**PARISH POLICE JURY**

**REGULAR MEETING**

**March 8, 2021**

**6:00 P.M.**

The Police Jury of Concordia Parish met this day in regular session convened. There were present the following members:

President: Joseph Parker, Sr.

Jurors: Maurice Bachus, Willie Yearby, Scottie Whittington, Gary Neal  
Adam Probst, Genesia Allen, Collin Edwards, Brad Adams

Absent:

Secretary Treasurer: Sandi T. Burley

Invocation: Mr. Yearby

Pledge of Allegiance: Mr. Bachus

1. The Pledge, Invocation, and Roll Call were conducted. A quorum was present.
2. A motion was made by Mr. Yearby seconded by Mr. Edwards to approve the February 22, 2021 regular meeting minutes as mailed. Motion carried unanimously.

(Ms. Allen arrives at 6:08)

1. Ms. Daye Dearing with Director of the Women’s Business Center with Alcorn State University spoke on the new initiative with the Small Business Administration to provide existing or startup businesses with assistance and direction at no cost. Ms. Daye was excited to share the ability for new economic development. A webpage will be live soon for the public to view. Ms. Dearing shared her contact information for anyone interested in the program to reach out to her. Mr. Parker thanked her for her time.
2. A letter of request for board member replacement was received by the Hospital Board. Mr. Randy Hoggett has relocated out of the area leaving his remaining term and seat vacant on the board. The letter requested Ryan Crum be appointed to fill the vacancy. A motion was made by Mr. Probst seconded by Ms. Allen and carried unanimously to approve Mr. Crum to fill the remaining term of Mr. Hoggatt.
3. Committee Reports / Action:
4. Finance Committee – A motion was made by Mr. Probst seconded by Mr. Bachus to ratify the bank statements and purchase orders for February. Motion carried unanimously.
5. Public Works – discussion of the RFP (Request for Proposals) for Debris Removal was given. The RFP timeline was reviewed.
6. The Projects of the Parish were next discussed. Ms. Burley provided updates and explanations of the open projects.

Brushy Bayou: USACE is working on the 408 and 404 permits waiting on environmental documents from FEMA; DOTD has the drawings with no requests for changes or feedback; FEMA BCA team has the information to review for approval. No entities are waiting on anything from the parish at this time.

DR-4462: Working on 406 mitigation details to complete the damage inventory; A revised engineering task order is needed to complete the RFI from FEMA for design elements.

LCDBG – The LCDBG projects for the HVAC system is in the works. Concordia Sewer declined to apply for the upcoming funding application. Ms. Burley asked the Jurors to work with their constituents to consider any other applications that could be eligible under the grant.

1. A motion was made by Ms. Allen seconded by Mr. Yearby to table the EM 3556 task order as it had not yet been completed for review.
2. A motion was made by Mr. Probst seconded by Mr. Yearby to approve the revised task order from Shuler Consulting to include the required soil borings needed. Motion carried unanimously.
3. Ordinance Violations of the Parish were next discussed.

Neal – 161 Mimosa Park – Mark Weeks – abandoned house causing issues

* Discussed issues with habitable dwellings. Recently an unsafe mobile home was moved into the parish. Mr. Neal’s concern was the trailer frame broke and causing concerns for safety. Further concern was that permits should be obtained from used mobile home movers in which to prevent this from happening in the future.
* Mr. Neal further discussed the guidelines needed to permit a used mobile home to verify the home is safe to occupy.

A motion was made by Mr. Neal, seconded by Mr. Yearby and carried unanimously to approve the ordinance citations and to allow Ms. Burley to contact legal council to establish guidelines regarding habitable homes, specifically used mobile homes into the parish.

1. Under the Secretary / Treasurer’s report, Ms. Burley requested a Finance Meeting for quarter four budget review; a public works or designated committee to review the RFPs; and reminded the Jurors of the deadline for financial disclosure reports.
2. A motion was made by Mr. Whittington seconded Mr. Yearby and carried unanimously to approve the Occupational License request for All Star Environmental – Ryan Forman – 606 Nichols Drive, Vidalia for roll off dumpster service, haul away, and C&D solid waste removal.
3. Under the Superintendent’s Materials and Work Requests, Mr. Guillory had no material requests to bring forward as the focus has been to clean up after the winter storm.
4. Superintendent’s work order requests were next discussed. A motion was made by Mr. Adams seconded by Mr. Probst and carried unanimously to approve the following:

Whittington – Forrest Road toward armory needs gravel and check drainage issues

Edwards – Drainage issues on Lincoln Avenue

Adams – Culvert (15x30) needed by meat house on Poole Road, culvert needed on Oscar Finley Road; Kemps Landing and Shirley Circle need road repairs; look at Sunshine Road for culvert needed under the road; culverts on Gore Road are stopped up and need cleaning out. A scope of work is needed for Deer Park road once the water goes down.

Parker – Research third party help needed with drainage and special projects of the parish. Mr. Whittington stated that all needs of the parish need to be looked at and prioritized.

1. Correspondence / Public Comments – None
2. There being no further discussion, a motion was made by Ms. Allen and seconded by Mr. Neal to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

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Sandi T. Burley, Secretary / Treasurer