

BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY  
BENTON, LOUISIANA  
MINUTES

August 7, 2019

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The Bossier Parish Police Jury met in regular and legal session on the 7<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2019, at 2:00 p.m., in the Police Jury Meeting Room, Bossier Parish Courthouse, Benton, Louisiana. The President, Mr. Doug Rimmer, called the meeting to order. The invocation was given by Mr. Mac Plummer, and the pledge of allegiance was led by Mr. Jack Skaggs. 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. Mac Plummer
Mr. Glenn Benton	Mr. Doug Rimmer
Mr. Bob Brotherton	Mr. Tom Salzer
Mr. Jimmy Cochran	Mr. Fred Shewmake
Mr. Norman Craig	Mr. Jack Skaggs

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Others present were Mr. Bill Altimus, Parish Administrator; Mr. Patrick Jackson, Parish Attorney; Mr. Joe E. "Butch" Ford, Jr., Parish Engineer; Mr. Eric Hudson, Assistant Parish Engineer; Ms. Rachel Hauser, Parish Secretary.

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Mr. Travis Morehart, Cook & Morehart, Certified Public Accountants, presented a review of the 2018 Bossier Parish Police Jury audit. He reported that there are no findings, and commended the police jury staff.

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Mr. Avery introduced Mr. Steven "Greg" Nichols, a candidate for Bossier Parish Police Jury District 6. Mr. Nichols stated that he has lived in Bossier Parish his entire life and would like to give back to the citizens in Bossier Parish by serving as police juror for Bossier Parish Police Jury District 6. He stated that he is employed with Barksdale Federal Credit Union, and his children attend Bossier Parish schools.

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Ms. Hauser requested that the public hearing to consider approval of the application of Stephanie J. Hardaway to the Bossier City-Parish Metropolitan Planning Commission for a Conditional Use Approval for dog boarding, grooming and daycare business, located at the southeast corner of Benton Road and Courtney Lane, in Section 29, Township 19 North, Range 13 West, Bossier Parish, LA, be removed from the agenda at the request of the applicant.

**Motion was made by Mr. Skaggs, seconded by Mr. Shewmake, to remove from the agenda the public hearing to consider approval of the application of Stephanie J. Hardaway to the Bossier City-Parish Metropolitan Planning Commission for a Conditional Use Approval for dog boarding, grooming and daycare business, located at the southeast corner of Benton Road and Courtney Lane, in Section 29, 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.**

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Ms. Hauser announced the public hearing to consider approval of the plat of the proposed development of HRWN Bossier Subdivision, located in Section 9, Township 16 North, Range 12 West, Bossier Parish, LA.

Mr. Mark Moore, Approach Environmental Services, stated that the proposed plat is for a saltwater disposal well and industrial waste disposal well site, all being non-hazardous disposal, in southern Bossier Parish on Viewpoint Road. He stated that HRWN purchased an approximate 14-acre tract of land off Viewpoint Road in an existing industrial area. He stated that previous meetings have been held with police jury staff pertaining to this matter.

Mr. Moore stated that permits for the industrial waste disposal well have been submitted to the state, and they are awaiting permits for the saltwater disposal well.

Mr. Hudson recommended that if the police jury approves the proposed plat, approval be contingent upon the installation of turn lanes on Highway 71 onto Viewpoint Road.

Mr. Moore stated that a traffic study was done prior to HRWN purchasing the 14-acre tract of land, but there was no knowledge of an existing Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development permit that was obtained by the original developer, Wilcox Contracting, for the industrial area on Viewpoint Road. He stated that the DOTD permit obtained by Wilcox Contracting requires two turn lanes on Highway 71 onto Viewpoint Road.

Mr. Moore stated that HRWN is willing to pay their pro rata share for the required turning lanes, and they have been in contact with DOTD and are awaiting additional information pertaining to the installation of the turn lanes. He stated that HRWN owns only a 14-acre tract of land out of an approximate 100-acre tract of land in the industrial park, and does not feel that it is appropriate for HRWN to be responsible for the full costs associated with the installation of turn lanes when existing and future developments will benefit from the turn lanes.

Mr. Ford stated that when the initial industrial park subdivision was approved and an industrial developer purchased a 5-acre tract of land, the state indicated that turn lanes from Highway 71 onto Viewpoint Road would not be required at that time, but required that the next industrial development in the industrial park subdivision would be responsible for the installation of the turn lanes on Highway 71 onto Viewpoint Road.

