

**CROWLEY, LOUISIANA**

**MARCH 9, 2011**

THE ACADIA PARISH POLICE JURY met on the above date at 5:30 p.m., in the Police Jury Meeting Room, Courthouse Building, Crowley, Louisiana, in regular session with the President, A. J. Credeur, presiding. At the request of the President, a moment of silence was offered and the Pledge to the Flag was recited in unison. The roll was called and final attendance was recorded as follows:

THOMAS BENOIT  
A J BROUSSARD  
A J CREDEUR  
FELTON MOREAU  
JOHN QUEBODEAUX  
KERMIT RICHARD  
THOMAS SONNIER  
ALTON STEVENSON

A motion was offered by Mr. John Quebodeaux, seconded by Mr. Kermit Richard and carried, to dispense with the reading of the Minutes of the regular meeting held February 9, 2011.

**RESOLUTION**

BY MESSRS: JOHN QUEBODEAUX AND KERMIT RICHARD

**WHEREAS**, the Acadia Parish Police Jury acknowledges on the occasion of his retirement the dedicated service Wallace LeBlanc has given since January of 1996, and extends a unanimous vote of thanks and appreciation for the years of excellent and dedicated service he has provided to the Parish of Acadia, **and**

**WHEREAS**, it is the desire of the Acadia Parish Police Jury to extend its best wishes for many years of happiness during his retirement.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Acadia Parish Police Jury in regular session duly convened on this the 9<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2011, does hereby recognize and commend Wallace LeBlanc on the occasion of his retirement and to hereby publicly express the gratitude and appreciation of the citizens of Acadia Parish for his many years of dedicated service.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the original of this resolution be formally presented to Wallace LeBlanc, and that a copy be attached as part of the Minutes.

**ADOPTED:** BY UNANIMOUS VOTE  
THIS 9<sup>th</sup> DAY OF MARCH, 2011

**ATTEST:**

/s/ Melinda Leger  
MELINDA LEGER  
ASSISTANT SECRETARY-TREASURER

/s/ A. J. Credeur  
A. J. CREDEUR  
PRESIDENT

**RESOLUTION**

BY MESSRS: JOHN QUEBODEAUX AND KERMIT RICHARD

**WHEREAS**, the Acadia Parish Police Jury acknowledges on the occasion of his retirement the dedicated service Raymond Breau has given since November of 1984, and extends a unanimous vote of thanks and appreciation for the years of excellent and dedicated service he has provided to the Parish of Acadia, **and**

**WHEREAS**, it is the desire of the Acadia Parish Police Jury to extend its best wishes for many years of happiness during his retirement.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Acadia Parish Police Jury in regular session duly convened on this the 9<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2011, does hereby recognize and commend Raymond Breaux on the occasion of his retirement and to hereby publicly express the gratitude and appreciation of the citizens of Acadia Parish for his many years of dedicated service.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the original of this resolution be formally presented to Raymond Breaux, and that a copy be attached as part of the Minutes.

**ADOPTED:** BY UNANIMOUS VOTE  
THIS 9<sup>th</sup> DAY OF MARCH, 2011

**ATTEST:**

/s/ Melinda Leger  
MELINDA LEGER  
ASSISTANT SECRETARY-TREASURER

/s/ A. J. Credeur  
A. J. CREDEUR  
PRESIDENT

Mr. Lawrence Villermin, representative of Canal Refinery of Church Point, addressed the Jury and formally requested that the Parish pave St. Raphael Drive.

A motion was offered by Mr. Felton Moreau, seconded by Mr. Kermit Richard and carried, to contact legislators in regards to possible economic development grant money for the paving of St. Raphael Drive and to authorize the Parish Road Manager to take immediate action addressing the dust issue on St. Raphael Drive.

### **RESOLUTION**

BY MESSRS: KERMIT RICHARD AND JOHN QUEBODEAUX

**WHEREAS**, the Acadia Parish Police Jury has been awarded a grant from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), through the Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness (GOHSEP), for the acquisition of one property, **and**

**WHEREAS**, the Parish received a complete application from Mr. John Thibodeaux, the owner of the property located at 226 Marie Street, Church Point, LA, also described as a parcel of land together with all buildings and improvements thereon, and described as Lot 25 of the T. R. Daigle Subdivision No. 2 to the Town of Church Point, Acadia Parish, Louisiana, as will more fully appear from plat of survey on file in the Acadia Parish Records and locate in Section 53, Township 7 South, Range 2 East, Louisiana Meridian in Acadia Parish, Louisiana, **and**

**WHEREAS**, the subject property is one of the Parish's Repetitive Loss properties having made multiple claims to the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP), **and**

**WHEREAS**, by acquiring the proposed property, the Parish will remove this flood-prone structure from the floodplain, thereby eliminating future damages, and health and safety risks for the homeowner and any potential rescuers. This includes eliminating the need to provide emergency response services, subsidized flood insurance and federal disaster assistance to the residents, **and**

**WHEREAS**, the Parish has requested an advance of the fees needed for closing on this property from FEMA and GOHSEP and will not proceed with closing until these funds are deposited in the Parish treasury, **and**

**WHEREAS**, the Acadia Parish Police Jury certifies that the owner of said property has voluntarily expressed a willingness to participate in the proposed project, **and**

**WHEREAS**, the Acadia Parish Police Jury understands that any and all property acquired under the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program will be maintained by the Parish as an open space. All property acquired in this project will be governed by guidelines from the Code of Federal Regulations, Section 206.434(d).

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Acadia Parish Police Jury in regular session duly convened on this the 9<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2011, does hereby resolve to acquire the property at 226 Marie Street, Church Point, Louisiana.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the President be authorized to sign any and all documents in conjunction with this project.

**ADOPTED:** MARCH 9, 2011

**ATTEST:**

/s/ Melinda Leger \_\_\_\_\_  
MELINDA LEGER  
ASSISTANT SECRETARY-TREASURER

/s/ A. J. Credeur \_\_\_\_\_  
A. J. CREDEUR  
PRESIDENT

A motion was made by Mr. John Quebodeaux, seconded by Mr. Kermit Richard and carried, to amend the Plans and Specifications for the "Subtitle D Liner in Phase III" to allow for the payment of the value of certain materials delivered to the construction site but not yet installed.

### **RESOLUTION**

BY MESSRS: JOHN QUEBODEAUX AND FELTON MOREAU

**A resolution expressing support for the concept of Lake Charles staying a part of a congressional district tied with Lafayette and the coastal parishes due to reapportionment of congressional representative districts.**

**WHEREAS**, the State Legislature will going into special session between March 3, 2011 to April 4, 2011 and will be dealing with reapportionment issues involving legislative state and federal legislative districts among other related matters and it has been determined that the State of Louisiana will lose one of its seven congressional districts, **and**

**WHEREAS**, Acadia Parish is currently part of the 7<sup>th</sup> Congressional District which is composed of the City of Lafayette, the City of Lake Charles and the areas of Central and South West Louisiana including all of the parishes of Calcasieu, Allen, Jefferson Davis, Acadia, St. Landry and the coastal parishes of Cameron and Vermillion, **and**

**WHEREAS**, as currently configured the component geographic areas of the 7<sup>th</sup> Congressional District are contiguous and compact and residents thereof have historically shared a strong community of interest in terms of socioeconomics in many vital areas including but not limited to education, oil and gas production and exploration and support services related thereto (both onshore and offshore), farming, petrochemical processing and production, ports and waterways, the Intercoastal Waterway, as well as strong familial and cultural connections which are reflected in the local customs related to food, music, sports and shared support for regional social activities, **and**

**WHEREAS**, as a result of the proximity of the geographic areas to the Gulf Coast region of the state the citizens and residents of the current geographic areas of the 7<sup>th</sup> Congressional District also share interests in terms of hurricane protection and emergency preparedness and have historically worked to meet the challenges related to maintaining and protecting the coastal wetland areas of our state, **and**

**WHEREAS**, the economies and residents of all areas of the current 7<sup>th</sup> Congressional District are also interconnected and interdependent with each other as a result of their shared relationship via the movement of goods, commerce and people along I-10/I-12 Corridor and the interrelated state and federal highway system connected thereto, **and**

**WHEREAS**, the major metropolitan areas of Lafayette and Lake Charles have historically been included together as part of the same congressional district and jointly serve to anchor and provide support for much of the socioeconomic activity in the region, **and**

**WHEREAS**, to configure a new congressional district which separates the major metropolitan areas of Lake Charles and Lafayette and surrounding communities would be contrary to the established legal principles which govern the reapportionment of federal legislative districts including but not limited to: compactness, contiguity, community of interest, preservation of the historic connection between political subdivisions and could make it difficult for any person elected to represent the varied socioeconomic interests of the region in the U.S. Congress, **and**

**WHEREAS**, keeping coastal communities together ensures effective representation for not only the region, but also the state.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Acadia Parish Police Jury in regular session duly convened on this the 9<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2011, that

SECTION 1: All of the above and foregoing is hereby made a part of this resolution.

SECTION 2: The Acadia Parish Police Jury does hereby request that in the redrawing of new boundaries for Congressional Districts, the Louisiana Legislature give preference and priority to maintaining the established socioeconomic relationships in the region of central and south west Louisiana and make sure that any new congressional district created for the region include the cities of Lake Charles and Lafayette as part of the same district along with the coastal areas of the state including Cameron and Vermillion Parishes.

SECTION 3: The Secretary-Treasurer of the Acadia Parish Police Jury is hereby directed to forward a certified copy of the resolution to State Representative Mike Danahay, Congressman Charles Boustany, the Honorable Rick Gallon, Chairman, House and Governmental Affairs and the Honorable Robe "Bob" Kostelka, Senate and Governmental Affairs.

This resolution having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

**YEAS:** Alton Stevenson, A.J. Broussard, Kermit Richard, John Quebodeaux, Thomas Sonnier, Cade Benoit, and Felton Moreau.

**NAYS:** None.

**ABSENT:** None.

**ADOPTED:** MARCH 9, 2011

**ATTEST:**

/s/ Melinda Leger  
MELINDA LEGER  
ASSISTANT SECRETARY-TREASURER

/s/ A. J. Credeur  
A. J. CREDEUR  
PRESIDENT

Mr. Rodney Richard, owner of Building Code Inspection Service LLC, addressed the Police Jury concerning the Louisiana Uniform Construction Code and the enforcement of it in Acadia Parish.

The Police Jury reviewed the RFP's for Third Party Providers regarding the Louisiana Uniform Construction Code.

A motion was offered by Mr. John Quebodeaux, seconded by Mr. Thomas Sonnier, to table this until the next regular Police Jury Meeting.

A motion was offered by Mr. Kermit Richard, seconded by Mr. John Quebodeaux and carried, that the fees for the Courthouse ID cards be set at \$20.00 each initially with at

\$10.00 replacement fee.

**RESOLUTION**

BY MESSRS: FELTON MOREAU AND CADE BENOIT

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Acadia Parish Police Jury in regular session duly convened this 9<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2011, does hereby adopt the procedure prepared by the Parish Attorney regarding the purchasing of property adjudicated for tax purposes to the Parish of Acadia and that a processing fee of \$75.00 per form be set.

**ADOPTED:** MARCH 9, 2011

**ATTEST:**

/s/ Melinda Leger  
MELINDA LEGER  
ASSISTANT SECRETARY-TREASURER

/s/ A. J. Credeur  
A. J. CREDEUR  
PRESIDENT

A motion was offered by Mr. Cade Benoit, seconded by Mr. Kermit Richard and carried, to accept the following recommendations of the Road & Bridge Committee:

1. That the Police Jury adopt the Road & Bridge Maintenance & Operational Manual.
2. That the Police Jury approve the permit for the installation of an underground irrigation line under Ronkartz Road.

**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE MEETING, THE MOTION WAS OFFERED DULY SECONDED, THAT THE MEETING ADJOURN UNTIL THE NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING OF APRIL 12, 2011, AT THE HOUR OF 6:30 P.M.**

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**ASSISTANT SECRETARY-TREASURER**

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**PRESIDENT**