

BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY  
BENTON, LOUISIANA  
MINUTES

February 15, 2023

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The Bossier Parish Police Jury met in regular and legal session on the 15th day of February, 2023, 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 Ms. Julianna Parks, and the pledge of allegiance was led by Mr. John Ed Jordan. Ms. Rachel Hauser, Parish Secretary, called the roll, with all members present as follows:

Mr. Glenn Benton	Mr. Chris Marsiglia
Mr. Bob Brotherton	Ms. Julianna Parks
Mr. Jimmy Cochran	Mr. Mac Plummer, Excused
Mr. Jerome Darby	Mr. Doug Rimmer
Mr. Charles Gray	Mr. Philip Rodgers
Mr. John Ed Jordan	Mr. Tom Salzer

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

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Mr. Rimmer asked if anyone was present that would like to address the police jury to discuss an item that is currently not on the agenda. Ms. Lynn Bryan, Keep Bossier Beautiful, was present and requested to be added to the agenda.

**Motion was made by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mr. Gray, to amend the agenda to add Ms. Lynn Bryan, Keep Bossier Beautiful, as Visitor Number 2.**

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

<b>YEAS:</b>	<b>Mr. Benton, Mr. Brotherton, Mr. Cochran, Mr. Darby, Mr. Gray, Mr. Jordan, Mr. Marsiglia, Ms. Parks, Mr. Rimmer, Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Salzer</b>
<b>NAYS:</b>	<b>None</b>
<b>ABSTAIN:</b>	<b>None</b>
<b>ABSENT:</b>	<b>Mr. Plummer</b>

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Mr. Cochran reported on the heroic actions of a young man, Mr. Wesley Reed. He requested that a resolution of recognition be adopted on behalf of Mr. Wesley Reed for his act of heroism.

**Motion was made by Mr. Cochran, seconded by Mr. Salzer, to adopt a resolution of recognition for Mr. Wesley Reed for his act of heroism assisting a family of three in the ocean in Hawaii.**

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

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Mr. Wesley Reed is currently an eighth-grade student attending Benton Middle School and is a Boy Scout in Troop 113; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Reed has been awarded the Boy Scouts of America's Medal of Merit due to his bravery and his act of meritorious service above and beyond what is normally expected of a youth or adult member of the Boy Scouts; and

WHEREAS, while in Hawaii for a family member's wedding, Mr. Reed was riding the ocean waves on a boogie board when he noticed a father, mother, and son in deeper water struggling to swim back to shore. The current was strong in the riptide and they were close to the rocks, making the waves even stronger. Mr. Reed swam out to the family of three and gave them his boogie board so they could float and keep their heads above water; and

WHEREAS, while other adults stood on the beach and watched this horrible incident unfold, no one offered any assistance to the family, but Mr. Reed did not hesitate to offer his assistance to the family without hesitation or concern for his own safety; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Reed's act of bravery has been recognized by the Boy Scouts of America, in which he is a member of Troop 113, and he received national recognition and awarded the Medal of Merit, an honor given to Scouts that have performed an act of meritorious service above and beyond what is normally expected of a youth or adult member of the Boy Scouts. To receive this award does not necessarily need to involve a rescue or saving someone's life, it must reflect an uncommon degree of concern for the well-being of others and demonstrate some aspect of Scouting ideals or skills, in which Mr. Reed has clearly demonstrated; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Reed's act of bravery not only earned him respect and recognition among his peers and the Scouting organization, but the lifelong gratitude of that family of three.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Bossier Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session convened on this 15<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2023, that it does hereby recognize Mr. Wesley Reed for his bravery and receipt of the Medal of Merit from the Boy Scouts of America.

The resolution was adopted unanimously on this 15<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2023.

RACHEL D. HAUSER  
PARISH SECRETARY

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Ms. Lynn Bryan, Keep Bossier Beautiful, expressed appreciation to the police jury for allowing her the opportunity to provide the police jury with an update on the Keep Bossier Beautiful campaign.

Ms. Bryan provided a report on activities of Keep Bossier Beautiful and information on past and future events. Appreciation was extended to Ms. Bryan and Keep Bossier Beautiful for their work in Bossier Parish.

