

THE ACADIA PARISH POLICE JURY conducted a public hearing on Tuesday, May 14, 2024 at 6:00 PM before the regular Police Jury meeting, 3rd floor, Courthouse Building, Crowley, Louisiana, to hear comments on the following item:

- 1. Discuss with possible action adopting an Ordinance changing the speed limit from 45mph to 15mph on Bobby Jean Drive – Mire, LA (Scott Address) – District 6
No public comments given.

A motion was made by Paul Ed Guidry and seconded by Kirk Guidry to move this item to the Regular Police Jury Meeting.

With no public comments made, the Public Hearing was adjourned.

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 Beau Petitjean presiding. At the request of the President, a prayer was offered by Glen Howie and the Pledge to the Flag was recited in unison. The roll was called, and final attendance was recorded as follows:

WALTER ANDRUS	KIRK GUIDRY
GORDON MORGAN	BEAU PETITJEAN
PAUL ED GUIDRY	PAT DAIGLE
TROY LANTZ	JEFFERY MORGAN

Quorum present.

A motion was offered by Kirk Guidry, seconded by Paul Ed Guidry, and carried unanimously, to dispense the reading and approve the minutes of the April 9, 2024, Regular Meeting as written.

Amendments:

A motion was offered by Paul Ed Guidry, seconded by Walter Andrus to add an item to the agenda as item 5.1 to discuss with possible action adopting an Ordinance changing the speed limit from 45mph to 15mph on Bobby Jean Drive – Mire, LA (Scott Address) – District 6.

The following ordinance was offered by Paul Ed Guidry and seconded by Walter Andrus.

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-002

An Ordinance changing the speed limit from 45mph to 15mph on Bobby Jean Drive – Mire, LA (Scott Address) – District 6

The foregoing ordinance having been submitted to a vote; the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS:	Walter Andrus, Jeffery Morgan, Kirk Guidry, Gordon Morgan, Beau Petitjean, Paul Ed Guidry, Pat Daigle, Troy Lantz
NAYS:	N/A
ABSENT:	N/A

And the ordinance was declared adopted on this, 14th day of May, 2024

A motion was offered by Pat Daigle and seconded by Troy Lantz to add an item to the agenda as item number 5.2 to discuss with possible action authorizing and accepting bids for the Legros Memorial Airport, Perimeter Fencing Phase 1 Project.

A motion was offered by Paul Ed Guidry and seconded by Pat Daigle to approve authorizing and accepting bids for the Legros Memorial Airport, Perimeter Fencing Phase 1 Project.

A motion was offered by Paul Ed Guidry, seconded by Pat Daigle and carried, to authorize advertising and accepting bids for the LeGros Memorial Airport, Perimeter Fencing Phase 1 Project.

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CERTIFICATE

I, HUEY BRYAN BORILL, Secretary-Treasurer of the Acadia Parish Police Jury, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of an Excerpt adopted by the Acadia Parish Police Jury in regular session on the 14th day of May, 2024, at which a quorum was present.

GIVEN UNDER MY OFFICIAL SIGNATURE, and Seal of Office on this the 15th day of May 2024.

HUEY BRYAN BORILL
SECRETARY-TREASURER

A discussion was held by Rachel Godeaux, Chief Administrative Officer for Lafayette Consolidated Government to discuss the request from LUS Fiber to increase the Acadia Parish Police Jury match from 20% of the project total to 27.3%. Rachel stated that this is a proposal to increase funding from the Acadia Parish Police Jury as well as an increase in funding from the Lafayette Consolidated Government.

Rachel introduced Michael Soileau, Director of LUS Fiber.

Glen Howie, Acadia Parish Attorney, explained that the Acadia Parish Police Jury approved a 20% match. Glen stated that his understanding is LUS Fiber turned in a 40 or 42 percent match by Acadia Parish which was not correct. Glen explained that LUS sent Acadia Parish an Intergovernmental Cooperative Endeavor Agreement, but Acadia Parish is not in a Cooperative Agreement with LUS. Acadia Parish is a pass-through entity for ARPA funds. Glen emailed LUS a Broadband Strategic Plan Subrecipient Agreement on May 9, 2024.

President Beau Petitjean asked Glen what the difference in amount of money is of the 40% and the 20%.

Glen stated that the amount of 20% is around \$778,195.60.

Gordon Ray Morgan, Police Juror for District 4, asked how did LUS request 40% if the Acadia Parish Jurors agreed on 20%.

