

Colfax, LA
August 13, 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, August 13, 2026 at 5:00 p.m.

The following members were present:
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:
Mr. Mark Ball

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

Mr. Cade Bishop, Paramedic Field Supervisor of Acadian Ambulance gave the monthly call report for July of 2026.

200 emergency calls, 10 non-emergency calls

Need to follow up with the Town of Pollock regarding Acadian Employees having a space so they are able to continue using Pollock as a staging area. Mrs. Charline Roberts will reach out to Mayor Beavers and see about utilizing space in the old police station building.

Motion by Mr. Brandon DuBois, seconded by Mr. Johnny Jamison to adopt Resolution 17-2026; Millage Rates for 2026. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION: 17-2026

BE IT RESOLVED, that the following millage(s) are hereby levied on the 2026 tax roll on all property subject to taxation by Grant Parish Police Jury:

	<u>MILLAGE</u>
General Alimony	4.13 Mills
Roads and Bridges	7.90 Mills
Courthouse Maintenance	2.96 Mills
Health Unit	1.90 Mills
Library	5.01 Mills
Fire District No. 1	20.24 Mills
Fire District No. 2	13.50 Mills
Fire District No. 3	13.42 Mills
Fire District No. 4	9.20 Mills
Fire District No. 5	11.03 Mills
Fire District No. 6	11.81 Mills
Fire District No. 7	15.00 Mills

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the proper administrative officials of the Parish of Grant, State of Louisiana, be and they are hereby empowered, authorized, and directed to spread said taxes, as hereinabove set forth, upon the assessment roll of said Parish for the year 2026, and to make the collection of the taxes imposed for and on behalf of the taxing authority, according to law, and that the taxes herein levied shall become a permanent lien and privilege on all property subject to taxation as herein set forth, and collection thereof shall be enforceable in the manner provided by law.

The foregoing resolution was read in full, the roll was called on the adoption thereof, and the resolution was adopted by the following votes:

YEAS: Mr. Brandon DuBois, Mr. Johnny Jamison, Mrs. Jennifer Futrell, Mr. Mike Merrell,
Mr. Roy Edwards, Mrs. Charline Roberts

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT: Mr. Mark Ball

(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 hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and exact copy of the resolution adopted at the board meeting held on August 13, 2026 at which meeting a quorum was present and voting.

(s) Jessie Pace
Jessie Pace
Secretary/Treasurer/Parish Manager

Motion by Mr. Johnny Jamison, seconded by Mr. Roy Edwards to adopt Resolution 18-2026; Substantial Completion of the South Grant Sewer. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION: 18-2026
BY THE
GRANT PARISH POLICE JURY

WHEREAS, Rylee Contracting, Inc., the Contractor for the South Grant Wastewater Collection System Improvements project has Substantially Completed the work under the Contract as recommended by the Engineer.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Contract of Rylee Contracting, Inc., the Contractor, for said work is hereby accepted as Substantially Complete with the understanding that the final payment will be made upon satisfactory completion of any Punch List items and presentation of the Clear Lien Certificate as required by law; and,

It is HEREBY FURTHER RESOLVED, that the signing and filing with the Clerk of Court of this Acceptance of Contract Resolution by the Grant Parish Police Jury is hereby authorized; and,

It is HEREBY FURTHER RESOLVED, that the President is authorized to sign a Final Recap Change Order adjusting the final contract quantities and time period as necessary.

Passed, approved and adopted this 13th day of August, 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 August 13, 2026.

(s) Jessie Pace
Jessie Pace, Secretary/Treasurer

Motion by Mrs. Jennifer Futrell, seconded by Mr. Brandon DuBois to adopt Resolution 19-2026; In Support of LGAP Application. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION 19-2026
IN SUPPORT OF 2026-2027 LGAP APPLICATION

WHEREAS, The Grant Parish Police Jury will file an application for funds from the 2026-2027 LGAP program.

WHEREAS, the LGAP program requires a resolution by the Governing body in support of the application,

NOW THEREFOR BE IT RESOLVED, that the Grant Parish Police Jury hereby supports filing and funding of the application to be filed by the Grant Parish Police Jury for funds to be used for Road System Maintenance Material Assistance Plan.

THUS DONE, this 13th day of August, 2026 in legal session in the Grant Parish Police Jury, Parish of Grant, and State of Louisiana.

(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, 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 13th day of August, 2026

(s) Jessie Pace
Jessie Pace, Secretary/Treasurer

Motion by Mrs. Charline Roberts, seconded by Mr. Brandon DuBois to adopt Proclamation 13-2026; National Senior Citizens Day. Motion carried unanimously.

P R O C L A M A T I O N: 13-2026
SENIOR CITIZEN’S DAY

WHEREAS, President Ronald Regan declared August 21st 1988 as National Senior Citizens Day, celebrating and recognizing Senior Citizens nationally and locally in the country;

WHEREAS, National Senior Citizen Day was created to support and honor Senior Citizens showing them true appreciation for their achievements; and

WHEREAS, Senior Citizens have great wisdom, work ethic and experiences that they have gained from their hard-earned knowledge and serve us by contributing to the betterment of our community; and

WHEREAS, Senior Citizens have achieved so much for their families, communities and country laying a great foundation of hard work and good ethics creating a better world; and

WHEREAS, Senior Citizens are a fine example of resourcefulness, responsibility, integrity, competence and determination which shaped our community and they continue to serve as volunteers making their presence felt for the benefit of others; and

NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED, That the Grant Parish Police Jury, do hereby proclaim and recognize August 21, 2026 as Senior Citizens Day with the need for acknowledgement of the great generation of Senior Citizens that have demonstrated such dedication to this Parish.