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Ms. Hauser announced the public hearing to consider the plat of the proposed development of River Square Subdivision, being a resubdivision of portions of Lots 16, 17, 24 and 25, Shady Grove Plantation Subdivision, located in Section 29, Township 19 North, Range 13 West, Bossier Parish, LA; located off Benton Road. This application (Case P-

PLAT-000107-2022) received a favorable recommendation by the Bossier City-Parish MPC. This matter was tabled on February 1, 2023.

Mr. Hudson requested that this matter be removed from the agenda.

**Motion was made by Ms. Parks, seconded by Mr. Salzer, to remove from the agenda the public hearing to consider the plat of the proposed development of River Square Subdivision, being a resubdivision of portions of Lots 16, 17, 24 and 25, Shady Grove Plantation Subdivision, located in Section 29, Township 19 North, Range 13 West, Bossier Parish, LA; located off Benton Road. (Bossier Case P-PLAT-000107-2022)**

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 and site plan of the proposed development of Covenant Church Subdivision, located in Section 29, Township 19 North, Range 13 West, Bossier Parish, LA; located off Highway 3 north of Lafitte Lane. This application (Case P-PLAT-000161-2022) received a favorable recommendation by the Bossier City-Parish MPC.

Mr. Kurt Nixon, Nixon Engineering Solutions, LLC, was present. He stated that the proposed development is a one-lot subdivision for a new church. He further stated that the no-adverse impact drainage study and site plan have been submitted and reviewed by the parish engineering department. Mr. Nixon stated that the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development has reviewed and approved the proposed plat and site plan.

Mr. Hudson stated that the water drains into DOTD's right-of-way and DOTD has reviewed and approved the drainage plan for this development. He stated that DOTD has stipulated that only one driveway will be allowed to serve the lot and the remaining acreage, or be serviced through a drive that would be provided when the church is built. He further stated that water is to be provided by the City of Bossier City, and sewerage is to be provided by individual treatment plants.

Mr. Hudson stated that the development will not be one foot above the road as required by parish ordinance. He stated that after further review, the land is located in a Flood Zone X and he recommended that a variance of parish regulations be approved to allow a commercial structure to be built below the road surface level located on Lot 1, Covenant Church Subdivision. He further stated that a new grading plan was submitted and he and DOTD have approved said grading plan.

Mr. Hudson recommended approval of the proposed plat and site plan and approval of a variance of parish regulations to allow a commercial structure to be built below the road surface level located on Lot 1, Covenant Church Subdivision, located in Section 29, Township 19 North, Range 13 West, Bossier Parish, LA.

**Motion was made by Ms. Parks, seconded by Mr. Jordan, to approve the plat and site plan of the proposed development of Covenant Church Subdivision, located in Section 29, Township 19 North, Range 13 West, Bossier Parish, LA, and to approve a variance of parish regulations to allow a commercial structure to be built below the road surface level located on Lot 1, Covenant Church Subdivision, located in Section 29, Township 19 North, Range 13 West, Bossier Parish, LA; located off Highway 3 north of Lafitte Lane. (Bossier Case P-PLAT-000161-2022)**

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

**AYES: Mr. Benton, Mr. Brotherton, Mr. Cochran, Mr. Darby, Mr. Gray, Mr. Jorden, Mr. Marsiglia, Ms. Parks, Mr. Rimmer, Mr. Salzer**

**NAYS: None**

**ABSTAIN: Mr. Rodgers**

**ABSENT: Mr. Plummer**

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Ms. Hauser announced the public hearing to consider approval of the plat and site plan of the proposed development of Haughton Tenant Center, located in Section 16, Township 18 North, Range 12 West, Bossier Parish, LA; located off Highway 80. This application (Case P-PLAT-000164-2022) received a favorable recommendation by the Bossier City-Parish MPC.

Mr. Hudson stated that the proposed plat combines multiple parcels into one tract. He stated that DOTD has reviewed the proposed plat, site plan, and drainage study. He further stated that sewerage will be provided by Consolidated Waterworks/Sewerage District No. 1 of the Parish of Bossier, and water will be provided by Village Water System. Mr. Hudson recommended approval.