Mr. Ford stated that HRWN is the next industrial development requesting a building permit on Viewpoint Road, and based upon the requirements set by DOTD for the next industrial development on Viewpoint Road, which is HRWN, they will be responsible for installation of the turning lanes and all costs associated therewith. He stated that the parish and state have no obligation associated with any costs for the installation of the turning lanes on Highway 71 onto Viewpoint Road.

Mr. Ford stated that he cannot recommend approval of the proposed plat without turning lanes being installed on Highway 71 onto Viewpoint Road prior to any building permits being issued to HRWN due to the current commercial vehicle traffic. He recommended that HRWN submit plans for the turning lanes for consideration, and once approved, HRWN will need to construct the turning lanes at their costs before a building permit can be issued.

There was further discussion of the original developer and owners of property in the industrial park. Mr. Moore stated that all property owners in the industrial park signed the original DOTD permit and the costs for the turn lanes should be equally allocated to each property owner on Viewpoint Road.

Mr. Ford stated that prior to purchasing a tract of land for development, the developer is required to submit a proposed plat for consideration. He stated that HRWN has already purchased the 14-acre tract of land, and is now bringing the plat before the police jury for consideration.

Mr. Moore stated that approximately 75 percent of the land in the industrial park remains undeveloped.

Mr. Avery expressed concern that one development should not be responsible for the required turning lanes onto Viewpoint Road when there are other developments and future developments that will benefit from the turning lanes. Mr. Ford stated that when the industrial park was first created, DOTD did not require turning lanes on Highway 71 onto Viewpoint Road at that time, but required that the next development, which is HRWN, be responsible for the installation of the turning lanes. He further stated that development has been slow in this industrial park.

Mr. Jackson stated that the issue before the police jury today is to approve the proposed plat subject to installation of the required turning lanes, deny the proposed plat, or table the public hearing in order to allow Mr. Moore time to discuss the issues with the developer.

Mr. Moore stated that requests for permits have been submitted to the Department of Natural Resources and the Department of Environmental Quality for the two wells and approval/denial of those permits will take some time.

Mr. Cochran recommended that this public hearing be tabled at this time.

Mr. Ford stated that meetings were held with HRWN prior to them purchasing the 14-acre tract of land and they were advised at that time that they would be responsible for installing the required turning lanes on Highway 71 onto Viewpoint Road.

Mr. Moore stated that he feels that any existing or future developments should share in the costs of installation of turning lanes on Highway 71 onto Viewpoint Road.

After further discussion, **motion was made by Mr. Plummer, seconded by Mr. Cochran, to table the public hearing to consider approval of the plat of the proposed development of HRWN Bossier Subdivision, located in Section 9, Township 16 North, Range 12 West, Bossier Parish, LA, to be considered at the September 18, 2019, regular meeting.**

**Votes were cast and the motion carried unanimously.**

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Ms. Hauser announced the public hearing to consider approval of the plat of the proposed development of Dogwood South Estates Subdivision, located in Section 9, Township 18 North, Range 12 West, Bossier Parish, LA.

Mr. Micha Duffy, Coyle Engineering Co., Inc., was present on behalf of the developer. He stated that the proposed plat provides for three lots. There was a brief discussion pertaining to sewer plans.

There being no objection, **motion was made by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mr. Avery, to approve the plat of the proposed development of Dogwood South Estates Subdivision, located in Section 9, Township 18 North, Range 12 West, Bossier Parish, LA.**

The President called for public comment. There being none, **motion carried, with the following votes recorded:**

**AYES:** Mr. Avery, Ms. Bennett, Mr. Benton, Mr. Brotherton, Mr. Cochran, Mr. Craig, Mr. Darby, Mr. Rimmer, Mr. Salzer, Mr. Shewmake, Mr. Skaggs  
**NAYS:** None  
**ABSTAIN:** None  
**ABSENT:** Mr. Plummer

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**Motion was made by Mr. Avery, seconded by Mr. Darby, to schedule a public hearing on September 4, 2019, to consider approval of the plat of the proposed development of The Crossing at Wemple Subdivision, Unit No. 4, a Planned Unit Development, located in Sections 32 and 33, Township 19 North, Range 13 West, Bossier Parish, LA.**

The President called for public comment. There being none, **motion carried, with the following votes recorded:**

**AYES:** Mr. Avery, Ms. Bennett, Mr. Benton, Mr. Brotherton, Mr. Cochran, Mr. Craig, Mr. Darby, Mr. Rimmer, Mr. Salzer, Mr. Shewmake, Mr. Skaggs  
**NAYS:** None  
**ABSTAIN:** None  
**ABSENT:** Mr. Plummer

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Ms. Hauser announced the hearing to consider condemnation of property located at 402 Whispering Pine Drive, Haughton, LA, Tax Assessment No. 118756. 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 that the property be condemned.

