthia Jamison  
Cynthia Jamison  
Sec.-Treas./Mgr.  
Grant Parish Police Jury

(s) Don Arnold  
Don Arnold  
President  
Grant Parish Police Jury

#### CERTIFICATE

I, Cynthia Jamison, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing constitutes a true and correct copy of a Resolution passed and adopted by the Grant Parish Police Jury on this 10<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2019.

(s) Cynthia Jamison  
Cynthia Jamison, Parish Manager  
Grant Parish Police Jury

Ms. Amanda White, Grant Parish Advocate for DART spoke on Domestic Violence. She invited everyone to attend the two vigils which will held on Monday, October 21 at the Grant Parish Courthouse, one at 12 noon and one at 6 pm, in observance of October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

Mrs. Bernita Scoggs, Director of the Council on Aging asked the Jury for some help with getting signs to direct people to the Council on Aging site.

Mr. Josh Daniels addressed the Jury on what the giant salvinia has done to condition of Iatt Lake.

Mr. Keith Landry also addressed the Jury regarding the giant salvinia in Iatt lake and its impact on economic development of the area.

Mr. James Eubanks also spoke about the condition of Iatt Lake due to the giant salvinia.

Mr. Rick McGuffee with Wildlife & Fisheries was on hand to answer some questions from the audience about Iatt Lake.

Motion by Mr. Cephas Bowie, Jr., seconded by Mr. David Merrell to authorize the President to sign a contract/agreement with Morgan Goudeau & Associates for engineering services under the FEMA 4263-DR-LA #28-HMGP-Drainage Project. Motion carried.

Mr. Bruce Boyea, US Census Bureau Partnership Specialist for Grant Parish addressed the Jury on the importance of everyone in the Parish being counted. He spoke on how Census counts affect federal funding, new investments, services and jobs for the local communities.

Motion by Mr. Britton Carroll, seconded by Mr. Winston Roberts to adopt Resolution 15-2019; Resolution in Support of the 2020 United States Census. Motion carried.

#### RESOLUTION: 15-2019

#### A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE 2020 UNITED STATES CENSUS

WHEREAS, the Constitution of the United States of America requires that a census be taken every 10 years, with the first census having taken place in 1790, and the next census to take place in 2020; and

WHEREAS, Grant Parish is committed to ensuring that every resident is counted; and

WHEREAS, federal and state funding is allocated to communities, and decisions are made on matters of national and local importance based, in part, on census data; and

WHEREAS, census data helps determine how many seats each state will have in the U.S. House of Representatives and is necessary for the accurate and fair redistricting of state legislative seats, parish and city Police Jurys, and voting districts; and

WHEREAS, information from the 2020 Census and American Community Survey are vital tools for economic development and increased employment; and

WHEREAS, the information collected by the census is confidential and protected by law; and

WHEREAS, Police Jury President Don Arnold has appointed a Complete Count Committee and has designated a Chairperson and Liaison to work with the community and the US Census Bureau to ensure a complete and accurate count of all persons within Grant Parish, Louisiana;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Grant Parish Police Jury supports the goals and ideals of the 2020 Census, pledges support of the US Census Bureau and Grant Parish Administration efforts to disseminate 2020 Census information, and encourage all people in Grant Parish to participate in events and initiatives that will raise awareness of the 2020 Census and increase participation among populations.

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Yeas: Mr. Don Arnold, Mr. David Merrell, Mr. Winston Roberts, Mr. Cephas Bowie, Jr., Mr. Brandon DuBois, Mr. Britton Carroll

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Mr. Arnold Murrell

(s) Cynthia Jamison  
Cynthia Jamison  
Sec.-Treas./Mgr.  
Grant Parish Police Jury

(s) Don Arnold  
Don Arnold  
President  
Grant Parish Police Jury

#### CERTIFICATE

I, Cynthia Jamison, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing constitutes a true and correct copy of a Resolution passed and adopted by the Grant Parish Police Jury on this 10<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2019.

(s) Cynthia Jamison  
Cynthia Jamison, Parish Manager  
Grant Parish Police Jury

Motion by Mr. Britton Carroll, seconded by Mr. Winston Roberts to adopt Resolution 16-2019; The Annual Certification of Compliance with the State of Louisiana Off-System Bridge Replacement Program. Motion carried.

