

BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY
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The Bossier Parish Police Jury met in regular and legal session on the 1st day of July, 2015, at 2:00 p.m., in the Police Jury Meeting Room, Bossier Parish Courthouse, Benton, Louisiana. The President, Mr. Jack Skaggs, called the meeting to order. The invocation was given by Mr. Jerome Darby, and the pledge of allegiance was led by Ms. Wanda Bennett. The Parish Secretary, Ms. Rachel Hauser, called the roll, with all members present, as follows:

Mr. Rick Avery	Mr. Jerome Darby
Ms. Wanda Bennett	Mr. Wayne Hammack
Mr. Glenn Benton	Mr. Mac Plummer
Mr. Bob Brotherton	Mr. Doug Rimmer
Mr. Jimmy Cochran	Mr. Fred Shewmake
Mr. Sonny Cook, Absent	Mr. Jack Skaggs

Others present were Mr. Bill Altimus, Parish Administrator; Mr. Joe E. "Butch" Ford, Jr., Parish Engineer; Ms. Rachel Hauser, Parish Secretary.

Sheriff Julian Whittington extended appreciation to the police jury staff and to all entities that worked closely together during the 2015 flood event. He stated that the Red River flood event is the first disaster that Bossier Parish has experienced since the creation of the Bossier Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness, and stated that he has received several compliments regarding the response efforts of parish and city entities.

Sheriff Whittington requested approval of the Vendor Agreement with City-Tele Coin Company, Inc., that is to be considered today by the police jury. He stated that the use of an internet video based visitation system will alleviate the need to bring family members into the jail facility and will be a huge asset to the Sheriff's Office.

Mr. Skaggs expressed appreciation to Sheriff Whittington and the Bossier Parish Sheriff's Office for their assistance during the flood event.

Motion was made by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mr. Avery, to authorize the advertising for bids for the Wastewater Collection System (Contract No. 3) for Consolidated Waterworks/Sewerage District No. 1 of the Parish of Bossier, bid date to be determined.

The President called for public comment. There being none, **votes were cast and the motion carried unanimously.**

Motion was made by Mr. Shewmake, seconded by Ms. Bennett, to authorize the advertising for bids for the Woodfern Lane and Woodlake Subdivision Road Improvements Project No. 2015-436, bid date to be determined.

The President called for public comment. There being none, **votes were cast and the motion carried unanimously.**

Motion was made by Mr. Avery, seconded by Mr. Darby, to consider scheduling a public hearing on August 5, 2015, to consider approval of the plat of the proposed development of M & O East Subdivision, Unit No. 3, being a resubdivision of Lot 8, M & O East Subdivision, located in Section 35, Township 18 North, Range 11 West, Bossier Parish, LA.

The President called for public comment. There being none, **votes were cast and the motion carried unanimously.**

Motion was made by Mr. Rimmer, seconded by Ms. Bennett, to consider scheduling a public hearing on August 5, 2015, to consider approval of the plat of the proposed development of Belle Rose at Legacy Subdivision, Unit No. 6, located in Section 22, Township 19 North, Range 13 West, Bossier Parish, LA.

The President called for public comment. There being none, **votes were cast and the motion carried unanimously.**

Motion was made by Ms. Bennett, seconded by Mr. Avery, to consider scheduling a public hearing on August 5, 2015, to consider approval of the plat of the proposed development of Fairburn Subdivision, located in Section 17, Township 19 North, Range 13 West, Bossier Parish, LA.

The President called for public comment. There being none, **votes were cast and the motion carried unanimously.**

Motion was made by Mr. Avery, seconded by Mr. Benton, to consider scheduling a public hearing on August 5, 2015, to consider abandonment of Pin Oak Flat Subdivision, located in Section 15, Township 18 North, Range 11 West, Bossier Parish, LA.

The President called for public comment. There being none, **votes were cast and the motion carried unanimously.**

Ms. Hauser announced the hearing to consider condemnation of property at 1030 Chandler Road, Haughton, LA. Mr. David Ghormley, Property Standards Officer, presented current photographs of the property advising that some work has been done but the extensive amount of bamboo growth still remains. He recommended that the property be condemned.

