

MINUTES
POINTE COUPEE PARISH POLICE JURY
August 23, 2016

The Pointe Coupee Parish Police Jury met in regular session at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, August 23, 2016, at the Courthouse Annex in the Police Jury Meeting Room, New Roads, Louisiana.

The Jury offered condolences and prayer to the family of Mr. Paul Mayeux, who passed away. He was the father and father-in-law of employees Dale and Becky Mayeux.

President Cornell Dukes called the meeting to order and directed Secretary Gerrie Martin to call the roll:

PRESENT: Messrs. Mitch Langlois, Charles Watkins, Gordon Taylor, Mrs. Melanie Bueche, Messrs. Stephen Smith, Kyle Olinde, Glenn Cline, Edward Bazile, Anthony Hurst, Kurt Jarreau and Cornell Dukes. Arrived after roll call: Mr. Justin Cox.

ABSENT: None.

As President of the Jury, Juror Dukes will generally abstain unless his vote will alter the outcome on a matter by voting to break or make a tie.

AMEND AGENDA

Motion by Mr. Langlois and seconded by Mr. Taylor:

RESOLVED, That the agenda be amended for inclusion of the following:

- Report from FEMA representative. (Bonnie Schaaf)
- Update from Red Cross. (Tim Mitchell)
- Charbonnet & Associates Planners and Consultants, Inc. (Stephen Peychaud)
- Update on shelter. (Juror Smith)
- Discussion & consideration of Lionel Boudreaux Trucking collecting and disposal of debris from the flood. (President Dukes)
- Concerns from a representative for Pecan Acres. (Juror Bazile)
- Hire a Public Utilities Service Worker I. (Personnel Chairman Olinde)
- Hire an Equipment Operator I. (Personnel Chairman Olinde)
- Advertise for a full time custodian. (Personnel Chairman Olinde)
- Consideration of compensatory time for the Public Works Director work during the flood. (Personnel Chairman Olinde)
- Consideration of purchasing an A/C unit for the central control room at the Detention Center. (Juror Bazile)

The President called for a roll call vote that resulted as follows:

YEAS: Messrs. Langlois, Watkins, Taylor, Mrs. Bueche, Messrs. Smith, Olinde, Cox, Cline, Bazile, Hurst, Jarreau and Dukes.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: None.

On a vote of 12-0, the motion carried.

15 MINUTES OF PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

ADOPT MINUTES

Motion by Mr. Olinde and seconded by Mrs. Bueche:

RESOLVED, That the minutes of August 9, 2016 meeting be adopted as presented and published in the official journal.

Unanimously carried.

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS TO VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS & FIRST RESPONDERS OF THE YEAR

Jurors Hurst and Langlois presented the Firefighter/First Responder of the year award to Mr. James Guidry of Pointe Coupee Parish Fire Protection District No. 2.

Jurors Bueche, Cline and Olinde presented the Firefighter/First Responder of the year award to Mr. Ray Barentine of Pointe Coupee Parish Fire Protection District No. 3 with 25½ years of service.

Juror Bueche reported that no names were submitted by Fire Districts No. 1, 4 & 5 and that their presentation of awards will be placed on the next agenda.

REPORT FROM FEMA REPRESENTATIVE

Ms. Bonnie J. Schaaf of Intergovernmental Affairs with FEMA offered her assistance to the Jury and elected officials with flooding issues in the parish.

FEMA Coordinating Supervisor Scott Soraco, along with other representatives of FEMA, gave a brief overview of the flooding of homes in the parish and Louisiana. He gave an overview of registering for financial assistance with FEMA and the various services available to assist the flood victims.

President Dukes thanked all the representatives from FEMA for their assistance in the parish and for attending the meeting.

UPDATE FROM RED CROSS

Mr. Tim Mitchell gave an update and overview of the various services the American Red Cross is providing to support the flood victims in the parish.

President Dukes thanked Mrs. Niki Chenevert and First Baptist Church for assisting the flood victims in the parish with supplies.

CHARBONNET & ASSOCIATES PLANNERS AND CONSULTANTS, INC.