#### RESOLUTION 16-2019

##### ANNUAL CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE STATE OF LOUISIANA OFF-SYSTEM BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Federal Government has mandated that all structures defined as bridges located on public roads shall be inspected, rated for safe load capacity and posted in accordance with the National Bridge Inspection Standards and that an inventory of these bridges be maintained by each state; and

WHEREAS, the responsibility to inspect, rate and load post said bridges is under the authority of Grant Parish in accordance with those standards and is delegated by the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development to the Grant Parish Police Jury;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Grant Parish Police Jury hereby certified to the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development that for the period of October 1, 2019 through September 30, 2020, that the Parish of Grant has and will continue to comply with all NBIS/FHWA/DOTD requirements regarding performance of interim inspections, calculating the load carrying capacity, and load posting/closure of deficient bridges under their jurisdiction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Parish Manager be authorized to submit a copy of this Certification to the District Maintenance Engineer for his file documentation.

THUS PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED on this 10<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2019

Yeas: Mr. Don Arnold, Mr. David Merrell, Mr. Winston Roberts, Mr. Cephas Bowie, Jr., Mr. Brandon DuBois, Mr. Britton Carroll, Mr. Carl Ray Lasyone

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Mr. Arnold Murrell

(s) Cynthia Jamison  
Cynthia Jamison  
Sec.-Treas./Mgr.  
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(s) Don Arnold  
Don Arnold  
President  
Grant Parish Police Jury

#### CERTIFICATE

I, Cynthia Jamison, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing constitutes a true and correct copy of a Resolution passed and adopted by the Grant Parish Police Jury on this 10<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2019.

(s) Cynthia Jamison  
Cynthia Jamison, Parish Manager  
Grant Parish Police Jury

Motion by Mr. Winston Roberts, seconded by Mr. Brandon Dubois to adopt Resolution 17-2019; A Cooperative Endeavor Agreement for Federal Off-System Bridge Rehabilitation and Replace Program. Motion carried.

#### RESOLUTION 17-2019

#### COOPERATIVE ENDEAVOR AGREEMENT FOR FEDERAL OFF-SYSTEM BRIDGE REHABILITATION AND REPLACEMENT PROGRAM

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Grant Parish Police Jury that said Police Jury, hereby authorizes its Parish Manager, Cynthia Jamison as the signatory party to execute "State of Louisiana" Department of Transportation and Development, Cooperative Endeavor Agreement, Federal Off-System Bridge Rehabilitation and Replacement Program, "Grant Parish" on behalf of Grant Parish.

The Grant Parish Police Jury adopted the above Resolution during regular session convened on Thursday, October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

#### CERTIFICATION

I, Cynthia Jamison, Parish Manager of the Grant Parish Police Jury, State of Louisiana, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and exact copy of a RESOLUTION adopted by the Police Jury of the Parish of Grant, State of Louisiana, in regular session convened on October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at which a quorum was present.

(s) Cynthia Jamison  
Cynthia Jamison  
Sec.-Treas./Mgr.  
Grant Parish Police Jury

(s) Don Arnold  
Don Arnold  
President  
Grant Parish Police Jury

STATE OF LOUISIANA  
PARISH OF GRANT

GIVEN UNDER MY OFFICIAL SIGNATURE and Seal of Office on this the 10<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2019.

(s) Cynthia Jamison  
Cynthia Jamison, Parish Manager  
Grant Parish Police Jury

Motion by Mr. Winston Roberts, seconded by Mr. Brandon DuBois to enter into Executive Session. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Winston Roberts, seconded by Mr. Brandon DuBois to return to Regular Session. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Winston Roberts, seconded by Mr. Brandon DuBois to amend the agenda to add authorize the President to sign a waiver of any conflicts of interest in the District Attorney representing the Police Jury, District Attorney and Coroner in Gough v McCain, et al. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Brandon DuBois, seconded by Mr. Winston Roberts to authorize the President to sign a waiver of any conflict conflicts of interest in the District Attorney representing the Police Jury, District Attorney and Coroner in Gough v McCain, et al. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. David Merrell, seconded by Mr. Winston Roberts to pay bills as funds become available. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Brandon Dubois, seconded by Mr. Cephas Bowie, Jr. to adjourn. Motion carried.