After further discussion, **motion was made by Mr. Benton, seconded by Ms. Bennett, to condemn property located at 402 Whispering Pine Drive, Haughton, LA, Tax Assessment No. 118756, in accordance with property standards regulations.**

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

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Ms. Hauser announced the hearing to consider condemnation of property located at 229 Princeton Lane, Princeton, LA, Tax Assessment No. 154984. Mr. Ghormley presented current photographs of the property advising that the owner has requested an additional 45 days to complete the clean-up of the property.

After further discussion, **motion was made by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mr. Cochran, to allow the owner of 229 Princeton Lane, Princeton, LA, Tax Assessment No. 154984, an additional forty-five (45) 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 October 2, 2019, regular meeting.

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Ms. Hauser announced the hearing to consider condemnation of property located at 5212 John Wilson Drive, Bossier City, LA, Tax Assessment No. 103739. Mr. Ghormley presented current photographs of the property advising that there has been a substantial amount of work done to clean up the property. He stated that there are some remaining items that need to be addressed and recommended that condemnation proceedings be dismissed. Mr. Ghormley is to continue to monitor the condition of the property.

**Motion was made by Mr. Skaggs, seconded by Mr. Shewmake, to dismiss condemnation proceedings on property located at 5212 John Wilson Drive, Bossier City, LA, Tax Assessment No. 103739.**

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

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Ms. Hauser announced the hearing to consider condemnation of property located at 116 Martha Drive, Haughton, LA, Tax Assessment No. 114664. Mr. Ghormley presented current photographs of the property advising that the property is now in compliance with property standards regulations. He recommended that condemnation proceedings be dismissed.

**Motion was made by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mr. Brotherton, to dismiss the condemnation proceeding on property located at 116 Martha Drive, Haughton, LA, Tax Assessment No. 114664.**

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

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Ms. Hauser announced the hearing to consider condemnation of property located at 757 Caplis Sligo Road, Bossier City, LA, Tax Assessment No. 114076. Mr. Ghormley presented current photographs of the property advising the property is now in compliance with property standards regulations. He recommended that condemnation proceedings be dismissed.

After further discussion, **motion was made by Mr. Brotherton, seconded by Mr. Salzer, to dismiss the condemnation proceeding on property located at 757 Caplis Sligo Road, Bossier City, LA, Tax Assessment No. 114076.**

The President called for public comment. Mr. Phillip England, owner of 757 Caplis Sligo Road, Bossier City, LA, stated that a storm tore the roof off the building located on the property, and with the help of neighbors, he was able to remove the building. He expressed appreciation to the police jury and staff for their patience in this matter.

Mr. England requested that letters from the police jury for property standards violations include language that advises the property owner that there is an option to request an extension to allow additional time to clean the property that is the subject of the condemnation hearing.

Mr. England stated that there are several properties around him that could be subject to property standards violations, but he does not feel that it is his place to submit complaints on other properties. He stated that a bayou is located behind his property in which raw sewerage is being dumped from multiple dwellings. He further stated that residents have reported this issue, but as of this date, nothing has been done to address the raw sewerage.

Mr. England requested leniency on Bossier Parish citizens when there is an issue with property standards as many citizens do not have the means to immediately address some property standard issues.

Mr. England stated that he never meant any disrespect to any of his neighbors, but no one came to him stating that they had an issue with the condition of his property.

Mr. England requested assistance from the police jury pertaining to a property line issue and location of a fence by a neighbor on his property. Mr. England was advised that issues with property lines is a civil matter, and the police jury has no jurisdiction with property lines issues.

