

**MAY 8, 2023**

THE ACADIA PARISH POLICE JURY met on the above date at 6:00 p.m., in the Police Jury Meeting Room, Courthouse Building, Crowley, Louisiana, in regular session with President, Chance Henry presiding. At the request of the President, a prayer was offered and the Pledge to the Flag was recited in unison. The roll was called and final attendance was recorded as follows:

Walter Andrus  
Jeffery Morgan  
Gordon Morgan  
Steve Comeaux  
A.J. Credeur  
Pat Daigle  
Chance K. Henry

Jimmy Pellerin was absent. Quorum present.

A motion was offered by Mr. Steve Comeaux, seconded by Mr. Walter Andrus, and carried unanimously, to dispense with the reading and approve the minutes of the April 18, 2023 Regular Meeting, as written.

An amendment was made to the agenda for Shultz Road Bridge replacement bids.

A motion was made by A.J. Credeur, seconded by Pat Daigle to add this item to the agenda.

An amendment to the agenda for a public comment section to be added for discussion on the Solar Farm Ordinance was requested.

A motion was made by Pat Daigle, seconded by Gordon Morgan to add this item to the agenda.

A discussion took place for Shultz Road Bridge replacement bid. Corey Vincent, Road Supervisor, spoke to the jury on the bid in the amount of \$74,923 presented by L & R Construction Inc. of Kaplan, wood with a two-inch overlay. A motion was offered by A.J. Credeur, seconded by Pat Daigle and carried to approve bid.

Public comment was given by Mr. Lamar Bieber on the Solar Farm Ordinance. Mr. Bieber asked from the center line to the first solar panel, how far is the requirement? Mr. Chance Henry, president, responded 100-feet. Mr. Bieber then mentioned, highway 13 and highway 35 are wide roads compared to highway 367 and are two different situations. He also had another concern about the barrier mentioned in the ordinance.

Public comment was given by Mrs. Tina Bieber on the Solar Farm Ordinance. She mentioned her concern was the grass that was mentioned previously saying it's a very invasive plant and continuously grows. Chance Henry spoke and mentioned that it was not specified in the ordinance as to the type of vegetation to be used.

Public comment was given by Mr. Chris Huesers on the Solar Farm Ordinance. He mentioned that all farms would not all be on the Scenic Byways. The ordinance was amended from "May" to "Shall" previously and is requesting to amend the ordinance from "Shall" to "May".

A discussion took place amongst the jurors for action to be taken for the ordinance. A public hearing to amend the Solar Farm Ordinance was denied. No action to be taken for the ordinance.

Mr. Chance Henry closed out the public comment portion of the meeting for Solar Farm Ordinance.

A motion was offered by Gordon Morgan, seconded by Steve Comeaux, to move forward with the advertisement for the Airport Engineering RFQ.

A motion was offered by Steve Comeaux, seconded by Jeffery Morgan, to move forward with the advertisement for the Debris Pickup RFP.

A motion was offered by Steve Comeaux, seconded by Walter Andrus, to move forward with the advertisement for the Debris Monitoring RFP.

Mr. Todd Fontenot introduced himself as our New Area Crawfish Agent which is a new position with LSU AgCenter.

A discussion took place for Everest Road Subdivision- Phase 2. All requirements have been met with no oppositions. Motion to move forward was made by A.J. Credeur, seconded by Pat Daigle and carried unanimously.

A discussion took place for Pointe Noir Subdivision. The jury had 54 in opposition cards handed in and 2 in favor of cards handed in. Chance Henry called up those who wished to speak to the jurors on the matter of Pointe Noir Subdivision.

Mr. Kade Comeaux spoke to the jurors with concerns of Pointe Noir Subdivision. He presented pictures of recent flooding that took place on Good Friday, 2023. Also presented to the jury was a petition that collected approximately 200 signatures in opposition.

Mr. Matt Braus spoke on Pointe Noir Subdivision, first off saying that he is not opposed to a subdivision being built. They are opposed to it being built the wrong way and without Pointe Noir's best interest in mind. He mentioned his concerns of the small and narrow roads, safety concerns, drainage issues, flooding issues and storage. He addressed to the jury that a solution could be to make a main entrance from Highway 35 into the subdivision with the homes facing in and the developer to add a road inside the subdivision. With the drainage, a possible solution would possibly be a retention pond. His final concern was lack of storage.

Mr. Josh Richard spoke to the jurors about his concerns for Pointe Noir Subdivision. Mr. Josh Richard stated that he had the same points as the others and stated that he is not opposed to a neighborhood being built down Pointe Noir Road, but he is opposed to underdeveloped and poorly planned neighborhood being down Pointe Noir Road. He mentioned that drainage is a big issue and has been brought up many times. He stated that this could possibly be solved if some sort of drainage survey would be done to determine if a retention pond is needed, which is more than likely needed. He mentioned that on Good Friday 2023, anytime there is a flood or if Pointe Noir Road gets a good amount of water and if there's an emergency, no emergency services can make it down there. There is a lot of elder residents down Pointe Noir Road and have issues with getting in and out. He mentioned that there are no potential roads proposed for this development, it's going to cause many issues with traffic that was mentioned as well as high potential for increase in accidents. Tenants can only back out of their residence onto the highway. There is no way to turn around. Mr. Josh Richard mentioned there is no lights down the roadway, so at night it's hard to see any traffic. He mentioned a stormwater pollution prevention plan needs to be put in place, posted at the job site and made to be followed. This is required by Louisiana DEQ for any project of this size.

Mr. Carl Matthew spoke to the jurors and mentioned the homes that were already built, that they were built over stump holes and not corrected before they poured concrete. The new homeowners would not be aware of this matter. He also mentioned of gatherings at

the homes, like on Good Friday for a crawfish boil, cars on the road and many had issues getting around due to lack of parking area. Kids playing on the roads, it's a public safety concern.

Jonathan Stafford spoke to the jurors about the drainage issues and mentioned he farms and is involved in dirt work. He mentioned that he comes down the road in a smaller tractor that is about twelve-feet-wide and sees these four mailboxes in front of him and no cars were parked alongside, thankfully. He asked what would happen when they have thirty mailboxes here? Other tractors are sixteen feet wide, so anytime they travel down the road, they'll have to have a truck with them to block the traffic because they won't be able to get over and if they have a car parked along the road, then they have to stop, go to the house and get them to hopefully move the vehicle while blocking traffic. He mentioned "Acadia Parish is a rural farming community, this isn't something just dealing with the subdivision. If the tractor is blocking the road and a wreck happens, somebody gets hurt, what do you think they are looking at doing? They're looking to sue." Who gets the lawsuit, him, the homeowner, the developer, the designer or engineer, the jurors? He spoke on it being a severe traffic issue especially with the farming down in the area.

Mr. Jeffrey Corel, attorney representative for Lanclos Farms, spoke to the jury in favor of Pointe Noir Subdivision. He mentioned that his client filed an application that's fully compliant and has been approved by the planning and zoning commission and confirmed to conform to the ordinance and have serious doubts that this board is going to move forward and approve his client for this subdivision. He addressed some of the specific concerns that were brought up by those in opposition whom he does understand where they are coming from. "The major issues were drainage and said the drainage seems to be existing and so the police jury should probably take some action or they may find themselves in a situation if they're now in public notice of drainage". He mentioned that the drainage issue has nothing to do with the subdivision proposal. "It's an existing condition saying no one has come forward with evidence today to show that the subdivision would increase it. That's pure speculation. In fact, at the planning commission, Mr. Karl Aucoin, Acadia Parish engineer, reviewed the application and was approved with the condition of a culvert plan".

Steve Comeaux, District 8 Juror, addressed Mr. Jeffrey and said that "he may be the only person sitting on this board in favor of the subdivision, but don't come with something silly like this. This is silly, everything you put in a ditch slows down drainage. Everything. It doesn't matter what you put in the ditch, how big, how small it slows down drainage. Come up with a better answer than that".

Mr. Jeffrey Corel also spoke on the issues of the road design, if the road's narrow, that's a parish issue. He can't change the width of the road. However, he can and has it in writing to extend the driveways from 45 feet to 50 feet. He spoke on home design, storage issue. They've agreed to add storage to try to help the area. He mentioned there is a lot of speculation with what's going to happen with this subdivision, saying not one person has submitted or identified and objective evidence that a fully compliant subdivision shouldn't be approved.

Steve Comeaux addressed Mr. Corel saying he doesn't understand why he's not up here asking for a little more time. The people came here not wanting to completely shut this down, they came with actual concerns that aren't complicated to address.

A.J. Credeur asked Mr. Corel if his client is a tax payer in Acadia Parish, he answered yes, property taxes. A.J. responded, "that's right with the four houses, trying to circumvent the law in a sense when he first started and mislead the planning commission and permit department. And also, putting the power lines up before he was even approved for a subdivision". A.J. Credeur said he wants to put an end to this now because he represents these people. A.J. Credeur made a motion to deny Pointe Noir Subdivision for the reasons of drainage and public safety with Pat Daigle seconding the motion.

A motion was offered by A.J. Credeur, seconded by Pat Daigle and carried to deny Pointe Noir Subdivision due to drainage, public safety and public hearing.

**YEAS:** Jeffery Morgan, Gordon Morgan, Pat Daigle, Chance K. Henry

**NAYS:** Steve Comeaux

**ABSTAIN:** Walter Andrus

**ABSENT:** Jimmie Pellerin

A motion was offered by A. J. Credeur, seconded by Pat Daigle, and carried to adopt a resolution approving the holding of an election in Second Ward Gravity Drainage District No. 2 of Acadia Parish, State of Louisiana, on Saturday, October 14, 2023, to authorize the continuation of a special tax therein. Roll Call Vote was taken:

**YEAS:** Walter Andrus, Jeffery Morgan, Gordon Morgan, Steve Comeaux, A.J. Credeur, Pat Daigle, Chance K. Henry

**NAYS:** N/A

**ABSTAIN:** N/A

**ABSENT:** Jimmie Pellerin

A motion was offered by Gordon Morgan, seconded by Jeffery Morgan, to adopt a resolution to accept the Hains Road Improvements project as constructed by Elliot Construction, LLC as being complete on April 17, 2023.

A motion was offered by Jeffery Morgan, seconded by Walter Andrus, to adopt a resolution for District 1's request of ARPA funds for the purchase of fans. Steve Comeaux in opposition.

A motion was offered and carried by Jeffery Morgan, seconded by Walter Andrus to adopt a resolution granting the request of ARPA funds for North of Crowley Water Corporation in the amount of \$400,000.

A motion was offered by A.J. Credeur, seconded by Gordon Morgan to reappoint Mr. Joey Savoie to the Acadia Parish Planning Commission.

The Monthly Permit office report was reviewed.

The presentation of the monthly financials, which included budget to actual comparison on the general fund and all major funds was given by Nicole D. Broussard, CFO/CPA.

**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE MEETING, THE MOTION WAS OFFERED BY MR. STEVE COMEAUX, SECONDED BY MR. GORDON MORGAN THAT THE MEETING ADJOURN UNTIL THE NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING ON TUESDAY, JUNE 13, 2023 AT THE HOUR OF 6:00 P.M.**

/s/ Huey Bryan Borill  
**HUEY BRYAN BORILL**  
**SECRETARY-TREASURER**

/s/ Chance K. Henry  
**CHANCE K. HENRY**  
**PRESIDENT**