(s) Jessie Pace
Jessie Pace
Parish Manager/Sec/Treasurer
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 13th day of August 2026.

GIVEN UNDER MY OFFICIAL SIGNATURE and Seal of Office on this the 13th day of August 2026.

(s) Jessie Pace
Jessie Pace
Parish Manager/Sec/Treasurer

Motion by Mr. Brandon DuBois, seconded by Mrs. Jennifer Futrell to adopt Ordinance 05-2026; Amending the Parish Natural Gas Rates and Fees.
Yeas: Mr. Roy Edwards, Mr. Johnny Jamison, Mr. Brandon DuBois, Mrs. Jennifer Murrell Futrell, and Mrs. Charline Roberts
Nays: Mr. Mike Merrell

Motion carried.

**ORDINANCE 05-2026;
AMENDING PARISH NATURAL GAS RATES AND FEES**

Whereas, natural gas price volatility has reached a level that present rate structure does not ensure Consolidated Gas District adequate revenue to continue maintaining gas system in a safe and reliable manner as in the past;

Whereas, present rate structure does not address effect of weather patterns on budgeted revenue for Gas System;

Whereas, Parish Police Jury wishes to use best efforts to continue to provide its customers with a safe, reliable gas system while also providing them with energy costs at a competitive price;

Now, therefore, the Grant Parish Police Jury hereby adopts the following rate structure for Consolidated Gas District:

SECTION I: AVAILABILITY CHARGE & USAGE FEES

RESIDENTIAL (__ meter) – Monthly Availability Charge = \$20.00 (No gas Included)

Usage = All usage will be charged in increments of Hundred Cubic Feet (Ccf), using the following formula:

Cost of Gas to Parish (Ccf)*** + \$2.50 per Ccf + Revenue Stabilization Factor (if Applicable).

COMMERCIAL (__ meter) – Monthly Availability Charge = \$19.50 (No gas Included)

Usage = All usage will be charged in increments of Hundred Cubic Feet (Ccf), using the following formula:

Cost of Gas to Parish (Ccf)*** + \$2.45 per Ccf + Revenue Stabilization Factor (if Applicable).

EXEMPT – Monthly Availability Charge = \$1.95 (No gas Included)

Usage = All usage will be charged in increments of Hundred Cubic Feet (Ccf), using the following formula:

Cost of Gas to Parish (Ccf)*** + \$1.95 per Ccf + Revenue Stabilization Factor (if Applicable).

Note: All reconnect fees, shut off fees or any other fees not specifically addressed by this ordinance remain the same.

SECTION II: REVENUE STABILIZATION FACTOR

CALCULATION

Consolidated Gas District shall review its budget for the gas system annually with an amount of Revenue in Excess of expenses which is sufficient to ensure the gas system is safe and reliable. This Revenue Stabilization Factor will be calculated monthly to ensure that the targeted net revenue is met.

The RSF shall be calculated monthly based on the following methodology:

Step 1. Each month the budgeted sales volumes will be compared to actual sales volumes, and, at any point sales do not meet the budgeted sales projections, the shortfall in dollars will be calculated.

Step 2. Each month the Parish will calculate the total dollars for any unbudgeted expenses:

Step 3. The Parish will then divide the projected remaining budgeted sales total into the total of Step 1 revenue shortfall + Step 2 unbudgeted expenses.

Step 4. The resulting calculation will be added to the markup over weighted average cost of gas for the remainder of the fiscal year.

Example:

Revenue Shortfall thru current month	- \$20,000.00
Unbudgeted expenses thru current month	- \$ 2,000.00
Remaining Fiscal Year Budgeted Sales	- 250,000 Ccf

RSF - $\$22,000 \div 250,000 = \0.088 per Ccf

SECTION III: CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (CPI)

Annually, the Gas System Availability Charge and per unit margin for all non-negotiated rate customers will be adjusted by using the most recent CPI as published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics *Table 1. Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U)*.

SECTION IV: REPE ALER:

All ordinances, resolutions or parts of ordinances or resolutions in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed.

SECTION V: SEVERABILITY:

If any section, provision, or part of this resolution shall be adjudged to be invalid or unconstitutional, such adjudication shall not affect the validity of the resolution as a whole or any section, provision, or part thereof, not adjudged invalid or unconstitutional.

SECTION VI: EFFECTIVE DATE:

This ordinance shall be in effect on Month/Day/Year, after its final passage approval, and publication as provided by law.

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

YEAS: 6 NAYS: 1 ABSENT: 1

AND THIS ORDINANCE WAS ADOPTED ON THIS 11th 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 11TH day of June, 2026, at which a quorum was present.

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

Motion by Mr. Brandon DuBois, seconded by Mr. Johnny Jamison to approve Mrs. Jessie Pace, Parish Manager, to apply for the use of 100 acres of Kisatchie National Forest for the Michael D. Burns Public Shooting Complex to utilize for an archery competition course. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to create a Youth Planning Board and appoint members has been moved to the September agenda.

Discussion of Fire Protection District #5 Board has been moved to the September agenda.

Jurors discussed a beautification project for the front of the courthouse to serve as a memorial garden for those who died in the events of April 13, 1873. Parish Manager was authorized to move forward with the project.

Jurors discussed HB No. 312, ACT 961 funds for road improvement projects. Jurors will have their projects to Mr. Cody Gongre, Roads Superintendent, for approval at the September meeting.
Jurors discussed installing cameras at the Walker Ferry dumpsite.

Motion by Mrs. Charline Roberts, seconded by Mr. Mike Merrell to order and install solar satellite cameras as a trial for the Walker Ferry dumpsite. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Motion by Mr. Brandon DuBois seconded by Mrs. Charline Roberts 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.