**Votes were cast and the motion carried unanimously.**

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**Motion was made by Mr. Brotherton, seconded by Mr. Craig, to approve the reappointment of Mr. Billy Montgomery to the Shreveport-Bossier Sports Commission Advisory Board for a two-year term, term to expire August 31, 2021, which is a joint appointment with the City of Bossier City, City of Shreveport and the Caddo Parish Commission.**

The President called for public comment. There being none, **votes were cast and the motion carried unanimously.** It was noted that this is a joint appointment with the City of Bossier City, City of Shreveport and the Caddo Parish Commission, and each entity has advised that they are in favor of Mr. Montgomery's reappointment.

Mr. Brotherton stated that Mr. Montgomery represents Bossier Parish on the Shreveport-Bossier Sports Commission Advisory Board in a professional manner and extended appreciation to Mr. Montgomery for his service to Bossier Parish in this manner.

Ms. Hauser stated that Mr. Montgomery has perfect attendance for the meetings.

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**Motion was made by Mr. Brotherton, seconded by Ms. Bennett, to approve the reappointment of Mr. Doyle Adams to the Shreveport-Bossier Sports Commission Advisory Board for a four-year term, term to expire August 31, 2023.**

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

Mr. Montgomery stated that Mr. Adams represents Bossier Parish in a professional manner.

Ms. Hauser stated that Mr. Adams has perfect attendance at the meetings.

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Mr. Montgomery presented the volleyball game ball to the police jury from the FIVB Women's Indoor Volleyball Olympic Qualifier event that was recently held August 2-4, 2019, at the Centurylink Center. He stated that the United States team won and qualified for the Olympics.

Mr. Rimmer stated that the police jury was also presented with a volleyball signed by the United States Women's Volleyball team. He stated that the event was well attended.

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Mr. Brotherton stated that over the years it has been necessary for Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to draw down Lake Bistineau in an effort to control Salvinia. He stated that when the lake is drawn down, a mat-like surface covers the lake bed created by cypress leaves and other dried out vegetation. Mr. Brotherton stated that when the lake bed is exposed, residents of Lake Bistineau tend to clean their properties and burn items in the lake bed.

Mr. Brotherton stated that in 2012, several fires were inadvertently set on the lake bed which caused extensive damage and took approximately six weeks to extinguish. He stated that a burn ban needs to be considered for the Lake Bistineau lake bed.

Chief Ryan Foster, South Bossier Parish Fire District No. 2, stated that Bienville Parish and Webster Parish approached him regarding issuance of a burn ban on lake bed of Lake Bistineau. He stated that Webster Parish has already issued a burn ban for the Lake Bistineau lake bed area located in Webster Parish.

Chief Foster stated that he supports a burn ban for the Lake Bistineau lake bed area in Bossier Parish. He stated that fires can be inadvertently set by anyone camping on the lake bed and the fire trucks encounter access issues due to the lake bed not being completely dry.

Chief Foster stated that in order for the burn ban to be enforceable, he requests that the police jury consider issuing a burn ban for the lake bed of Lake Bistineau located in Bossier Parish.

After further discussion, **motion was made by Mr. Brotherton, seconded by Mr. Craig, to issue a burn ban, in conjunction with Webster Parish and Bienville Parish, for the Lake Bistineau Lake Bed located in Bossier Parish.**

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

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**Motion was made by Ms. Bennett, seconded by Mr. Skaggs, to approve the Certificate of Substantial Completion for the Kingston Road at Fairburn Avenue Traffic Signalization, Project No. 2018-550, and to authorize the 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 7<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2019, that it does hereby approve the Certificate of Substantial Completion for the Kingston Road at Fairburn Avenue Traffic Signalization, Project No. 2018-550.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that William R. Altimus, Parish Administrator, or Doug Rimmer, President, be and is hereby authorized to execute any and all documents in connection with said Certificate of Substantial Completion.

The resolution was offered by Ms. Bennett, seconded by Mr. Skaggs. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 7<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2019.

RACHEL D. HAUSER  
PARISH SECRETARY

DOUG RIMMER, PRESIDENT  
BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY

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**Motion was made by Mr. Skaggs, seconded by Ms. Bennett, to approve the Certificate of Substantial Completion for the Kingston Road at Louisiana Highway 3 and Kingston Road at Airline Drive Turn Lanes, Project No. 2018-549, and to authorize the 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 7<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2019, that it does hereby approve the Certificate of Substantial Completion for the Kingston Road at Louisiana Highway 3 and Kingston Road at Airline Drive Turn Lanes, Project No. 2018-549.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that William R. Altimus, Parish Administrator, or Doug Rimmer, President, be and is hereby authorized to execute any and all documents in connection with said Certificate of Substantial Completion.