**Motion was made by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mr. Darby, to approve the plat and site plan of the proposed development of Haughton Tenant Center, located in Section 16, Township 18 North, Range 12 West, Bossier Parish, LA; located off Highway 80. (Bossier Case P-PLAT-000164-2022)**

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

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**Motion was made by Ms. Parks, seconded by Mr. Rodgers, to schedule a public hearing on March 15, 2023, to consider approval of the plat of the proposed development of Crump Subdivision, located in Section 15, Township 19 North, Range 13 West, Bossier Parish, LA; located off Linton Road.**

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

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Mr. Jorden, Chairman of the Animal Control Committee, reported on the meeting of that committee held today at 12:00 p.m. Committee members attending the Animal Control Committee meeting were Mr. Jorden, Mr. Marsiglia, Mr. Benton, Mr. Brotherton, Mr. Cochran, and Mr. Rodgers. Mr. Kevin Gay, Mr. Mark Coutee, Mr. Hudson, Mr. Ford, Ms. Stacie Fernandez, Mr. Jackson, Ms. Hauser, Ms. Julie Gill, Mr. Jim Firth, Ms. Rachael Graves, Ms. Monica Grappe,

and Mr. Nguyen Kha were also present. Other jurors present were Mr. Salzer, Ms. Parks, Mr. Darby, Mr. Gray, and Mr. Rimmer.

Mr. Jorden stated that the Animal Control Committee discussed proposed animal control policies. He stated that this matter will be further discussed at the next Animal Control Committee meeting.

Ms. Valerie Baker, 107 Country Lane, Haughton, LA, was present. She stated that she has been involved with some animal rescue services in Bossier City and Bossier Parish. She further stated that she has worked with the previous Bossier Parish Animal Control Officer in the past, but the animals are no longer being rescued.

Ms. Baker stated that the items that were donated to the previous Bossier Parish Animal Control Officer were taken by the Bossier City Animal Shelter. She stated that those items belonged solely to the previous Bossier Parish Animal Control Officer and she has receipts showing that the items were donated to her.

Ms. Baker asked what is going to happen to the dogs when the Bossier Parish Sheriff's Office or Bossier Parish Animal Control is called since the Bossier City Animal Shelter is full. She stated that the Bossier City Animal Shelter has a high rate of euthanizing the animals. She further stated that in the past, animal rescue services would come from other areas and take the dogs and cats to be adopted.

Ms. Baker asked what the parish is going to do when animal control is called to pick up dogs and cats. She stated that the parish is not willing to work with people that want to help rescue the animals. She further stated that Bossier City Animal Shelter is a high-kill shelter and are not willing to help the animals find homes.

Ms. Parks asked if Ms. Baker has gone to the Bossier City Animal Shelter and tried to take photos to assist with finding homes for the animals. Ms. Baker stated that she does not think anyone is allowed inside the Bossier City Animal Shelter, but she has not tried going to the Bossier City Animal Shelter herself.

Ms. Parks stated that she believes that the shelter is not turning anyone away that is wanting to take photos of the animals to help find them homes.

Mr. Gray stated that he was at the Bossier City Animal Shelter last week and people were there taking photos of the cats. Ms. Baker stated that dogs are at the shelter and need the same attention.

Mr. Benton asked if the Bossier City Animal Shelter has told Ms. Baker that she is not allowed inside to take photos of the animals. Ms. Baker stated that she has not been told that she could not come in and take photos and that the information she received on this matter was from another party. She stated that she does not see any other animal rescues working with the Bossier City Animal Shelter other than Hand In Paw and she does not see them doing open adoptions at this time.

Mr. Rodgers stated that the police jury is trying to find a solution to this matter. He stated that in order to resolve this matter, additional funds will be required.