Kirk Guidry, Police Juror for District 3, asked why they were discussing 27.3% if the Acadia Parish Jurors agreed on 20%.

Glen stated that LUS is asking Acadia Parish to up what was committed.

Rachel stated that her understanding is when LUS submitted the original ask, it was a higher dollar amount ask to the State. Then it was a contest period where they ended up descoping certain portions of the project because it was being covered by other ISP's. Rachel stated that she believes that the number of 20% stayed the same. It was the dollar amount that went higher at one point in time meaning if there was a higher project, that could mean that the match was 42%.

Glen asked Rachel if she was stating that after the application was done, the sum of the project changed.

Rachel stated that yes that is what she is saying but she is not sure if that was ever communicated to the Acadia Parish Police Jury. She stated that was no fault to LUS Fiber, it was just the process that was walked through with the State. Rachel stated that this is what she believes to be true.

Glen stated that was not communicated to the Acadia Parish Police Jury.

Rachel stated that they were in the process of making sure this project keeps moving forward and Acadia Parish gets the service and area of scope that was originally agreed upon even if that means they need to revisit the numbers based on the 20% that Acadia Parish Police Jury agreed on. Rachel stated they are willing to stay at the 20% so the project can continue. Rachel stated the project is on a timeframe of being constructed by November.

Glen stated the Acadia Parish Police Jury has already voted and taken action on approving the 20% project amount, so all that needs to be done is to complete the ARPA Subrecipient Agreement and sign it and then

the money can be disbursed once invoices are submitted.

Beau stated that the document that was submitted says Acadia Parish will pay 1.6 million. So once the project is started, his concern is that the State will tell the Acadia Parish Police Jury they are responsible for that amount.

Rachel stated that she has a good working relationship with the State and will contact them to ensure there are no issues from the States perspective. Rachel stated that if nothing interferes with the match commitment that the State received in the original scope, then everything will be fine with the State.

Glen recommends that the Acadia Parish Police Jury not take any action today. It will be the action of the Acadia Parish Police Jury as it was voted on when it was implemented.

Beau agreed that no action will be taken at this meeting. The Acadia Parish Police Jury will continue with the action that was voted on at 20%.

A discussion was held by Jamey Guidry, spokesperson for Texas Gas Transmission, with possible action a Letter of Support from the Acadia Parish Police Jury. Texas Gas Transmission LLC., is proposing the Eunice Reliability and Lake Charles Supply Project to replace older, less efficient reciprocating engines at its existing Eunice Compressor Station located in Acadia Parish, Louisiana with two new gas turbine engines. Jamey stated that this project could begin within 18 months to a year and would be around 9 months of construction.

Troy Lantz, Acadia Parish Police Juror for District 8, asked Jamey how much would this project cost.

Jamey stated that this project will be about 74 million dollars in 3 different parishes with the largest portion being in Acadia Parish which would be about 64 million dollars. Jamie stated that this project was filed with the Federal Government.

A motion was offered by Troy Lantz, seconded by Paul Ed Guidry and carried unanimously to move forward with a Letter of Support from the Acadia Parish Police Jury.

A motion was offered by Paul Ed Guidry seconded by Pat Daigle and carried unanimously to move forward with calling for a public hearing on July 9, 2024, to add a 3 way stop sign at the intersection of St. Angela Dr. and St. Zeno Dr. in Church Point, LA. (District 6)

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The Acadia Parish Police Jury will conduct a public hearing before the regular meeting on Tuesday, July 9, 2024, at 6:00 PM, 3rd floor, Courthouse Building, Crowley, Louisiana, to hear comments on the following items:

1. Discuss with possible action adopting an Ordinance to add a 3 way stop sign at the intersection of St. Angela Dr. and St. Zeno Dr. in Church Point, LA. (District 6)

/s/ HUEY BRYAN BORILL
SECRETARY-TREASURER

/s/ BEAU PETITJEAN
PRESIDENT

A discussion was held by Luke Dupré, Acadia Parish Attorney, about the appointment of Industrial Development Board members. Luke stated that this board was incorporated by Acadia Parish in 2006. The purpose of this board is to allow them to provide promotion, conduit financing, and site certification for Economic Development purposes for all industries.

A motion was offered by Paul Guidry, seconded by Troy Lantz and carried unanimously to adopt a resolution to appoint Gerard Frey, Taylor Mahaffey, Byron Richard, Michael Doughty, Anthony Clement, Fred Crochet, Keith Henry, and Josh Dupré to the Industrial Development Board. Term will end 5/2030. (6 Year Term)

A motion was offered by Troy Lantz, seconded by Pat Daigle to adopt a resolution to appoint Chris Caillouet, Andy Walker, Robby Welch, Ty Henderson, and Darrel Hebert to the Bayou Des Cannes-Nezpique Gravity Drainage District in Iota, LA. to fill the expired term of Troy Fruge, Terry Broussard, Earl Garber, Brent Reed, and Danny Wimberly. Term will expire 6/2028. (4 Year Term)

A discussion was held by Steve Comeaux, former Acadia Parish Police Juror for District 8, to discuss the appointment of new board members filling the expired term of existing board members for the Bayou Des Cannes-Nezpique Gravity Drainage District. Steve stated that due to the redistricting of this drainage district, Acadia Parish Police Juror Jeff Morgan now has constituents in this district. Steve is asking the Acadia Parish Police Jury to review the packet that was presented. In the packet is a petition and the Law that states how board members or commissioners are to be appointed and whom has the right to appoint them. Also in the packet is a list of large landowners within Bayou Des Cannes-Nezpique Gravity Drainage District who would like the current drainage board members to remain on the board based on their qualifications and job performance. Steve stated that there has been very little flooding and standing water with the last few weather events. Steve stated that many constituents in the community noticed that the district employees were helping clear storm debris to allow travel and assist electric companies to assess down power lines to restore electricity to the community. Steve stated the accomplishments of this current Bayou Des Cannes-Nezpique Gravity Drainage District Board can and does speak for itself. Steve stated that when he was an Acadia Parish Police Juror, he received very few complaints from members of the community about Bayou Des Cannes-Nezpique Gravity Drainage District and when he did, the complaints were resolved quickly. Steve stated there was a short period of time when the previous manager fell sick, and things began to fall behind. Steve stated that once it was determined the manager would not recover as fast as originally anticipated, he resigned and was replaced. Steve stated that everything is back on schedule with the new manager and the public has taken notice of this. Steve would like to remind the Acadia Parish Police Jury that citizens in Acadia Parish are not divided by district lines. Steve stated that all citizens depend on all Jurors to protect them, follow the law, and do what is morally correct to protect Acadia Parish. Steve would like the Acadia Parish Police Jury to table this decision until the Acadia Parish Attorneys review the information provided or make the motion to reappoint the current Bayou Des Cannes-Nezpique Gravity Drainage District Board Members.

Gordon Morgan, Acadia Parish Police Juror for District 4, asked Steve if every member that is currently on the board, would like to remain on the board.

Steve confirmed that yes, every member would like to remain on the board as of now.

A discussion was held by Matthew Garber, major landowner in Bayou Des Cannes-Nezpique Gravity Drainage District. Matthew stated that in Louisiana Statute 38:1759 it states “Where more than forty landowners are embraced in the district, the appointment shall be made upon the recommendation or petition of twenty-five of the land owners of the district. Where there is a contest over the appointment of commissioners, the police jury shall give the appointment to those commissioners who are recommended by the landowners. In the absence of any petition or recommendation, the police jury may appoint commissioners at their discretion.” Matthew stated that his district has the majority and is following the law. Matthew asked that the Acadia Parish Police Jury to also follow the law and not take landowner rights away from them.

Luke Dupré, Acadia Parish Attorney, held a discussion to let the Acadia Parish Police Jury know the Bayou Des Cannes-Nezpique Gravity Drainage District does fall under the Louisiana Statute 38:1759. Luke stated that if there was no petition, the Acadia Parish Police Jury has full discretion of who they appoint. Luke stated that if there is one petition with at least twenty-five signatures from landowners in the District, then the Acadia Parish Police Jury has no discretion and has to appoint the members that are listed as recommended by the petition. Luke stated that where there are two or more petitions, the Acadia Parish Police Jury has to do an assessment with the Acadia Parish Assessor office to determine who owns the most acreage out of the landowners in the District.

Kirk Guidry, Acadia Parish Police Juror for District 3, asked Luke how many petitions are being presented at this time.

Beau Petitjean stated there are two petitions.

Luke Dupré stated that he recommends tabling the matter so the Acadia Parish Assessors office can determine which petition contains more acreage. Luke stated that Troy Lantz, Acadia Parish Police Juror for District 8, recommends getting the opinion of an Attorney General to see if this drainage district qualifies as a Gravity Drainage District or a Regular Drainage District because a Gravity Drainage District goes by acreage in the district while a Regular Drainage District just goes by number of signatures in the district.

Beau Petitjean stated the Acadia Parish Police Jury will let the Acadia Parish Tax Assessors office review each petition to determine which one has the most acreage in the Bayou Des Cannes-Nezpique Gravity Drainage District.

Glen Howie, Acadia Parish Attorney, stated that he recommends having the determination on the next Regular Police Jury meeting (June 11, 2024) due to the Bayou Des Cannes-Nezpique Gravity Drainage members term expiring at the end of June.

Steve Comeaux asked the Acadia Parish Police Jury if anyone would be able to add names to their petitions after this meeting is adjourned.

Troy Lantz, Acadia Parish Police Juror for District 8, stated that he will not add any additional names to the petition he is providing.

Bryan Borill, Acadia Parish Secretary Treasurer, collected each petition to ensure that additional signatures would not be added.

After an inconclusive decision, the Acadia Parish Police Jurors are tabling the Bayou Des Cannes-Nezpique Gravity Drainage District decision until the June meeting after the Acadia Parish Tax Assessor has reviewed both petitions presented.

A motion was offered by Pat Daigle, seconded by Gordon Morgan, and carried unanimously to adopt a resolution to reappoint Richard Rupport and J.D. Sittig Jr. to the Bayou Mallet Gravity Drainage District in Eunice, LA. Term will expire 6/2028. (4 Year Term)

A motion was offered by Pat Daigle, seconded by Gordon Morgan, and carried unanimously to adopt a resolution to reappoint Greg Thibodeaux and Pat Prather to the Bayou Plaquemine and Wikoff Drainage District in Church Point, LA. Term will expire 6/2028. (4 Year Term)

A motion was offered by Pat Daigle, seconded by Gordon Morgan, and carried unanimously to adopt a resolution to reappoint Stephen Hamic and Wayne Wild to the Fifth Ward Consolidated Gravity Drainage District No. 1 in Crowley, LA. Term will expire 6/2028 (4 Year Term)

A motion was offered by Pat Daigle, seconded by Gordon Morgan, and carried unanimously to adopt a resolution to reappoint Richard Hebert, Gerald Regan, Jeffery Murrell, Jarrod Breaux, and Brandon Leger to the Egan Drainage District No. 1 in Egan, LA. Term will expire 6/2028 (4 Year Term)

A motion was offered by Pat Daigle, seconded by Gordon Morgan, and carried unanimously to adopt a resolution to reappoint Jamie Conques, Richard Faul, Jimmie Ancelet, Gerald Foreman, and Francis Hebert to the First Ward Drainage District in Rayne, LA. Term will expire 6/2028. (4 Year Term)

A motion was offered by Pat Daigle, seconded by Gordon Morgan, and carried unanimously to adopt a resolution to reappoint Alan Lawson, Carl Hetzel Jr., Roger Leger, and Pat Schultz to the Forth Ward Drainage District No. 1 in Crowley, LA. Term will expire 6/2028 (4 Year Term)

A motion was offered by Pat Daigle, seconded by Gordon Morgan, and carried unanimously to adopt a resolution to appoint Warren Leckelt Jr. and Dwayne Zaunbrecher to the Iota Long Point Gravity Drainage District in Iota, LA to fill the expired term of Mike Habetz and Brent Pousson. Term will expire 6/2028 (4 Year Term)

A motion was offered by Pat Daigle, seconded by Gordon Morgan, and carried unanimously to adopt a resolution to reappoint Francis Frey, Barry Lacasse, and Brandon Hebert to the Iota Long Point Gravity Drainage District in Iota, LA. Term will expire 6/2028 (4 Year Term)

A motion was offered by Pat Daigle, seconded by Gordon Morgan, and carried unanimously to adopt a resolution reappoint Foy Credeur, Jamie Bergeron, Stephen Doucet, and Curt Landry to the Second Ward Drainage District No. 1 in Rayne, LA. Term will expire 6/2028. (4 Year Term)

A motion was offered by Pat Daigle, seconded by Gordon Morgan, and carried unanimously to adopt a resolution to reappoint Gerald Leonards Jr., Dwayne Gossen, and Kevin Reiners to the Second Ward Gravity Drainage District No. 2 in Rayne, LA. Term will expire 6/2028. (4 Year Term)

A motion was offered by Pat Daigle, seconded by Gordon Morgan, and carried unanimously to adopt a resolution reappoint Brad Core to the Sixth Ward & Crowley Drainage District in Crowley, LA. Term will expire 6/2028. (4 Year Term)

A motion was offered by Pat Daigle, seconded by Gordon Morgan, and carried unanimously to adopt a resolution to appoint Danny Richard to Fire Protection District 6 to fill the unexpired term of Thomas Bruner. The unexpired term ends 01/2025.

A motion was offered by Pat Daigle, seconded by Gordon Morgan, and carried unanimously to adopt a resolution to appoint Carrie Guidry, MD to the Acadia St. Landry Hospital Service District to replace Mike Williams, MD. Term will expire 05/2026.

A motion was offered by Kirk Guidry, seconded by Troy Lantz, and carried unanimously to adopt a resolution to accept the Airfield Drainage Improvements – Phase IIIB, LeGros Memorial Airport (3R2) project as constructed by Hackley Enterprises, LLC as being complete on April 2, 2024.

RESOLUTION

BY MESSRS: Kirk Guidry and Troy Lantz

BE IT RESOLVED by the Acadia Parish Police Jury in regular session duly convened this 14th day of May 2024, hereby accepts the Airfield Drainage Improvements – Phase IIIB, LeGros Memorial Airport (3R2) project as constructed by Hackley Enterprises, LLC as

being complete on April 2, 2024.

ADOPTED: May 14, 2024

ATTEST:

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

/s/ Beau Petitjean
BEAU PETITJEAN
PRESIDENT

A motion was offered by Gordon Morgan, seconded by Pat Daigle, and carried unanimously to adopt a resolution to approve the application to amend the Articles of Incorporation to the Industrial Development Board.

RESOLUTION

BY MESSRS: Gordon Ray Morgan and Pat Daigle

BE IT RESOLVED by the Acadia Parish Police Jury in regular session duly convened this 14th day of May 2024, hereby approves the application to amend the Articles of Incorporation to the Industrial Development Board.

Amend ARTICLE IV to read as follows: “The location and principal and registered office of this Corporation is “Acadia Parish Industrial Development Board, 505 N.E. Court Circle, Crowley, LA 70527.” The mailing address of the Corporation shall be Acadia Parish Industrial Development Board, c/o Acadia Parish Police Jury, ATTN: Secretary- Treasurer, P.O. Box A, Crowley, LA 70527.”

Amend ARTICLE VII to read as follows: “The Corporation shall have **eight (8)** directors, to be subsequently appointed by the Police Jury, all of whom shall be duly qualified electors and taxpayers of the Parish, and no Director shall be an officer or employee of such Parish, however, the President of the Acadia Parish Police Jury shall serve ex-officio as a non-voting member of the Board of Directors.

The term of office of the Directors shall be six years. If an appointment is made to fill the vacancy of a Director who has resigned, deceased, or otherwise has vacated his directorship, then the member appointed to the vacated seat shall serve for the remainder of the previous Director’s term. If, at the expiration of any term of office, a successor has not been appointed, then such Director shall continue to hold office until he is reappointed or until his successor shall have been appointed.

The Board shall elect from its members a Chairman and a Vice-Chairman, and the officers so elected shall also hold the same positions in the Corporation. A majority of the Board shall also constitute a quorum for conducting the business and affairs of, and voting on matters properly brought before this Corporation. The Secretary-Treasurer of the Acadia Parish Police Jury shall serve as Secretary-Treasurer of the Board and the Corporation.”

ADOPTED: May 14, 2024

ATTEST:

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

/s/ Beau Petitjean
BEAU PETITJEAN
PRESIDENT

Permit Office monthly report was presented.

THEREFOR BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE MEETING, THE MOTION WAS OFFERED BY GORDON MORGAN, SECONDED BY PAT DAIGLE THAT THE MEETING ADJOURN UNTIL THE NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING ON TUESDAY, JUNE 11, 2024 AT THE HOUR OF 6:00 P.M.

/S/ Huey Bryan Borill
HUEY BRYAN BORILL
SECRETARY-TREASURER

/S/ Beau Petitjean
BEAU PETITJEAN
PRESIDENT