Senior Project Manager/Planner Stephen Peychaud of Charbonnet & Associates Planners and Consultants, Inc. offered their assistance and services as a disaster recovery consultant to the Jury as a result of the recent flooding in the parish.

UPDATE ON SHELTER

Juror Smith gave an update and overview on the operations of the shelter at the Scott Civic Center that housed the flood victims in the parish. He commented on the collective efforts of himself, elected officials and other volunteers who provided assistance at the shelter. He commended St. Mary Catholic Church and First Baptist Church for their collection and housing of supplies for distribution to the flood victims.

Juror Watkins thanked the mayor, mayor pro-temp and employees of the City of New Roads and others for their assistance and working many long hours during the recent flood.

President Dukes thanked the Parish Public Works Director and employees who worked many long hours during the recent flood.

UPDATE ON INFORMATION OBTAINED FROM PHILLIPS & JORDAN, INC.

President Dukes reported on a meeting with representatives of Phillips & Jordan, Inc. informing the Jury that it would not be feasible for them to activate their contract with the Jury for the collection and disposal of debris in the event of a disaster in the parish. He reported they advised the Jury to use one of their local and current contractors to collect the flood debris.

Floodplain Administrator Cletus Langlois reported upon meeting with FEMA representative today, that the Jury could use a local contractor and approve an addendum to their contract to reflect a reasonable fair market fee comparable to other parishes. He reported since the parish has a small amount (estimated 2,000 cubic yards) of flood debris to be collected, Phillips & Jordan chose not to activate, but would like to retain their remaining five-year contract in the event of any future disasters.

DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF LIONEL BOUDREAU TRUCKING, LLC COLLECTING AND DISPOSAL OF DEBRIS FROM THE FLOOD

President Dukes discussed and asked the Jury's consideration of amending the contract with Lionel Boudreaux Trucking, LLC to include the collection and disposal of debris from the flood in the parish at a reasonable fair market fee.

Juror Cox reported reading on Facebook that Lionel Boudreaux Trucking had started collecting flood debris in the parish on Monday without notifying any Jurors. He questioned who authorized said work without approval of the Jury.

President Dukes stated as president and acting parish administrator he was advised by Phillips & Jordan to make a decision to remove the flood debris off the parish roads, along with an attorney present, he made the decision for Lionel Boudreaux Trucking to commence collection of the debris.

Juror Cox voiced concerns about the president authorizing Lionel Boudreaux to collect flood debris without approval of the Jury, and that the contract with Phillips & Jordan for disaster debris removal and disposal should have been honored. He reported on various problems he has with the president, including decisions he makes without the approval of the Jury and the harassment of employees when they don't agree with him and how he treats them. He commented on the lack of communications with Jurors throughout the storm, no preparations by the Jury, and nothing pre-planned to assist the residents in the parish. He stated proper procedures have to be followed in order to receive reimbursements from FEMA.

President Dukes stated that Mr. Boudreaux agreed to hold his invoices for collecting the flood debris until FEMA reimburses the Jury, with the exception of the tipping fees. He thanked Mr. Boudreaux for this service.

Juror Jarreau commented on proper procedures being followed and reminded Jurors that the Jury previously advertised and awarded a proposal for their disaster debris collection and disposal in the parish. He stated any changes should have been brought to the Jury for approval.

Juror Bueche commented on in the past it was imperative that the Jury following proper procedures in order to obtain reimbursement of services from FEMA in the event of a disaster.

Juror Smith voiced concerns about a possible breach of contract by Phillips & Jordan for not wanting to activate their contract for the debris removal.

Vice President Olinde commented that Mr. Boudreaux currently has a contract with the Jury for the collection of white goods and bulky waste in the parish, and that the Jury should approve Mr. Boudreaux collecting the flood debris.

Motion by Mr. Watkins and seconded by Mr. Taylor:

RESOLVED, That the Police Jury authorize and proceed with Lionel Boudreaux Trucking, LLC for the collection and disposal of the flood debris in the parish, and that the contract agreement between the Jury and Lionel Boudreaux Trucking, LLC be amended to include a reasonable fair market fee for the collection of the flood debris.