The resolution was offered by Mr. Skaggs, seconded by Ms. Bennett. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 7<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2019.

RACHEL D. HAUSER  
PARISH SECRETARY

DOUG RIMMER, PRESIDENT  
BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY

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**Motion was made by Mr. Brotherton, seconded by Mr. Salzer, to accept the proposal of Forte & Tablada in the amount of \$53,690.00 for pre-design services for the Johnson Koran Road Bridge over Foxskin Bayou, and to authorize the 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 7<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2019, that William R. Altimus, Parish Administrator, or Doug Rimmer, President, be and is hereby authorized to execute on behalf of the Bossier Parish Police Jury, any and all documents or contracts in connection with the proposal of Forte & Tablada in the amount of \$53,690.00 for pre-design services for the Johnson Koran Road Bridge over Foxskin Bayou.

The resolution was offered by Mr. Brotherton, seconded by Mr. Salzer. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 7<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2019.

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PARISH SECRETARY

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**Motion was made by Mr. Brotherton, seconded by Mr. Plummer, to accept the proposal of Forte & Tablada in the amount of \$49,750.00 for pre-design services for the Caplis Sligo Road Bridge over Red Chute Bayou, and to authorize the 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 7<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2019, that William R. Altimus, Parish Administrator, or Doug Rimmer, President, be and is hereby authorized to execute on behalf of the Bossier Parish Police Jury, any and all documents or contracts in connection with the proposal of Forte & Tablada in the amount of \$49,750.00 for pre-design services for the Caplis Sligo Road Bridge over Red Chute Bayou.

The resolution was offered by Mr. Brotherton, seconded by Mr. Plummer. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 7<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2019.

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**Motion was made by Ms. Bennett, seconded by Mr. Skaggs, to accept the proposal of David W. Volentine, MAI, in the amount of \$7,500.00 for appraisal services for the necessary parcels, tracts, properties or servitudes required for the Linton Road Extension to Fairburn Avenue project, and to authorize the execution of documents.**

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

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED by the Bossier Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session on this 7<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2019, that William R. Altimus, Parish Administrator, or Doug Rimmer, President, be and is hereby authorized to execute on behalf of the Bossier Parish Police Jury, any and all documents or contracts in connection with the proposal of David W. Volentine, MAI, in the amount of \$7,500.00 for appraisal services for the necessary parcels, tracts, properties or servitudes required for the Linton Road Extension to Fairburn Avenue project.

The resolution was offered by Ms. Bennett, seconded by Mr. Skaggs. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 7<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2019.

RACHEL D. HAUSER  
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Mr. Hudson presented Change Order No. 1 for Hazard Mitigation Grant Program #1603-015-0002, FEMA-1603-DR-LA, Project #349, Bossier Parish – Willow Chute Bayou Drainage Improvements Project, Bossier Parish Project No. 2018-555, advising that the change order results in an increase in the amount of \$30,637.50. **Motion was made by Mr. Skaggs, seconded by Mr. Shewmake, to approve Change Order No. 1 for Hazard Mitigation Grant Program #1603-015-0002, FEMA-1603-DR-LA, Project #349, Bossier Parish – Willow Chute Bayou Drainage Improvements Project, Bossier Parish Project No. 2018-555, 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 7<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2019, that it does hereby approve Change Order No. 1 for Hazard Mitigation Grant Program #1603-015-0002, FEMA-1603-DR-LA, Project #349, Bossier Parish – Willow Chute Bayou Drainage Improvements Project, Bossier Parish Project No. 2018-555.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that William R. Altimus, Parish Administrator, or Doug Rimmer, President, is hereby authorized to execute said Change Order No. 1.

The resolution was offered by Mr. Skaggs, seconded by Mr. Shewmake. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 7<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2019.

RACHEL D. HAUSER  
PARISH SECRETARY

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Mr. Ford stated that the parish has been discussing the groundwater issues in northern Bossier Parish. He stated that after much consideration, it has been determined that the best option for the parish is to seek assistance from Louisiana State University-Shreveport, Red River Watershed Management Institute, for a study of the groundwater.

Mr. Ford stated that a team has been assembled, including Ms. Amanda Lewis, Director of Sponsored Research, Dr. Beverly Burden, Interim Director, from the LSU Red River Watershed Management Institute (RRWMI), Mr. David Williamson, LSU Consultant, Mr. Jerome Lewis, RRWMI Assistant Director, and Mr. Brandon Aillet, Half Associates, Inc.

Ms. Lewis stated that she is a biologist by training and has worked at RRWMI for nine years. She also provided additional information on each member of the team that will be assisting with this study.

Ms. Lewis stated that the RRWMI is an official LSU system institute. She stated that the mission of RRWMI is research, education and outreach for the entire Red River drainage, and part of that mission goes into what they do at LSU by partnering with the community, educating students and benefiting the community.

Ms. Lewis stated that RRWMI is experienced with well water monitoring. She stated that RRWMI has had a long-term association with Caddo Parish by providing similar monitoring services in the Carrizo-Wilcox Aquifer for more than 10 years. She stated that RRWMI has a shallow water aquifer monitoring program in the Red River Parish Educational Research Park, also known as the Bickham Dickson Park.

Ms. Lewis presented additional information on the LSU Red River Alluvial monitoring wells at the Red River Education and Research Park. She stated that the park is located adjacent to the RRWMI and is used as an outdoor laboratory at LSU. She further stated that they integrate students in all aspects of what they do. Ms. Lewis provided additional information on the education levels provided by RRWMI.

Ms. Lewis discussed the monitoring service they provide to Caddo Parish. She stated that monitoring wells are already in place due to the Haynesville Shale from 2008 and has provided information to assist with making groundwater decisions by the state.

Ms. Lewis stated that not only do they monitor water levels, they monitor water quality as well. She presented a graph which provides information for the Caddo Parish Monitoring Wells.

Ms. Wells stated that meetings have been held with Bossier Parish to discuss groundwater levels in northern Bossier Parish, as well as the water level of the Red River, Red River flooding, and the trend of an increase in precipitation locally, and up river.

Ms. Lewis discussed the flood events that have occurred in Bossier Parish beginning in 2009 to present. She stated that four of the five major flood events are in the top 50 historic crests of the Red River in Shreveport. She stated that they monitor precipitation, as well.

Ms. Lewis provided additional information pertaining to the flood events and the effects of additional precipitation and flooding up river.

Ms. Lewis stated that partnership with Bossier Parish will be to assist the parish in planning future infrastructure by looking at the hydrological factors to determine if they can begin to correlate, model and prepare.

Ms. Lewis stated that the objective would be for LSUS to monitor 12 groundwater wells, which would be used for monitoring levels only. She stated that LSUS would also monitor rainfall and the river level.

Ms. Lewis presented a map of proposed well monitoring sites in northern Bossier Parish. Mr. Ford stated that the proposal includes 11 wells, with one being located at Cash Point in order to tie the groundwater to the river elevations to determine how the river is affecting the groundwater rise in northern Bossier Parish. He stated that well sites will be located on property owned by Bossier Parish.

Ms. Lewis presented a proposal from RRWMI for the proposed Bossier Parish Monitoring Well project. She stated that they propose a five-year monitoring project, with the first year's proposed budget being \$56,785.00, and \$11,680.00 each year thereafter for the remaining four years. Ms. Lewis stated that LSUS proposes an in-kind match of \$25,200.00 which represents a time commitment from the RRWMI Assistant Director.

Mr. Skaggs asked if RRWMI is a candidate for funds from the \$1.4 billion in federal funds for flood protection projects in Louisiana. Ms. Lewis stated that they have attended meetings pertaining to these federal grants, but no funds have been released at this time.

Mr. Skaggs stated that this is an important project, but he would like additional time to explore the potential of receiving federal grant funds to assist with the groundwater study in northern Bossier Parish.

After additional discussion, **motion was made by Mr. Skaggs, seconded by Mr. Avery, to accept the proposal of LSUS-Red River Watershed Management Institute, in the amount of \$103,505.00 for infrastructure planning by monitoring rising groundwater levels and other hydrological factors in Bossier Parish to be paid over a five year time frame, and \$25,200.00 in-kind match of time commitment from the RRWMI Assistant Director, and to authorize the execution of documents, subject to the Parish Engineer and Parish Administrator's review and approval and determination if this project qualifies for funds from the \$1.4 billion in federal funds for flood protection projects in Louisiana.**

The President called for public comment.

Mr. Phillip England, 1952 Caplis Sligo Road, Bossier City, LA, stated that he has been approached by the state inquiring about monitoring his private water wells. He asked if this project is replicating what is already available through the United States Geological Survey. He stated that he would allow monitoring of his existing water wells.

Appreciation was extended to Mr. England for his offer, but was advised that his water wells would not be appropriate for the study needed.

Mr. David Williamson, Senior Geologist with ATC Group Services, LLC, stated that he has spoken with a representative from the United States Geological Survey in Baton Rouge to inquire if there were any existing wells that could be used for the study in northern Bossier Parish, but there were no identifiable wells located in the 25 square mile area in northern Bossier Parish that is being focused on for the study. He stated that he is contacting other entities to determine if there are any existing wells that can be used in northern Bossier Parish.

Mr. England stated that southern Bossier Parish should also be considered due to all drainage from northern Bossier Parish flowing through southern Bossier Parish.

**Votes were cast and motion carried unanimously.**

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The resolution was offered by Mr. Skaggs, seconded by Mr. Avery. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 7<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2019.

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PARISH SECRETARY

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Jurors were provided a copy of district highway reports.

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Mr. Hudson provided updates on all Kingston Road projects.

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Mr. Hudson provided an update on the Crosscreek Drive drainage improvements project.

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Mr. Hudson provided an update on the Sligo Road Bridge over Foxskin Bayou, Project No. 2019-105. He stated that the bridge will be closed beginning September 17, 2019.

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Mr. Hudson provided an update on the Linton Road Extension to Fairburn Avenue project.

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Mr. Hudson reported that the Swan Lake Road Bridge is now open.

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Mr. Hudson reported that proposals have been received for repairs to the culvert at Le Oaks Drive that recently collapsed.

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Mr. Hudson provided an update on the purchase and demolition of flood damaged homes through the FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant Program in Bossier Parish.

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Mr. Ford provided an update on the Sligo Road Extension to Highway 527 project. He stated that \$4.5 million was included in the Bossier Parish project wishlist for this project. He stated that originally the project was designed, a public meeting was held for public input, and the preferred route was chosen after the public was allowed a comment period.

Mr. Ford stated that it is recommended that the police jury accept the preferred route and apply for the required wetland permits. He stated that once wetland permits have been issued, the parish can proceed with acquiring right-of-way for the preferred route. Mr. Ford stated that the preferred route will take Arthur Ray Teague to Highway 71 south of Mercer Road and will tie into Caplis Sligo Road.

Mr. Ford stated that the wetland credits have been quantified and it has been determined that the parish will have to purchase 305 credits which equates to approximately \$1 million. He stated that approximately 149 acres of land will be purchased for right-of-way for the Sligo Road Extension to Highway 527 project. He further stated that it is anticipated that the parish will begin purchasing right-of-way in the Spring of 2020.

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Mr. Bruce Easterly, construction engineer consultant for the Parish of Bossier, provided an update on the Interstate 20/Interstate 220 interchange to Barksdale Air Force Base project. He stated that clearing and grubbing began Monday, and it is anticipated that dirt work will begin in the next two to three weeks. Mr. Easterly stated that the project has less than 900 days to be completed.

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Mr. Ford stated that it was reported that there was traffic congestion at Modica Lott Road this morning. He stated that he will further review this matter to determine if there is a need for traffic control.

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Mr. Mark Coutee, Public Works Director, presented an update on activities of the highway department and on several road projects in the parish.

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Mr. Benton asked when overlay of Winfield Road will be begin. Mr. Ford stated that based on soil borings and deep clays located beneath Winfield Road, it is planned for the road to be dug out and rock is to be placed on the roadway prior to overlaying the road. He stated that it is anticipated that overlay of Winfield Road will be completed this year.

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Mr. Avery reported that a beaver dam is located at Wemple Road and Old Brownlee Road. Mr. Coutee is to review this matter.

Mr. Avery requested that the ditch be mowed on Vanceville Road.

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Mr. Skaggs stated that he attended the FIVB Women's Indoor Volleyball Olympic Qualifier event that was recently held August 2-4, 2019, and reported that the event was well attended. He stated that the championship game was broadcasted and Bossier Parish was well represented.

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There being no further business to come before the Bossier Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session on this 7<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2019, the meeting was adjourned by the President at 4:05 p.m.

RACHEL D. HAUSER  
PARISH SECRETARY

DOUG RIMMER, PRESIDENT  
BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY