

Colfax, LA  
October 14, 2022

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, October 13, 2022 at 5:00 p.m.

The following members were present:

Mr. Don Arnold, Mr. Mark Ball, Mr. Cephas Bowie Jr., Mr. Brandon DuBois, Mr. Johnny Jamison, Mr. David Merrell, Mr. Arnold Murrell, and Mr. Winston Roberts

The following members were absent: None

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

Mr. Jeffery Pogue; Operations Manager of Acadian Ambulance gave the monthly call report for the month of June in Grant Parish.

Motion by Mr. Brandon DuBois, seconded by Mr. Arnold Murrell to open the agenda to public comments. Motion carried.

No speakers came forth.

Motion by Mr. Mark Ball, seconded by Mr. Cephas Bowie Jr. to adopt Ordinance 06-2022; Banning the Sale of Kratom in Grant Parish. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Brandon DuBois, seconded by Mr. David Merrell to amend the agenda to add motion to adopt Ordinance 07-2022; Prohibiting the Possession of Kratom in Grant Parish. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Arnold Murrell, seconded by Mr. Johnny Jamison to adopt Ordinance 07-2022; Prohibiting the Possession of Kratom in Grant Parish. Motion carried

Motion by Mr. Winston Roberts, seconded by Johnny Jamison to adopt Resolution 18-2022; Annual Certification of Compliance with the State of Louisiana Off System Bridge Replacement Program. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION  
18-2022**

Annual Certification of Compliance

With 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, 2022 through September 30, 2023, 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.

This Resolution was considered section by section and as a whole and upon motion by Mr. Winston Roberts being seconded by Mr. Johnny Jamison and was adopted by the following vote on this the 13<sup>th</sup> day of October 2022:

YEAS: Mr. Mark Ball, Mr. Brandon DuBois, Mr. Johnny Jamison, Mr. Arnold Murrell, Mr. David Merrell, Mr. Cephas Bowie Jr., Mr. Winston Roberts

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

(s) Jessie Pace  
Jessie Pace  
Secretary/Treasurer/Parish Manager  
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 13<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2022.

(s) Jessie Pace  
Jessie Pace  
Grant Parish Police Jury

Motion by Mr. Arnold Murrell, seconded by Mr. Winston Roberts to adopt Resolution 19-2022; Annual Cooperative endeavor agreement of the Federal Off System Bridge Rehabilitation and Replacement Program. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION**  
**19-2022**

Cooperative Endeavor Agreement

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, Jessie Pace 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 13<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

**CERTIFICATION**

I, Jessie Pace, 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 13<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at which a quorum was present.

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

(s) Don Arnold  
Donald Arnold  
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Mr. David Herron discussed the importance of having a burn ban in place until weather conditions are safe enough to lift the burn ban.

Motion by Mr. Arnold Murrell, seconded by Mr. Cephas Bowie Jr. to authorize the Don Arnold to impose a burn ban starting at 8:00am October 14, 2022 until conditions improve to lift ban. Motion carried.

The Building Committee discussed the possibility of IBTS handling code inspections for Grant Parish through the Grant Parish Police Jury Permit Office.

Mr. Brandon DuBois, chairman of the Equipment Committee, discussed purchasing a John Deere loader per the quotes provided to and upon the recommendation of the Equipment Committee.

Motion by Mr. Mark Ball, seconded by Mr. Brandon DuBois to accept the recommendations of Equipment Committee to purchase a John Deere 44 loader and 610 SM boom motor with mulching head. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Mark Ball, seconded by Mr. Brandon DuBois to amend the agenda to add a motion to allow the Equipment Committee to purchase two vehicles for the Grant Parish Police Jury Maintenance Shop. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Mark Ball, seconded by Mr. Brandon DuBois to allow the Equipment Committee to purchase vehicles for Maintenance Shop. Motion carried.

The Finance Committee discussed going month-to-month basis for the purchasing of hot and cold mix from Diamond B due to the price increase of materials.

Motion by Mr. Brandon DuBois, seconded by Mr. Winston Roberts to amend the agenda to add a motion to approve the purchasing of hot and cold mix on a month-to-month basis from Diamond B. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Brandon DuBois, seconded by Mr. Winston Roberts to approve the purchasing of hot and cold mix on a month-to-month basis from Diamond B. Motion carried.

The Personnel Committee discussed the timeline for a performance-based pay raise for Grant Parish Police Jury employees in 2023.

Motion by Mr. Johnny Jamison, seconded by Mr. Brandon DuBois to amend the agenda to add a motion to accept a performance-based pay raise for Grant Parish Police Jury employees in 2023. Motion carried.

Motion by Cephas Bowie Jr., seconded by Mr. Brandon DuBois to accept a performance-based pay raise for Grant Parish Police Jury employees in 2023. Motion carried.

Mr. Cody Gongre, Roads Superintendent, addressed the jury and updated them on completed projects through FEMA, RAC, and the Forestry Service.

Motion by Mr. Winston Roberts seconded by Mr. Brandon DuBois to pay bills as funds become available. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Johnny Jamison, seconded by Mr. Mark Ball to amend the agenda to add a motion to rent a loader on a month by month basis until the new one comes in if the salesman is unable to obtain one to be loaned, per the maintenance department's schedule for training purposes.

Yeas: Mr. Mark Ball, Mr. Johnny Jamison, Mr. Arnold Murrell, Mr. Cephas, Bowie Jr., Mr. Winston Roberts

Nays: Mr. Brandon DuBois, Mr. David Merrell

Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Johnny Jamison, seconded by Mr. Mark Ball to rent a loader on a month by month basis until the new one comes in if the salesman is unable to obtain one to be loaned, per the maintenance department's schedule for training purposes.

Yeas: Mr. Mark Ball, Mr. Johnny Jamison, Mr. Arnold Murrell, Mr. Cephas, Bowie Jr., Mr. Winston Roberts

Nays: Mr. Brandon DuBois, Mr. David Merrell

Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Winston Roberts, seconded by Mr. Mark Ball to adjourn. Motion carried.