

Tallulah, Louisiana
June 24, 2024

The Madison Parish Police Jury met in regular session and convened at the Courthouse Building, Tallulah, Louisiana on Monday, June 24, 2024 at 4:00 p.m.

President Sanders called the meeting to order and gave the invocation.

The roll call followed the announcement of a quorum. The following members were present at roll call:

District 1 Mr. Jerry Hicks
District 2 Absent
District 3 Mr. Dave Wilson
District 4 Mr. Johnny Hughes
District 5 Mrs. Jane Sanders

Visitors: R. Denmon, G. Stewart-Moss, J. Hogue, R. Cannon, M. Troy, M. Williams, Jr.,
E. Atcheson

Mr. Ogden arrived at 4:05 p.m.

No comments were made during the Public Comments Period held at the beginning of the meeting that allows for comments on agenda.

President Sanders requested the approval of the Consent Agenda (June 10th minutes, May Financials, and the Outstanding Invoice Report.). A motion was made by Mr. Hicks, seconded by Mr. Hughes, to approve the Consent Agenda. No discussion. Motion carried.

The Secretary/Treasurer asked for permission to pay all invoices based on available funds. A motion was offered by Mr. Hicks and seconded by Mr. Ogden, to pay the outstanding invoices with available funds or as funds become available. No discussion. Motion carried.

Each juror reported on concerns within their district.

Superintendent. Epps requested permission to hire two new employees, one an operator for the grader and a laborer.

Mr. Hicks offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Wilson, to hire Frank Young, Jr. as a grader operator at Superintendent Epps's recommendation of an hourly rate of \$20.20, effective June 26,2024. No discussion. Motion carried.

Mr. Hughes offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Wilson, to hire Kirkland Collins as a laborer at Superintendent Epps's recommendation of an hourly rate of \$15.83, effective June 26,2024. No discussion. Motion carried.

Supt. Epps requested approval of the proposal submitted by ChemPro Services to spray 25 miles of custom blend herbicides to roadside. Mr. Wilson offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Hughes to accept the proposal submitted by the superintendent. No discussion. Motion carried.

Mr. Hughes offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Wilson, to have the bayou cleared by Weed Pro of Swartz, LA.. He stated that the City of Tallulah has agreed to pay 50% and the Parish will pay the remaining 50% balance. No discussion. Motion carried.

Mr. Denmon appeared before the jurors to give them an update on the replacement of the drawdown gate for the Brushy Bayou Dam. He stated that they are waiting for the bayou to dry, it should be lower in a couple of weeks to enable the work to start. Everything will be pre-assembled. Mr. Hughes offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Wilson, to accept Mr. Denmon's report. No discussion. Motion carried.

Ms. Stewart-Moss, representing the school board requested assistance from the Public Works Department in removing the shrubbery and vines from Tallulah High School building. The board's response was that once the grass cutting is caught up Mr. Epps can determine if his schedule will allow his department to assist.

Mr. Hogue from the Public Defender's Office addressed the jurors regarding the services offered by his office and requested financial, if possible, due to the potential dismissal of an employee(s). The jury accepted his report with Mr. Hicks offering the motion, and Mr. Hughes seconded the report. No discussion. Motion carried.

Mr. Atcheson, Director of Madison Parish OHSEP, informed the jurors that it is time to update the Hazard Mitigation Plan. Mr. Hicks offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Ogden, to offer the following resolution:

RESOLUTION 2024 – 08

A RESOLUTION OF THE MADISON PARISH POLICE JURY

AUTHORIZING THE ADOPTION OF THE MADISON PARISH ALL-HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN

WHEREAS the Madison Parish Police Jury recognizes the threat that natural hazards pose to people and property within Madison Parish; and

WHEREAS the Madison Parish Police Jury has prepared a multi-hazard mitigation plan, hereby known as Madison Parish Police Jury 2024 Hazard Mitigation Plan in accordance with the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000; and

WHEREAS Madison Parish Police Jury 2024 Hazard Mitigation Plan identifies mitigation goals and actions to reduce or eliminate long-term risk to people and property in Madison Parish from the impacts of future hazards and disasters; and

WHEREAS adoption by the Madison Parish Police Jury demonstrates their commitment to the hazard mitigation and achieving the goals outlined in the Madison Parish Police Jury 2024 Hazard Mitigation Plan

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE Madison Parish Police Jury, that

Section 1. In accordance with the Parish's rule for adopting resolutions, the Madison Parish Police Jury adopts the Madison Parish Police Jury 2024 Hazard Mitigation Plan.

The foregoing resolution was read in full; the roll was called on the adoption thereof, and the resolution was adopted by the following votes:

YEAS:	Hicks, Ogden, Wilson, Hughes and Sanders
NAYS:	None
ABSTAINED:	None
ABSENT:	None

No discussion. Motion carried.

There was no discussion of correspondence nor were there any public comments.

Mr. Hughes offered a motion to adjourn.

/s/ Margaret Dew
Secretary/Treasurer

/s/ Jane Sanders
President