Substitute motion by Mr. Cox and seconded by Mrs. Bueche:

RESOLVED, That the Police Jury tabled the issue of the collection and disposal of the flood debris in the parish until a special meeting is held on Thursday, August 25, 2016 with a representative of FEMA, Assistant OEP Director Mark Ward, Assistant District

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Attorney John Wayne Jewell and others to discuss a plan and have proper paperwork about how to move forward with collecting the debris.

The President called for a roll call vote on the substitute motion that resulted as follows:

YEAS: Messrs. Cox, Cline, Hurst, Jarreau, Langlois and Mrs. Bueche.

NAYS: Messrs. Bazile, Watkins, Taylor, Smith, Olinde and Dukes.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: None.

On a vote of 6-6, the motion failed.

The President called for a roll call vote on the original motion that resulted as follows:

YEAS: Messrs. Watkins, Taylor, Mrs. Bueche, Messrs. Smith, Olinde, Bazile and Hurst.

NAYS: Messrs. Langlois, Cox, Cline and Jarreau.

ABSTAIN: Mr. Dukes.

ABSENT: None.

On a vote of 7-4-1, the motion carried.

Juror Hurst stated as Jurors moving forward, they need to make sure they take care of business and follow protocol of procedures because every battle they are dealing with they are constantly wasting time.

Juror Smith commented on the Jury reassessing the need to proceed with hiring a parish administrator.

CONCERNS FROM A REPRESENTATIVE OF PECAN ACRES

Ms. Sylvia Williams voiced concerns about the flooding and drainage in Pecan Acres Subdivision.

APPROVAL OF HUMANA MEDICARE RENEWAL

Insurance Agent Claude Jarreau presented the renewal of the Humana Medicare Employer Plan for group health insurance for retirees age 65 and over that included less than \$7.00 a month rate increase.

Motion by Mrs. Bueche and seconded by Mr. Bazile:

RESOLVED, That the renewal of the Humana Medicare Employer Plan for group health insurance for retirees be accepted.

Unanimously carried.

UPDATE FROM H.O.P.E. MINISTRY OF POINTE COUPEE

Director Delores Hurst gave an update from H.O.P.E. Ministry of Pointe Coupee and the assistance they provided to flood victims in the parish. Ms. Hurst reported they have funded the relocation of eight (8) families from the shelter into new homes. She reported on the various services they provided, including the food pantry, assistance with paying utilities bills and rental fees. She reported on the ongoing donations and funding they are receiving to provide these assistance.

UPDATE ON PC COURTHOUSE SAMPLING

Juror Smith gave an update on the Legionella samplings taken from the courthouse. He reported a proposal to conduct a mole exposure assessment of the courthouse will be submitted and the results of the samplings should be available for the next meeting.

UPDATE ON FALSE RIVER

Vice President Olinde gave an update on False River and reported on August 9, 2016, one gate was opened and when the rain event started the water level was at 15.5 ft. He reported the lake August 23, 2016 5

rose to 22.0 ft. on August 15, 2016, the lake crested and is falling 3/10 per 24 hour period and is leaving the Lighthouse Canal and Bayou Sere. He reported all three (3) gates are opened and will be closed when the river reaches 16 ft. Vice President Olinde stated the drawdown of False River is scheduled to begin on September 6, 2016.

In response to Juror Hurst, Vice President Olinde stated he has a passion for False River and did not have a problem, nor is it an inconvenience, checking the gates at the Lighthouse Canal.

Jurors thanked and applauded Vice President Olinde for managing and checking the gates at the Lighthouse Canal.

RENAME OF PRIVATE ROAD FROM LEE DRIVE TO REV. LEA LANE IN BATCHELOR FOR E-911 PURPOSES

Motion by Mr. Taylor and seconded by Mr. Langlois:

RESOLVED, That a private road, Lee Drive, be renamed Rev. Lea Lane at Batchelor for E-911 purposes.

Unanimously carried.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Parish Engineer Kevin Gravois gave an engineer's report and update on the various drainage and road projects in the parish.

Motion by Mrs. Bueche and seconded by Mr. Jarreau:

RESOLVED, That Professional Engineering Consultants Corporation be authorized to advertise for bids in the official journal for the next phase of the Road Maintenance & Rehabilitation Program.

Unanimously carried.

Floodplain Administrator Cletus Langlois gave a detailed update on the flooding in Pecan Acres Subdivision and throughout the parish. He asked Engineer Gravois and Jurors to provide information to him if any culverts needed replacement and any other drainage problems that occurred as a result of the flood. In closing, he thanked the Jury and other agencies for their assistance during the flood.

Juror Hurst thanked Jurors Watkins, Langlois, Bazile and Floodplain Administrator Langlois for covering his district during the recent flooding while he was out of state.

President Dukes thanked the City of New Roads for their assistance to the parish with providing pumps to remove water in various areas during the flood.

Juror Jarreau thanked the mayor and council of the Town of Livonia for their assistance during the flooding in the parish.

RESOLUTIONS:

APPROVE INVOICES FROM PEC FOR REGIONAL FENCE LINE MONITORING PROJECT, HGA IKE/GUSTAV DISASTER RECOVERY PROGRAM, FALSE RIVER ECOSYSTEM RESTORATION - PHASE II NORTH FLATS, FALSE RIVER NITROGEN IMPACT MITIGATION PROJECT, ROAD MAINTENANCE & REHABILITATION PROGRAM, APPROVE CERTIFICATE OF SUBSTANTIAL COMPLETION FOR HURRICANE GUSTAV/IKE DISASTER RECOVERY PROJECT NO. II – PORTAGE

CANAL DRAINAGE AND PROJECT NO. 13 – EVELINA STREET AT RAILROAD DRAINAGE

Motion by Mr. Olinde and seconded by Mrs. Bueche:

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RESOLVED, That an invoice in the amount of \$2,246.21 submitted by Professional Engineering Consultants Corporation for the Regional Fence Line Monitoring Project be approved for payment; and be it

RESOLVED further, That an invoice in the amount of \$1,562.87 (Interim Billing #59) submitted by Hunt, Guillot & Associates, LLC for the Ike/Gustav Disaster Recovery Program be approved for payment; and be it

RESOLVED further, That an invoice in the amount of \$2,280.00 submitted by Professional Engineering Consultants Corporation for the False River EcoSystem Restoration – Phase II North Flats Project be approved for payment; and be it

RESOLVED further, That an invoice in the amount of \$12,964.00 submitted by Professional Engineering Consultants Corporation for the False River Nitrogen Impact Mitigation Project be approved for payment; and be it

RESOLVED further, That an invoice in the amount of \$48,898.45 submitted by Professional Engineering Consultants Corporation for the Road Maintenance & Rehabilitation Program be approved for payment; and be it

RESOLVED further, That the Certificate of Substantial Completion be approved for the LRA Hurricane Gustav/Ike Disaster Recovery Project No. 11 – Portage Canal Drainage, and President Cornell T. Dukes be authorized to sign the Certificate of Substantial Completion; and be it

RESOLVED further, That the Certificate of Substantial Completion be approved for the LRA Hurricane Gustav/Ike Disaster Recovery Project No. 13 – Evelina Street at Railroad Drainage, and President Cornell T. Dukes be authorized to sign the Certificate of Substantial Completion.

Unanimously carried.

APPOINT A DIRECTOR AND AN ALTERNATE TO THE CAPITAL RESOURCE CONSERVATION & DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL, INC.

Secretary Martin reported the Jury advertised in the official journal for interested persons to be considered for appointment as a director and an alternate to the Capital Resource Conservation & Development Council, Inc. and no names were received. She asked Jurors to seek interested persons from their districts and submit names for appointment at their next meeting.

CONSIDERATION REGARDING REQUEST OF SPONSORSHIP FOR THE HARVEST FESTIVAL

Juror Smith reported on correspondence from the City of New Roads requesting a financial contribution from the Jury to sponsor the Harvest Festival on False River. He also reported on addressing the Personnel Committee at their next meeting to discuss parish employees working as volunteers at the Harvest Festival.

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

RESOLVED, That the Police Jury allocate \$1,000 as a Bronze Sponsorship for the Harvest Festival on False River in October.

The President called for a roll call vote that resulted as follows:

YEAS: Messrs. Langlois, Watkins, Taylor, Mrs. Bueche, Messrs. Smith, Olinde, Cline, Bazile and Jarreau.

NAYS: Messrs. Cox and Hurst.

ABSTAIN: Mr. Dukes.
ABSENT: None.
On a vote of 9-2-1, the motion carried.

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APPROVAL TO SEND A THANK YOU LETTER TO CONGRESSMAN GRAVES FOR ASSISTANCE IN THE PARISH

President Dukes received approval to send a thank you letter to Congressman Garrett Graves for providing assistance in the parish during the recent flood.

PROCLAMATION DECLARING SEPTEMBER AS POINTE COUPEE PARISH VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER/FIRST RESPONDER MONTH

President Bueche presented the following proclamation for approval of the Jury:

Motion by Mrs. Bueche and seconded by Mr. Langlois:

PROCLAMATION
VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER AND FIRST RESPONDER MONTH

WHEREAS, fires can take lives, devastate communities, and destroy our homes and businesses, and pose a threat to the citizens of our parish; and

WHEREAS, we emphasize the importance of taking steps to prevent fires and we recognize the selflessness of those who answer the call to fight these blazes, placing themselves in danger to help others; and

WHEREAS, we owe a great debt to our brave first responders who respond to accidents to save lives and firefighters who run toward the scene of a disaster to fight fires, they are heroes who demonstrate courage, determination, and professionalism every day as they race through time to save lives and battle flames and smoke and teach their neighbors how to protect themselves; and

WHEREAS, firefighters and first responders bravely and selflessly risk their own lives every day to protect Pointe Coupee families, visitors, and businesses, and they do not hesitate to save the lives of others, their commitment to continue training, skill enhancement, and inter-agency coordination make them vital members of every community in the parish; and

WHEREAS, acts of kindness and appreciation from citizens for firefighters and first responders provide them needed encouragement and support to confront the dangerous and uncertain situations they face every day.

NOW, THEREFORE, I CORNELL T. DUKES, President of the Pointe Coupee Parish Police Jury, do hereby proclaim the month of **September 2016** as **VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER AND FIRST RESPONDER MONTH** and do hereby encourage all citizens to take time to show firefighters and first responders and their families how much we value their service to our parish. This will be an opportunity for parish leaders at every level and citizens to demonstrate appreciation for all men and women who protect and serve our parish as volunteer firefighters and first responders and an opportunity for Pointe Coupee citizens to say, "Thank you", to the firefighters and first responders who keep them safe.

Unanimously carried.

COMMITTEE REPORT:

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Chairman Smith reported on an Economic Development Committee meeting held August 8, 2016. Copies of the minutes were emailed to each Juror. He reported the committee changed

their meeting date to the fourth Monday of each month at 5:00 p.m., in the Police Jury Meeting Room.

PUBLIC UTILITIES

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Chairman Cline reported on a Public Utilities Committee meeting held August 17, 2016. Copies of the minutes were emailed to each Juror.

Motion by Mr. Cline and seconded by Mrs. Bueche:

RESOLVED, That the Discussion of an ordinance for a lessor to be responsible for garbage and trash collection and disposal be table until billing information for Old River is obtained from Pointe Coupee Electric and on the conditions of Waterworks District No. 1 purchasing M & S Water Supply.

Unanimously carried.

PLANNING COMMISSION

Vice President Olinde reported on a Planning Commission meeting held June 16, 2016. Copies of the minutes were emailed to each Juror.

Motion by Mr. Olinde and seconded by Mr. Watkins:

RESOLVED, That upon the recommendation of the Pointe Coupee Parish Planning Commission and Parish Sanitarian, that a plat showing the subdivision of the Allen M. Olinde Riverbank Property into Lot A and Lot B located in Section 29, T5S & R10E at Ventress for Allen M. Olinde be approved; and be it

RESOLVED further, That upon the recommendation of the Pointe Coupee Parish Planning Commission and Parish Sanitarian, that a plat showing the re-subdivision of Tract II (Guarino Partition into Tract II-1 and the remainder of Tract II located in Section 93, T5S & R11E at Jarreau for Donna Maria Guarino be approved, pending the minimum 125' frontage be placed on Tract II-1; and be it

RESOLVED further, That upon the recommendation of the Pointe Coupee Parish Planning Commission and Parish Sanitarian, that a plat showing the re-subdivision of the Harold L. Bonaventure, Jr. property into Lots HLB-1 and HLB-2 located in Section 61, T5S & R10E at New Roads for Harold L. Bonaventure, Jr. be approved; and be it

RESOLVED further, That Mr. Cornell Dukes be authorized to execute the above mentioned plats for Allen M. Olinde, Donna Maria Guarino and Harold L. Bonaventure, Jr.

Unanimously carried.

HIRE A UTILITY SERVICE WORKER I

Personnel Committee Chairman Olinde presented a recommendation to hire Mr. Johnny Christal as a Public Utility Service Worker I.

Juror Cline presented a proposal to contract the meter reading service in Gas Utility District II with Utility Outsourcing Specialists, Inc. at a cost savings of \$12,228.00 versus hiring an employee.

After discussions, the following resolutions were offered:

Motion by Mr. Olinde and seconded by Mr. Taylor:

RESOLVED, That Mr. Johnny Christal be hired as a Public Utility Service Worker I at an annual salary of \$26,622.00.

Substitute motion by Mr. Cline and seconded by Mr. Smith:

RESOLVED, That the Police Jury enter into an agreement with Utility Outsourcing Specialists, Inc. to read meters in Gas Utility District II at a cost of \$1.20 per meter.

The President called for a roll call vote on the substitute motion that resulted as follows:

YEAS: Mrs. Bueche, Messrs. Smith, Cox, Cline and Jarreau.

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NAYS: Messrs. Langlois, Watkins, Taylor, Olinde, Bazile, Hurst and Dukes.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: None.

On a vote of 5-7, the motion failed.

Substitute motion by Mr. Cox and seconded by Mr. Langlois:

RESOLVED, That the hiring of a Public Utility Service Worker I be tabled for further evaluation.

The President called for a roll call vote on the substitute motion that resulted as follows:

YEAS: Messrs. Cox, Cline, Bazile, Jarreau, Langlois, Watkins, Taylor, Mrs. Bueche and Mr. Smith.

NAYS: Messrs. Hurst and Olinde.

ABSTAIN: Mr. Dukes.

ABSENT: None.

On a vote of 9-2-1, the motion carried.

HIRE AN EQUIPMENT OPERATOR I

Motion by Mr. Olinde and seconded by Mrs. Bueche:

RESOLVED, That Mr. James Chustz be hired as an Equipment Operator I in the Recreation Department at an annual salary of \$21,796.00.

Substitute motion by Mr. Hurst and seconded by Mr. Watkins:

RESOLVED, That the hiring of an Equipment Operator I in the Recreation Department be tabled and send back to the Personnel Committee for further review.

Unanimously carried.

ADVERTISE FOR A FULL TIME CUSTODIAN

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

RESOLVED, That the Police Jury advertise for a full time custodian.

Unanimously carried.

CONSIDERATION OF COMPENSATORY TIME FOR THE PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR WORK DURING THE FLOOD

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

RESOLVED, That all employees, including the Public Works Director, who worked the weekend during the recent flood be paid overtime.

Unanimously carried.

CONSIDERATION OF PURCHASING AN A/C UNIT FOR THE CENTRAL CONTROL ROOM AT THE DETENTION CENTER

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

RESOLVED, That the low proposal submitted by Jackson Supply Company of Baton Rouge in the amount of \$3,388.94 for the purchase of an A/C Unit for the central control room at the Detention Center be accepted.

Unanimously carried.

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Dukes thanked Jurors and the communities for their hard work during the recent flood in the parish.

Motion by Mr. Langlois and seconded by Mr. Smith, the meeting adjourned at 9:17 p.m.

Gerrie P. Martin
Secretary

Cornell T. Dukes
President