

MINUTES
POINTE COUPEE PARISH POLICE JURY
SPECIAL MEETING
August 21, 2018

The Pointe Coupee Parish Police Jury met in special session at 5:00 p.m. Tuesday, August 21, 2018, at the Courthouse Annex in the Police Jury Meeting Room, New Roads, Louisiana.

President Kyle Olinde called the meeting to order and directed Secretary Gerrie Martin to call the roll:

PRESENT: Messrs. Gordon Taylor, Cornell Dukes, Stephen Smith, Justin Cox, Glenn Cline, Edward Bazile and Kyle Olinde.

ABSENT: Messrs. Mitch Langlois, Charles Watkins, J. A. Bueche, Anthony Hurst and Kurt Jarreau.

15 MINUTES OF PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

DISCUSSION & CONSIDERATION OF HAZARD MITIGATION PROJECTS FROM GOHSEP: PECAN ACRES SUBDIVISION, AUDUBON BRIDGE, LA HWY. 81 & MAJOR BROTHERS DRAINAGE PROJECTS

Juror Cox gave an overview of available funds for large projects of the Jury, and a projected reduction in the oil severance tax proceeds to the Jury. He reported on the Jury's review and discussion of the Executive Summary of the Hazard Mitigation Projects for the Pecan Acres Subdivision, Audubon Bridge Road, LA Highway 81 and Major Brothers Drainage Projects. He stated the Jury has to prioritize the above drainage projects to fund the 25% cost share required by the Jury for three (3) of the four (4) above projects.

Floodplain Administrator Cletus Langlois gave a detailed overview of the Pecan Acres Subdivision Drainage Project, and presented documents detailing the proposed revision to the scope of work for the project.

At the request of Juror Cox, Mr. Langlois updated the Jury about the proposed easement purchases by NRCS and the relocation of homes by OCD for the residents of Pecan Acres Subdivision. He reported there are four (4) homeowners remaining to complete their applications with NRCS, which need 100% participation. He stated OCD is projecting to begin the applications process on September 1, 2018 and the residents will be located into their new homes by December 2019. He reported a meeting with NRCS and the residents of Pecan Acres will be held September 10, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. at St. Augustine Catholic Church Hall to present updated information about the easement purchases.

State Representative Major Thibaut commented on alleviating further flooding in Pecan Acres, due to the current and upcoming hurricane seasons.

After a lengthy discussion, Juror Cox asked that weekly emails be sent to the Jury every Monday giving status of Mr. Langlois' communications with various entities and Ms. Leanne Guidry of GOHSEP to remain updated with the HMGP in an effort to remain active and move forward with this project.

Juror Cox reported the John James Audubon Bridge Road Drainage Improvements total approved project funding is \$2,436,000 with a \$609,000 match owed by the Jury, which Phase I has been approved in the amount of \$279,500 of which the Police Jury has a 25% cost share of \$69,875.

Floodplain Administrator Langlois gave an update on this project and reported that the survey and engineering has been completed in Phase I of this project. This project will comprise of drainage on the north side of Portage Canal pass Hospital Road.

Juror Cox commented on the Jury not having the necessary funds totaling \$833,000 as their cost share for this and the remaining two (2) projects.

Juror Dukes commented on asking the state to reconsider funding this project 100% with no cost share required by the Jury, due to the economic impact of the bridge in the parish.

Representative Thibaut commented on the Jury moving forward with utilizing the funds they have available, request extensions for the projects and proceed with applying for additional funding from the state in the future.

Floodplain Administrator Langlois gave an update on the LA Highway 81 Drainage Improvements and reported Phase I has been completed at a cost of \$51,000 with the Jury funding their cost share of \$12,750. The total approved project funding is \$231,000 of which the Police Jury has a 25% cost share of \$57,750. He reported this project will consist of digging ditches and installing culverts.

Floodplain Administrator Langlois gave an update on the Major Brothers Drainage Improvements Project that will consist of changing out culverts in the subdivisions behind the Shell Station. The approve amount for Phase I is \$73,950 with the Police Jury cost share of \$18,488. The total approved project funding is \$541,279 of which the Police Jury has a 25% cost share of \$135,320.

Motion by Mr. Cox and seconded by Mr. Cline:

RESOLVED, That Police Jury hereby authorizes State Representative Major Thibaut and Floodplain Administrator Cletus Langlois to request an extension from GOHSEP and FEMA, and to renegotiate the scope of work change for the HMGP 1786-077-0002/FEMA #45 John James Audubon Bridge Road Drainage Improvements.

Motion by Mr. Cox and seconded by Mr. Dukes:

RESOLVED, That the Police Jury hereby perform in-kind services, to offset the 25% cost share by the Jury of \$57,750, and proceed with Phase II of cleaning ditches for the HMGP 1786-077-0003/FEMA #46 LA Highway 81 Drainage Improvements at an approved project cost of \$231,000.

Unanimously carried.

Juror Smith voiced concerns about the Jury having the necessary manpower to perform the in-kind services, because he has work orders that are six (6) months or older that have not been completed. He asked that the Public Works Committee address his concerns at their next meeting.

Motion by Mr. Cox and seconded by Mr. Smith:

RESOLVED, That the Police Jury proceeds with the HMGP 1786-077-0001/FEMA #47 Major Brothers Drainage Improvements with the culverts installations and move forward with the 25% cost share of \$135,320 of the approved total project cost of \$541,279; and be it

RESOLVED further, That a request be submitted to the City of New Roads to request assistance in funding half the cost of \$135,320 in the amount of \$67,660 and the 25% cost share of Phase I of \$18,488 in the amount of \$9,244 as total cost share of \$76,904 with the Police Jury to fund the cost share for the Major Brothers Drainage Improvements.

Unanimously carried.

Juror Cox commented on a report received from Assistant Treasurer Ann Leonard detailing the total and percentage of work orders completed in the parish for the past four (4) years to December 2017. He reported that the report does not appear to be out of the ordinary and indicate that attention is not given to certain districts. He will forward a copy of the report to each Juror.

President Olinde reported that due to the reduction in workforce and equipment, the Police Jury is providing the same level of service throughout the parish.

RESOLUTION--AUTHORIZE DIAMOND PIPELINE MAINTENANCE TO CONDUCT A FOURTH ROADSIDE GRASS CUTTING ON PARISH ROADS

Motion by Mr. Cox and seconded by Mr. Bazile:

RESOLVED, That due to the excessive rainfall in the parish, Diamond Pipeline Maintenance, LLC perform a fourth roadside grass cutting along parish roads in the amount of \$47,500 be approved.

Unanimously carried.

Motion by Mr. Cline and seconded by Mr. Bazile, the meeting adjourned at 6:13 p.m.

Gerrie P. Martin
Secretary

Kyle Olinde
President