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**Motion was made by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mr. Salzer, to authorize the Parish Administrator, Parish President, and Parish Treasurer to execute any and all documents in connection with an agreement with the State of Louisiana, Division of Administration, Office of Community Development and Bossier Parish, to implement a grant under the Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery Program through the Restore Louisiana Infrastructure: FEMA Public Assistance Nonfederal Share Match Program.**

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 15<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2023, that it does hereby authorize the Parish Administrator, Parish President, and Parish Treasurer to execute any and all documents in connection with an agreement with the State of Louisiana, Division of Administration, Office of Community Development and Bossier Parish, to implement a grant under the Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery Program through the Restore Louisiana Infrastructure: FEMA Public Assistance Nonfederal Share Match Program.

The resolution was offered by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mr. Salzer. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 15<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2023.

RACHEL D. HAUSER  
PARISH SECRETARY

DOUG RIMMER, PRESIDENT  
BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY

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**Motion was made by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mr. Cochran, to ratify approval of Amendment No. 2 to the Agreement between the State of Louisiana, Division of Administration, Office of Community Development and Bossier Parish, to implement a grant under the Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery Program through the Restore Louisiana Infrastructure: FEMA Public Assistance Nonfederal Share Match Program, and to authorize the the execution of any and all 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 15<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2023, that it does hereby approve Amendment No. 2 to the Agreement between the State of Louisiana, Division of Administration, Office of Community Development and Bossier Parish, to implement a grant under the Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery Program through the Restore Louisiana Infrastructure: FEMA Public Assistance Nonfederal Share Match Program.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Parish Administrator, Parish President, and Parish Treasurer be and is hereby authorized to execute any and all documents in connection with said agreement.

The resolution was offered by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mr. Cochran. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 15<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2023.

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**Motion was made by Mr. Brotherton, seconded by Mr. Marsiglia, to accept a proposal from Mike Hefner, Geographic Planning & Demographic Services, LLC, in the amount of \$4,500.00 for assignment of polling locations for new precincts created due to redistricting, 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 15<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2023, that it does hereby accept a proposal from Mike Hefner, Geographic Planning & Demographic Services, LLC, in the amount of \$4,500.00 for assignment of polling locations for new precincts created due to redistricting.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Parish Administrator or Parish President be and is hereby authorized to execute any and all documents in connection with said proposal.

The resolution was offered by Mr. Brotherton, seconded by Mr. Marsiglia. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 15<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2023.

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**Motion was made by Mr. Salzer, seconded by Mr. Brotherton, to adopt the Communications Policy for Sensory Impairments in connection with the Louisiana Community Development Block Grant.**

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 Mr. Rodgers, seconded by Mr. Brotherton, to adopt the Language Access Plan for Limited English Proficiency Persons in connection with the Louisiana Community Development Block Grant.**

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 Mr. Darby, seconded by Mr. Cochran, to reappoint Mr. Billy Jordan and Mr. John Mark Robertson to the Board of Directors for Bossier Parish Communications District No. 1 for four-year terms each, terms to expire March 1, 2027; joint appointments with the City of Bossier City.**

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 Mr. Benton, seconded by Mr. Brotherton, to approve the application of David R. Cook, for a 2023 Bossier Parish beer/liquor license at Daiquiri Palace, 1911 Highway 80E, Haughton, LA. The application has been approved by the Sheriff's Office and Health Department.**

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

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Mr. Jackson requested that the police jury adopt a resolution authorizing the Parish of Bossier to join with the State of Louisiana and other local governmental units as a participant in the presented Subdivision Settlement Participation Form(s) of the Distributor Settlement Agreement and CVS, Walgreens, and Walmart Settlement Agreement. He stated that this settlement agreement is recommended by the Attorney General.

**Motion was made by Mr. Darby, seconded by Mr. Rodgers, to adopt a resolution authorizing the Parish of Bossier to join with the State of Louisiana and other local governmental units as a participant in the Subdivision Settlement Participation Form(s) of the Distributor Settlement Agreement and CVS, Walgreens, and Walmart Settlement Agreement, 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 15<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2023, that it does hereby authorize the Parish of Bossier to join with the State of Louisiana and other local governmental units as a participant in the Subdivision Settlement Participation Form(s) of the Distributor Settlement Agreement and CVS, Walgreens, and Walmart Settlement Agreement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Parish Administrator or Parish President be and is hereby authorized to execute any and all documents in connection with said agreement.