Mr. David Easley, 1029 Chandler Road, Haughton, LA, stated that his brother owns the property but is unable to maintain the property due to health problems. He stated that they have removed the bamboo up to the fence line, and further stated that the remaining bamboo is located in the neighbor's yard. Mr. Benton stated that a large amount of

bamboo still exists on the property and needs to be removed and controlled in the future. Mr. Easley stated that bamboo is hard to control, and grows rapidly. Mr. Benton recommended that a 15-day extension be granted in which to allow Mr. Easley time to complete cleanup of the property and removal of the remaining bamboo. He requested that they control the bamboo growth in the future.

Motion was made by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mr. Shewmake, to allow the owner of property at 1030 Chandler Road, Haughton, LA, an additional 15 days in which to bring the property into compliance with property standards regulations, including the removal of bamboo on the property.

The President called for public comment. There being none, **votes were cast and the motion carried unanimously.** The matter will be reviewed at the July 15, 2015, regular meeting.

Ms. Hauser announced the hearing to consider condemnation of property at 502 Wildlife Lane, Bossier City, LA. Mr. Ghormley presented current photographs of the property advising that some work has been done, but cleanup is not complete.

The resident living at 502 Wildlife Lane, Bossier City, LA, stated that she has been advised by the Bossier Parish Sheriff's Office that the burn ban that was in place has been lifted as of today and she can now burn the piles that remain on the property. She stated that cleanup of the property should be complete by this weekend. Mr. Brotherton recommended a 15-day extension to allow the resident time to complete cleanup of the property.

Motion was made by Mr. Brotherton, seconded by Mr. Cochran, to allow the owner of property at 502 Wildlife Lane, Bossier City, LA, an additional 15 days in which to bring the property into compliance with property standards regulations.

The President called for public comment. There being none, **votes were cast and the motion carried unanimously.** The matter will be reviewed at the July 15, 2015, regular meeting.

Ms. Hauser announced the hearing to consider condemnation of property at 264 East Ridge Drive, Benton, LA. Mr. Ghormley presented current photographs of the property advising that the majority of the downed trees have been removed, but the tenant living in the rental home purchases abandoned storage buildings and is bringing items from these storage buildings to the property.

Ms. Bennett stated that some of the trees have been removed as requested, but the tenant continues to bring in large trailer loads of items to the property for the purpose of reselling them. She stated that it appears that a business is being conducted from the home, which is a violation of zoning regulations. Mr. Ghormley stated that the property owner has been informed on numerous occasions that the tenant must cease operation of a business at this residence.

Mr. Craig Moody, owner of 264 East Ridge Drive, Benton, LA, was present. Ms. Bennett asked Mr. Moody if he has spoken with his tenant regarding the condition of the property, and instructed them to cease any business operation from the home. Mr. Moody stated that he has spoken with his tenant regarding these issues, and stated that the property has been cleaned up and the items collected by his tenant are not visible from the road.

Ms. Bennett stated that the tenant cannot continue to store items from purchased storage buildings at the home. She recommended a 15-day extension in which to complete cleanup of the property.

Motion was made by Ms. Bennett, seconded by Mr. Rimmer, to allow the owner of property at 264 East Ridge Drive, Benton, LA, an additional 15 days in which to bring the property into compliance with property standards regulations.

The President called for public comment. Mr. Sam Marsiglia, Benton-Parish MPC, stated that the Benton-Parish MPC is pursuing the matter of a zoning violation in regard to illegally storing salvage, as well as selling retail merchandise, at a residentially zoned property. He requested that he be provided with the name of Mr. Moody's tenant so that they can be properly notified of the zoning violation.

Votes were cast and the motion carried unanimously. The matter will be reviewed at the July 15, 2015, regular meeting.

Ms. Hauser announced the hearing to consider condemnation of property at 209 Chimney Lane, Haughton, LA. Mr. Ghormley presented current photographs of the property advising that two inoperable vehicles are located in the driveway that are full of old newspapers, as well as piles of newspapers located in the driveway. He recommended that the property be condemned.

Mr. David Valentine, 209 Chimney Lane, Haughton, LA, was present. He stated that the owner of the property has had several strokes and is currently in the hospital in poor health. He stated that he is living in the home and is in the process of cleaning up the property.

Mr. Ghormley stated that the main issue is the two inoperable vehicles with newspapers inside. Mr. Valentine stated that he is in the process of taking care of the vehicles. Mr. Benton recommended that if there are any large items that need to be removed from the property, they be placed by the roadway and the highway department contacted to come pick them up. After further discussion, **motion was made by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mr. Brotherton, to allow the owner of property at 209 Chimney Lane, Haughton, LA, an additional 15 days in which to bring the property into compliance with property standards regulations.**

The President called for public comment. There being none, **votes were cast and the motion carried unanimously.** The matter will be reviewed at the July 15, 2015, regular meeting.

Ms. Hauser announced the hearing to consider condemnation of property at 6875 Highway 3, Benton, LA. Mr. Ghormley presented current photographs of the property advising that there has been no change in the condition of the property. He stated that the property does present an imminent threat to public health and safety, and recommended the property be condemned.

Motion was made by Mr. Avery, seconded by Ms. Bennett, to proceed with condemnation of property at 6875 Highway 3, Benton, LA.

The President called for public comment. There being none, **votes were cast and the motion carried unanimously.**

Mr. David Ghormley, Property Standards Officer, reported on a meeting of the Property Standards Board of Review.

Mr. Ghormley stated that the Board of Review recommended that a condemnation hearing be scheduled to consider condemnation of property described as Lots 1-9, 12, 14, 15-17, 19-29, 34, 35, 37-42, Olde Oaks Subdivision, Unit No. VIII, Haughton, LA.

Motion was made by Mr. Brotherton, seconded by Mr. Shewmake, to schedule a condemnation hearing on July 15, 2015, to consider condemnation of property described as Lots 1-9, 12, 14, 15-17, 19-29, 34, 35, 37-42, Olde Oaks Subdivision, Unit No. VIII, Haughton, LA.

The President called for public comment. There being none, **votes were cast and the motion carried unanimously.**

Mr. Ghormley stated that the Board of Review recommended that a letter be sent to the owner of 4200 Palmetto Road, Palmetto Country Club, Benton, LA, to request that the property owner keep the property mowed at least 50 feet from the property lines of adjoining homes and along Palmetto Road, and that failure to do so will result in this property being condemned. Ownership of the property is to be verified.

After further discussion, **motion was made by Ms. Bennett, seconded by Mr. Rimmer, to authorize a letter to the owner of property at 4200 Palmetto Road, Palmetto Country Club, Benton, LA, to request that the property be maintained and mowed at least 50 feet from the property lines of adjoining homes and along Palmetto Road, and allow an additional 15 days in which to bring the property into compliance with property standards regulations.**

The President called for public comment. There being none, **votes were cast and the motion carried unanimously.** The matter will be reviewed at the July 15, 2015, regular meeting.

Mr. Ghormley stated that the Board of Review recommended that a condemnation hearing be scheduled to consider condemnation of property at 2005 Palmetto Road, Benton, LA.

Motion was made by Ms. Bennett, seconded by Mr. Rimmer, to schedule a condemnation hearing on July 15, 2015, to consider condemnation of property at 2005 Palmetto Road, Benton, LA.

The President called for public comment. There being none, **votes were cast and the motion carried unanimously.**

Mr. Ghormley stated that the Board of Review recommended that a condemnation hearing be scheduled to consider condemnation of property at 186 Fern Road, Elm Grove, LA.

Motion was made by Mr. Brotherton, seconded by Mr. Shewmake, to schedule a condemnation hearing on July 15, 2015, to consider condemnation of property at 186 Fern Road, Elm Grove, LA.

The President called for public comment. There being none, **votes were cast and the motion carried unanimously.**

Mr. Ghormley stated that the Board of Review recommended that a condemnation hearing be scheduled to consider condemnation of property at 1509 Rocky Trail, Haughton, LA.

Motion was made by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mr. Brotherton, to schedule a condemnation hearing on July 15, 2015, to consider condemnation of property at 1509 Rocky Trail, Haughton, LA.

The President called for public comment. There being none, **votes were cast and the motion carried unanimously.**

Mr. Benton requested a report on the status of property located at Highway 614 and Virginia Road. He stated that there is no residential structure on the property, advising that the property owner and others are living out of their vehicles, pop-up campers and tents with no sanitary sewer. Mr. Altimus stated that this matter has been turned over to the Parish Attorney and health unit for handling.

Mr. Ryan Estess, Raley & Associates, Inc., stated that a letter was received from the Bossier Parish Engineering Department dated February 4, 2015, which advised that River Bluff Subdivision, Unit No. 2, met all current parish subdivision regulations. He further stated that on May 12, 2015, a Certificate of Substantial Completion was issued for the streets and drainage in Unit No. 2, and a maintenance bond was executed and delivered to the police jury. Mr. Estess stated that the final plat for River Bluff Subdivision, Unit No. 2, was recorded with the Bossier Parish Clerk of Court on June 1, 2015.

Mr. Estess stated that the 2015 June flood event began on June 6, 2015. He stated that the 30-day lien period expired on June 11, 2015, which indicates that there are no liens on the property and the streets and drainage can be donated to the public. He further stated that today is the first opportunity since expiration of the lien period, that the police jury could consider acceptance of the streets and drainage in Unit No. 2, and on June 17, 2015, the police jury issued a moratorium on the issuance of building permits for any construction on the river side of the levee.

Mr. Estess stated that Unit No. 2 was built to parish specifications, inspected and approved as required by the parish, prior to the 2015 flood event. He stated that neither the owner nor developer has filed any claims with FEMA for assistance due to the recent flood event. Mr. Estess further stated that the river bank at Unit No. 2 did not fail during the flood event and there was very little sand movement. He stated that a single outfall pipe did wash out in Unit No. 2, but there are plans to reinstall the pipe.

Mr. Benton asked if the parish accepts the streets in Unit No. 2 today, will they qualify for parish assistance from FEMA for repair of any flood damage. Mr. Ford stated that he is unsure but FEMA has been notified that the parish did approve the plans and specifications for Unit No. 2 and inspected the streets prior to the flood event.

Mr. Benton asked if the developer is responsible for replacement of the washed out outfall pipe. Mr. Ford stated that River Bluff Subdivision was covered in approximately three feet of water from the Red River during the flood event,

and one outfall pipe in Unit No. 2 was washed away and one outfall pipe was damaged. He stated that repair of the outfall pipes will be required. Mr. Avery stated that the developer has agreed to repair any damage caused by the flood event in Unit 2, at his expense, in order to bring the property back into compliance with parish subdivision regulations. He stated that had the flood event happened after today's meeting, these streets would have been the parish's responsibility.

Mr. Cochran recommended that this matter be tabled, to be further considered at the July 15, 2015, regular meeting when the Parish Attorney is present, and to allow additional time for the river water to recede to better determine if there is any additional damage in this area. Mr. Avery requested a Road/Subdivision Regulations Committee meeting be scheduled prior to the July 15, 2015, regular meeting to discuss this matter further.

Motion was made by Mr. Avery, seconded by Mr. Benton, to table the acceptance of streets and drainage in River Bluff Subdivision, Unit No. 2, into the parish road system for permanent maintenance, to be considered at the July 15, 2015, regular meeting, and to schedule a Road/Subdivision Regulations Committee Meeting on July 15, 2015, to further discuss this matter.

The President called for public comment. There being none, **votes were cast and the motion carried unanimously.** Mr. Avery requested that Mr. Warren Cantrell and Raley & Associates, Inc., be notified of the date and time of the Road/Subdivision Regulations Committee meeting.

Mr. Ford reported that he received a complaint in 2013 that a resident at 184 E. Cloverleaf Drive, Haughton, LA, had erected a fence that was blocking the natural drainage in that area, and had not installed proper culverts. He stated that this matter has been investigated and it has been determined that the property owner has blocked the natural drainage and did not install proper culverts. Mr. Ford stated that the homeowner has been notified of the violation via a letter.

Mr. Ford stated that the home next to this property has flooded on two occasions due to the fence blocking the natural drainage. He stated that the owner of the flooded property recently removed a portion of the fence in an effort to prevent the home from flooding but the home did flood again. He stated that the homeowner at 184 E. Cloverleaf Drive contacted the Sheriff's Office to report that a portion of his fence had been removed, and he reinstalled the fence. Mr. Ford stated that during the rain event that occurred last week, the home next to 184 E. Cloverleaf Drive was in danger of flooding again, and he instructed parish crews to remove the fence to unblock the natural drainage. He further stated that he contacted the Bossier Parish Sheriff's Office to advise them the owner of 184 E. Cloverleaf Drive was in violation of parish ordinances by blocking the natural drainage which has caused the neighbor's home to flood.

Mr. Ford stated that the owner of property at 184 E. Cloverleaf Lane has refused to unblock the natural drainage and install the proper culverts. He recommended that this matter be referred to the Parish Attorney for further handling. **Motion was made by Mr. Rimmer, seconded by Mr. Plummer, to authorize the Parish Attorney to proceed with sending a demand letter to Mr. Michael Doyle Willis in the matter of the obstruction of a natural drain at 184 E. Cloverleaf Lane, Haughton, LA, and to begin preparation of legal proceedings in this matter.**

The President called for public comment. There being none, **votes were cast and the motion carried unanimously.**

Motion was made by Ms. Bennett, second by Mr. Rimmer, to approve a Service and Usage Agreement with the Town of Benton in connection with the FY2014-2015 LCDBG Sewer Improvements Project for sewer improvements in the East Benton Subdivision, and to authorize execution of documents, subject to review and approval by the Parish Attorney.

The President called for public comment. Mr. Ford stated that the Town of Benton has agreed to assume ownership and maintain the sewer system once the required time delays have expired as required by the Louisiana Community Development Block Grant.

Votes were cast and the motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED by the Bossier Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session on this 1st day of July, 2015, that Jack Skaggs, President, be and is hereby authorized to execute on behalf of the Bossier Parish Police Jury, the Service and Usage Agreement with the Town of Benton, in connection with the East Benton Subdivision Improvements.

The resolution was offered by Ms. Bennett, seconded by Mr. Rimmer. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 1st day of July, 2015.

RACHEL D. HAUSER
PARISH SECRETARY

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BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY

Mr. Ford presented Change Order No. 1 for State Project No. 576-08-0005/H-009239, Eastwood Drainage Project, advising that the change order results in an additional cost of \$23,120, and provides for 77 additional contract days. **Motion was made by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mr. Brotherton, to approve Change Order No. 1 for State Project No. 576-08-0005/H-009239, Eastwood Drainage Project, and to authorize the President to execute documents.**

The President called for public comment. There being none, **votes were cast and the motion carried unanimously.**

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED by the Bossier Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session on this 1st day of July, 2015, that it does hereby approve Change Order No. 1 for State Project No. 576-08-0005/H-009239, Eastwood Drainage Project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Jack Skaggs, President, is hereby authorized to execute said Change Order No. 1.

The resolution was offered by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mr. Brotherton. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 1st day of July, 2015.

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Mr. Altimus stated that no improvements are allowed at the visitation center at the maximum security jail facility without police jury approval. He stated that the proposed internet based video visitation system at the Bossier Parish jail facility is a much needed improvement, and recommended approval. Mr. Darby stated that this alleviates any contact between inmate and visitor, which decreases security risks.

Motion was made by Mr. Avery, seconded by Mr. Darby, to approve a Vendor Agreement with City Tele-Coin Company, Inc., for the installation of an internet based video visitation system at the Bossier Parish jail facility, and to authorize execution of documents.

The President called for public comment. There being none, **votes were cast and the motion carried unanimously.**

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED by the Bossier Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session on this 1st day of July, 2015, that Jack Skaggs, President, be and is hereby authorized to execute on behalf of the Bossier Parish Police Jury, the Vendor Agreement with City Tele-Coin Company, Inc., for the installation of an internet based video visitation system at the Bossier Parish jail facility.

The resolution was offered by Mr. Avery, seconded by Mr. Darby. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 1st day of July, 2015.

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Jurors were provided a copy of the district highway reports.

Mr. Altimus stated that there are several parish roads that sustained damage during the recent flood event, and the parish may qualify for assistance from FEMA for the damaged roadways. He stated that it is imperative that all labor hours and expenses for work on flood-damaged roadways be documented separately for submission to FEMA for reimbursement.

Mr. Altimus recommended that beginning Saturday, July 11, 2015, and continuing for the next few months, a small crew be designated to work on Saturdays specifically repairing flood-damaged roadways. Mr. Altimus stated that the Monday through Friday 9-hour days will be spent working on regular parish projects, including the road overlay program.

Mr. Ford recommended that representatives of Forte & Tablada be requested to attend the Road/Subdivision Regulations Committee meeting to be scheduled for July 15, 2015, to provide the jurors with an update on Bossier Parish bridge ratings.

Mr. Ford reported on the sewer force main project on Old Brownlee Road from Wemple Road south to North Bossier Park, stating that it has been determined that the plans submitted do not show the proper location of utilities. Mr. Ford stated that there are issues with the utility companies failing to mark the location of utilities, which is creating problems with installation of the sewer force main. He stated that a meeting is scheduled for 4:00 p.m. today with the contractor to further discuss this project.

Mr. Ford reported that the Haughton area received approximately three inches of rain last night, and a home on Gary Rex Circle flooded. He stated that the dirt pit located in this area may be attributing to flooding, and he plans to review previous drainage reports submitted for this area.

Mr. Ford reported that a home in Country Place Subdivision also flooded from the rain received last night.

Mr. Ford reported on the drainage improvements project at 3203 Trailview Circle, Haughton, LA, stating that the parish accessed the drainage easement through an existing 10-foot easement located between 3203 Trailview Circle and 3205 Trailview Circle that was granted after approval and filing of the Dogwood Park Subdivision, Unit No. 12, plat. He stated that the easement was not shown on the original plat, and fences, driveways, and portable buildings are now located in the 10-foot easement. Mr. Ford further stated that the property owners were not aware of the existing easement at the time the lots were purchased.

Mr. Ford stated that the parish will need to re-sod a portion of the property at 3203 Trailview Circle due to damage caused by parish equipment while accessing the drainage easement located behind 3203 Trailview Circle. He stated that the property owner at 3203 Trailview Circle dedicated an additional 10-foot drainage easement, which allowed the parish use of his driveway to access the drainage easement located behind his home. He further stated that all precautions were taken to protect the integrity of the driveway, but some cracking occurred due to the use of parish equipment. Mr. Ford stated that the parish agreed to repair any damage to that portion of the driveway used by the parish. Mr. Avery stated that the driveway located at 3203 Trailview Circle is located on an existing parish easement, and he does not feel the parish should be responsible for replacing any portion of the driveway.

Mr. Ford stated that the property owner has submitted a request for the parish to replace an additional portion of the driveway that was not used by the parish. He stated that the parish should be responsible for replacing only that portion of the driveway that was damaged by the parish.

After further discussion, **motion was made by Mr. Avery, seconded by Mr. Darby, to amend the agenda to consider replacement of the damaged portion of a driveway at 3203 Trailview Circle, Haughton, LA, which is**

located on an existing parish easement, due to damages by parish equipment while accessing a parish easement for drainage improvements located behind the home.

The President called for public comment. Mr. Cochran stated that the parish should be responsible for replacement of only that portion of the driveway that was damaged by the parish during the drainage improvements.

Motion failed, with the following vote recorded:

- AYES: Mr. Avery, Mr. Benton, Mr. Brotherton, Mr. Cochran, Mr. Darby, Mr. Hammack, Mr. Skaggs, Mr. Plummer
- NAYS: Ms. Bennett, Mr. Rimmer, Mr. Shewmake
- ABSTAIN: None
- ABSENT: Mr. Cook

Mr. Ford presented a video of parish flooding from this past weekend.

Ms. Dodie Horton asked if a decision has been made on dredging the Red River. Mr. Ford stated that the river needs to recede to its lowest elevation level before dredging can begin. There was further discussion on dredging of the Red River.

Mr. Altimus stated that it is anticipated that no barges or recreational boating will be allowed on the Red River until September at the earliest. Mr. Ford stated that it is anticipated that the Jimmie Davis Highway Bridge Reconstruction Project will be delayed since barges will not be allowed on the Red River for some time.

Mr. Mark Coutee, Public Works Director, presented an update on activities of the highway department and on several road projects in the parish. He stated that the low water crossing on Pump Station Road is complete and the road is now open.

Ms. Bennett expressed appreciation to Mr. Skaggs for his leadership skills during the recent flood event.

Mr. Skaggs reported that there were no injuries reported by volunteers or by any entity that assisted during the recent flood event.

There being no further business to come before the Bossier Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session on this 1st day of July, 2015, the meeting was adjourned by the President at 3:40 p.m.

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