The resolution was offered by Mr. Darby, seconded by Mr. Rodgers. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 15<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2023.

RACHEL D. HAUSER  
PARISH SECRETARY

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**Motion was made by Mr. Rodgers, seconded by Mr. Marsiglia, to approve the Certificate of Substantial Completion for Project No. 2022-100, Bay Hills Main Entrance Improvements, 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 15<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2023, that it does hereby approve the Certificate of Substantial Completion for Project No. 2022-100, Bay Hills Main Entrance Improvements.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Parish Administrator or Parish 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. Rodgers, seconded by Mr. Marsiglia. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 15<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2023.

RACHEL D. HAUSER  
PARISH SECRETARY

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**Motion was made by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mr. Gray, to approve Change Order No. 2 for Project No. 2021-130, Contract 1 – Well No. 5 – North Woods Well, on behalf of Consolidated Waterworks/Sewerage District No. 1 of the Parish of Bossier, and to authorize the execution of documents.** Said Change Order results in an increase of \$5,533.43, and an additional 55 contract days.

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 15<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2023, that it does hereby approve Change Order No. 2 for Project No. 2021-130, Contract 1 – Well No. 5 – North Woods Well, on behalf of Consolidated Waterworks/Sewerage District No. 1 of the Parish of Bossier.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Parish Administrator or Parish President is hereby authorized to execute said Change Order No. 2.

The resolution was offered by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mr. Gray. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 15<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2023.

RACHEL D. HAUSER  
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**Motion was made by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mr. Brotherton, to approve Change Order No. 2 for Project No. 2022-105, Merrywoods Subdivision Sewer Collection System Improvements, on behalf of Consolidated Waterworks/Sewerage District No. 1 of the Parish of Bossier, and to authorize the execution of documents.** Said Change Order results in a decrease in the amount of \$6,108.73, and an additional 22 contract days.

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 15<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2023, that it does hereby approve Change Order No. 2 for Project No. 2022-105, Merrywoods Subdivision Sewer Collection System Improvements, on behalf of Consolidated Waterworks/Sewerage District No. 1 of the Parish of Bossier.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Parish Administrator or Parish President is hereby authorized to execute said Change Order No. 2.

The resolution was offered by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mr. Brotherton. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 15<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2023.

RACHEL D. HAUSER  
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**Motion was made by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mr. Brotherton, to approve the Certificate of Substantial Completion for Project No. 2022-105, Merrywoods Subdivision Sewer Collection System Improvements, on behalf of Consolidated Waterworks/Sewerage District No. 1 of the Parish of Bossier, 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 15<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2023, that it does hereby approve the Certificate of Substantial Completion for Project No. 2022-105, Merrywoods Subdivision Sewer Collection System Improvements.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Parish Administrator or Parish 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. Benton, seconded by Mr. Brotherton. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 15<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2023.

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**Motion was made by Mr. Rodgers, seconded by Ms. Parks, to ratify acceptance of a proposal of Budd's Construction, Inc., in the amount of \$32,900.00 for emergency sewer repair at 244 Cattail Trail, Benton, LA, located in Kingston Plantation Subdivision, on behalf of Consolidated Waterworks/Sewerage District No. 1 of the Parish of Bossier, 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 15<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2023, that it does hereby accept a proposal from Budd's Construction, Inc., in the amount of \$32,900.00 for emergency sewer repair at 244 Cattail Trail, Benton, LA, located in Kingston Plantation Subdivision, on behalf of Consolidated Waterworks/Sewerage District No. 1 of the Parish of Bossier.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Parish Administrator or Parish President be and is hereby authorized to execute any and all documents in connection with said proposal.

The resolution was offered by Mr. Rodgers, seconded by Ms. Parks. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 15<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2023.

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Jurors were provided a copy of district highway reports.

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Mr. Ford stated that the 99<sup>th</sup> Annual Police Jury Association Convention is scheduled for March 8-10, 2023, in Shreveport-Bossier City. He stated that Mr. Brotherton has served as President for the Police Jury Association for the last year, and will be turning the gavel over to the next President. He further stated that Mr. Guy Cormier, Executive Director of the Police Jury Association of Louisiana, advised that over 600 attendees have registered, and they have raised more funds for this convention than any other convention in the past.

Mr. Ford stated that the Bossier Parish Police Jury will be hosting the spousal event and the host reception. He stated that police jury staff have worked very hard to organize these events for the convention.

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Mr. Ford stated that the Defenders of Liberty Air Show is scheduled for March 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>. He stated that there is an opportunity for the police jury to host a meet and greet with the Air Show DEMO Teams (i.e., Blue Angels, F-22, F-16) on March 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>. He further stated that he will report back to the police jury when he receives a response on this matter.

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Mr. Ford stated that the Red River Valley Association annual conference is scheduled for February 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> at Sam's Town.

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Mr. Ford stated that he and Mr. Benton recently attended the NACo Legislative Conference in Washington, D.C., and provided a report on meetings attended. There was extensive discussion on charging stations on roadways for electric vehicles.

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Mr. Ford stated that Mr. Matthew Rhodes, Bossier Parish GIS Department, will be providing a map which provides the growth that has occurred over the last three years.

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Mr. Ford stated that the Federal Emergency Management Agency has created a Revolving Loan Fund in the amount of \$50 million that will be divided among the states. He stated that match funds are required for this grant.

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Mr. Ford stated that Bossier Parish won the arbitration with FEMA on the inundated roads from the 2016 flood event. He stated that FEMA has since changed their policy to remove inundated roads from a flood as being eligible for public assistance funding to repair. He stated that FEMA policy now states that inundated roads are loss of useful service life and is not eligible for Public Assistance.

Mr. Ford stated that FEMA changed this policy after Bossier Parish won the arbitration without notifying anyone of the policy change. He stated that the Government of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness was not aware of the policy change by FEMA.

Mr. Ford requested that the agenda be amended to adopt a resolution urging the Police Jury Association of Louisiana to request support of the Congressional Delegation to remove the language in paragraph B of Section XXI – Ineligible Costs of Version 4 of the Public Assistance Program and Policy Guide.

**Motion was made by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mr. Gray, to amend the agenda to adopt a resolution urging the Police Jury Association of Louisiana to request support of the Congressional Delegation to remove the language in paragraph B of Section XXI – Ineligible Costs of Version 4 of the Public Assistance Program and Policy Guide.**

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

**YEAS: Mr. Benton, Mr. Brotherton, Mr. Cochran, Mr. Darby, Mr. Gray, Mr. Jorden, Mr. Marsiglia, Mr. Rimmer, Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Salzer**  
**NAYS: None**  
**ABSTAIN: None**  
**ABSENT: Ms. Parks, Mr. Plummer**

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**Motion was made by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mr. Brotherton, to adopt a resolution urging the Police Jury Association of Louisiana to request support of the Congressional Delegation to remove the language in paragraph B of Section XXI – Ineligible Costs of Version 4 of the Public Assistance Program and Policy Guide.**

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

RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION URGING AND REQUESTING ASSISTANCE FROM OUR CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION TO REMOVE THE LANGUAGE IN THE PUBLIC ASSISTANCE PROGRAM AND POLICY GUIDE, PARAGRAPH B OF SECTION XXI – INELIGIBLE COSTS

WHEREAS, in March 2016 Bossier Parish experienced a 1,000-year flood event in which 52 parish roads were inundated and required significant repair; and

WHEREAS, on June 27, 2018, the Bossier Parish Police Jury submitted a request for damages to the Federal Emergency Management Agency for \$25,072,336.00, for permanent repairs to 52 inundated roadways in Bossier Parish; and

WHEREAS, on July 2, 2018, FEMA denied Bossier Parish’s request for Public Assistance stating that Bossier Parish did not provide documentation which proved that the damage to the 52 inundated roadways in Bossier Parish were a result of the declared flood event; and

WHEREAS, FEMA and Bossier Parish participated in an arbitration in Washington, D.C., in March of 2020. After consideration, on March 18, 2020, a ruling was issued which stated that the parish had provided adequate documentation that flood inundation did, in fact, cause the damage to the parish roads; and

WHEREAS, effective June 1, 2020, FEMA added the following language to Version 4 of the Public Assistance Program and Policy Guide (PAPP), Section XXI – Ineligible Costs:

B. Loss of Useful Service Life

FEMA cannot provide PA funding for the projected loss of useful service life of a facility. For example, if a road has been inundated by flood waters for an extended timeframe, FEMA cannot provide PA funding for the value of projected loss of useful life of the road due to the long-term effects the inundation might have on the road. Similarly, FEMA cannot fund the value of the loss of landfill capacity due to incident-related debris.

WHEREAS, \$1.2 billion in repairs were approved under this program due to Hurricane Katrina in 2005 for eight (8) parishes around New Orleans; and

WHEREAS, infrastructure repairs were approved under this program due to Hurricane Sandy; and

WHEREAS, 75% of repair costs for inundated roads during the October 2009 flood event (Flood Event No. 1863) in Bossier Parish were paid; and

WHEREAS, the Police Jury Association of Louisiana urgently requests support of the Congressional Delegation to remove the language in paragraph B of Section XXI – Ineligible Costs of Version 4 of the Public Assistance Program and Policy Guide; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Police Jury Association of Louisiana requests support of the Congressional Delegation to remove the language in paragraph B of Section XXI – Ineligible Costs of Version 4 of the Public Assistance Program and Policy Guide.

The resolution was offered by \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023.

\_\_\_\_\_, SECRETARY

\_\_\_\_\_, PRESIDENT  
POLICE JURY ASSOCIATION  
OF LOUISIANA

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Mr. Hudson presented photographs of the North South Corridor, Phase 2, project. He stated that the project is on hold due to rain.

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Mr. Hudson presented photographs of an above ground treatment system at Magnolia Chase Subdivision which is being removed with American Rescue Plan Act funds to eliminate drainage into Willow Chute. He stated that sewer will be pumped directly to the parish sewerage plant.

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Mr. Hudson provided an update on sewer projects throughout the parish.

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Mr. Hudson provided a report on various grants that the parish has been awarded. He stated that the parish has been awarded a Local Safety Grant in the amount of \$3 million that will restripe 50.6 miles of roads, as well as installation of signs. He further stated that this grant is 100 percent funded. He provided a list of all roads that will be restriped.

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Mr. Hudson stated that the parish has been awarded the Federal Land Access Program grant in the amount of \$3.6 million for certain segments of Bodcau Dam Road, Cotton Valley Road, and Ivan Lake Road. He stated that the grant is an 80/20 split.

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Mr. Hudson stated that a meeting is scheduled tomorrow with the state to discuss Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act funds for Caplis Sligo Road Bridge and Smith Road Bridge.

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Mr. Hudson stated that a debrief meeting is scheduled for Friday with the United States Department of Transportation to discuss how the parish’s Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) grant applications scored and how they can be improved.

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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. Warren Saucier, Parks and Recreation Director, presented an update on activities at parks throughout Bossier Parish.

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Mr. Rimmer provided a report on a meeting held at The Port regarding the proposed toll bridge in southern Bossier Parish.

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Finance Committee Meeting – February 15, 2023, 1:30 p.m.

The Finance Committee of the Bossier Parish Police Jury met on this 15<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2023, at 1:30 p.m., in the Police Jury Meeting Room, Bossier Parish Courthouse, Benton, Louisiana, with Mr. Plummer being absent.

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**Motion was made by Mr. Rimmer, seconded by Mr. Salzer, to approve payment of accounts payable invoices and budget to actual monthly comparison for the month of January, 2023.**

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

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**Motion was made by Mr. Gray, seconded by Mr. Brotherton, to approve a request from Bossier High School for discretionary funds for the purchase of travel uniforms for the basketball team, with Mr. Gray contributing discretionary funds in the amount of \$3,425.61.** This request for discretionary funds has been approved by the Parish Attorney.

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

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The Finance Committee meeting was adjourned by the Chairman.

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There being no further business to come before the Bossier Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session on this 15<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2023, the meeting was adjourned by Mr. Rimmer at 3:16 p.m.

RACHEL D. HAUSER  
PARISH SECRETARY

DOUG RIMMER, PRESIDENT  
BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY