

Drainage Committee Meeting  
Of the  
Assumption Parish Police Jury

Wednesday, September 9, 2015  
5:10 O'clock p.m.

1. Committee members recorded as present were: Mr. Henry Dupre, Chairman; Mr. Myron Matherne, Mr. Irving Comeaux, Mr. Calvin James, Mr. Booster Breaux. Committee member recorded as absent was: Mr. Martin Triche.
2. Committee member Irving Comeaux offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Booster Breaux, "THAT, the committee approve re-appointing Todd Crochet, Jess Waguespack, Robert Martin, Dean Blanchard and Jim Boudreaux as board members to the Assumption (Baker) Canal Gravity Drainage District #2." The motion was unanimously adopted.
3. Committee member Myron Matherne offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Irving Comeaux, "THAT, the committee approve an additional \$600 for Lower Texas Canal Tree Removal Project." The motion was unanimously adopted.
4. Committee member Booster Breaux offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Myron Matherne, "THAT, the committee approve \$400 for 2528 Hwy 70 Culvert Repair Project." The motion was unanimously adopted.
5. Committee member Booster Breaux offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Myron Matherne, "THAT, the committee approve \$1,200 for 2704 Hwy 70 Outfall Project." The motion was unanimously adopted.
6. Committee member Booster Breaux offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Myron Matherne, "THAT, the committee approve \$800 for 2718 Hwy 70 Catchbasin Project." The motion was unanimously adopted.
7. Committee member Myron Matherne offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Calvin James, "THAT, the committee approve \$300 for Hwy 70 (across from Cracker Barrel) Outfall Cleaning Project." The motion was unanimously adopted.
8. Committee member Myron Matherne offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Booster Breaux, "THAT, the committee approve \$1,450 for Dayspring St. Catchbasin Project." The motion was unanimously adopted.
9. Committee member Calvin James offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Booster Breaux, "THAT, the following matters be added to the agenda." The motion was unanimously adopted.
10. Chairman Henry Dupre requested comments, questions or concerns regarding culvert installation on Michael St. Following three (3) calls, there were no comments received,
11. Police Juror Patrick Johnson entered the meeting at this time.
12. Committee member Calvin James offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Booster Breaux, "THAT, the committee approve \$8,500 for 171 Michael St. Culvert Installation Project." The motion was unanimously adopted.
13. Chairman Henry Dupre requested comments, questions or concerns regarding the request to dig out pit on Rue Verte St. Following three (3) calls, there were no comments received.
14. Committee member Booster Breaux offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Myron Matherne, "THAT, the committee approve \$1,500 for Rue Verte St. Digging of Pit Project." The motion was unanimously adopted.
15. Chairman Henry Dupre requested comments, question or concerns regarding the request for tree removal in Landry Pit.
16. Committee member Booster Breaux offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Myron Matherne, "THAT, the committee approve \$300 for Landry Pit Tree Removal Project." The motion was unanimously adopted.

17. Committee member Calvin James offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Irving Comeaux, "THAT, there being no further business to come before the Drainage Committee, the meeting be adjourned." The motion was unanimously adopted.

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Kim M. Torres  
Secretary-Treasurer

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Henry Dupre  
Drainage Committee Chairman

Engineering/Grants Committee Meeting  
Of the  
Assumption Parish Police Jury

Wednesday, September 9, 2015  
5:15 O'clock p.m.

1. Committee members recorded as present were: Mr. Irving Comeaux, Chairman; Mr. Henry Dupre, Mr. Patrick Lawless, Mr. Jeff Naquin, Mr. Martin Triche.  
Other Police Jurors recorded as present were: Mr. Patrick Johnson, Mr. Calvin James, Mr. Booster Breaux, Mr. Myron Matherne.
2. Chairman Irving Comeaux recognized Mr. Tom Killeen, LDEQ Inspection Division Administrator, who stated that he attended most meetings in the Bayou Corne area since the inception and DEQ continues to work with unified command to move forward with matter. He then thanked the Jury for the invitation to the meeting and commended the Jury for the involvement and representation of the Assumption Parish community. He stated that he wants to discuss some of the evolving challenges with the situation at Bayou Corne. He then stated that this briefing will be to discuss, accept comments and answer questions. He stated that DEQ has a draft compliance order that would allow the controlled monitored release of some of the contained water of the sinkhole in the high leveled water conditions. He stated that it had not been issued until they had met with the Jury and explained why this process needs to be seriously considered. He stated that there was about 68" of rain that had fallen in the earlier part of 2015 and explained what it meant for the sinkhole. Mr. Killeen then explained in detail why they believe the controlled release of water into Bayou Corne is needed. He stated the berm is very well built, contained well, and inspected daily. He added that a plan of contingency is needed should the water level rise. He further stated that DEQ will require monitoring and testing for every discharge and request the results be provided. He stated that being in this compliance order they can authorize something on any given day and cease it the next day. This will give them information needed to prepare a permit or anything that should come up and need to be incorporated in it. He then added that the compliance order would require Texas Brine to maintain the berm system pursuant to what they are told by the OEP Director, and the unified command group requires and would authorize a controlled release under high level conditions until it was at a safe level to discharge.  
Committee member Henry Dupre questioned how they were going to discharge into Grand Bayou. In response, Mr. Killeen stated that it would have to be lifted over the containment berm. He stated that they want the discharge from the southside to be the shortest distance between the containment berm and Grand Bayou.  
Committee member Henry Dupre stated that he thought it would be just valve release because he has concerns about pumping. He then asked if the water could be filtered before entering into our waterways.  
In response, Mr. Killeen stated that the water can't be filtered and briefly explained. He also discussed the produced/ground water that was permitted to be discharged into the contained area.  
Committee member Martin Triche stated that he has concerns on giving them a compliance order to begin discharging the sinkhole water into Grand Bayou. He further stated that there should be other alternatives. He doesn't think it's a good idea for the Assumption Parish area.  
Following a brief discussion, committee member Henry Dupre suggested that we search all the options before granting the permit to discharge the water. He stated that a controlled release is far better than a disaster.  
A discussion was then held regarding the bacteria that's in the sinkhole water and reasons it should not be pumped into the waterways.  
Mr. Rousseau mentioned the problems that could arise with hurricane season and stated that Texas Brine shouldn't be put in control of handling the matter since they put us in this situation.  
Mr. Killeen stated that they oversee the matter and it's not common for data to be falsified because then the matter becomes criminal.  
Committee member Henry Dupre informed Mr. Killeen that the constituents as well as the Jury will not give consent for this controlled monitored release directly into the Grand Bayou area.  
Mr. Killeen stated that DEQ's mission that a controlled release does not violate water standard is better than a catastrophic release that would occur if a situation arises where there is no free board remaining.  
Chairman Irving Comeaux recognized Mr. Blanchard, who stated that if we think this sinkhole would come to a fill and become dangerous, why wasn't something planned by Texas Brine. He stated that this water should be placed in a tanker for treatment and then disposed of.  
Chairman Irving Comeaux recognized Bob Deaton, Sportsman Drive, who stated that he was on the Governor's Blue Ribbon Commission Board, but as an engineer, he believes that before this release is approved and done, the Parish has to see what the numbers are. He stated that the amount of GPM's that Texas Brine would like to discharge is potentially a significant portion of the total of low flow volume of the bayou. All indications are if we do nothing, we can possible get an uncontrolled overflow of the berm and flow into the swamp near Hwy 70. Therefore, we need to work this with some sort of priority.  
Mr. Tom Killeen stated that he will take all of the concerns back to DEQ as well as DNR.  
Ms. Beryl Gomez stated that there are a lot of economics in this parish with the constituents that reside here as well as the visitors. She stated that fishing now is just getting to be better than what is has been in many years therefore, the threat of providing support in any way to

something caused by that which was not natural and allow it to impact the economics of what this parish has should not be thought of as an option or considered.

Committee member Martin Triche stated that the parish is not in favor and would like to see some other alternatives explored.

Chairman Irving Comeaux thanked Mr. Killeen for his presentation and giving the Parish an option to voice their opinion on the matter before moving forward.

3. Committee member Jeff Naquin offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Patrick Lawless, "THAT, the committee approve and authorize the President to sign the Cities Readiness contract and statement of work for 2015-2016 between the State of Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals, Office of Public Health and Assumption Parish." The motion was unanimously adopted.
4. Chairman Irving Comeaux recognized the Parish Engineer, who requested substantial completion for Belle Rose Lane Waterline. He stated that all the contract items have been completed including the punch list.
5. Committee member Henry Dupre offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Martin Triche, "THAT, the committee approve and authorize substantial completion for the Belle Rose Lane Waterline Project." The motion was unanimously adopted.
6. Chairman Irving Comeaux recognized the Parish Engineer, who stated that bids for the Peterville Loop Community Sewer Project were received on August 31, 2015. He stated that NCMC LLC Construction submitted the low bid of \$821,048. He then recommended approval and stated that it is within budget.
7. Committee member Martin Triche offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Henry Dupre, "THAT, the committee approve and accept the low bid of \$821,048 submitted by NCMC LLC Construction for the Peterville Loop Community Sewer Project." The motion was unanimously adopted.
8. Chairman Irving Comeaux stated that the bid for the Hwy 398 Boat Launch came in more than \$10,000 therefore, it will require that it be bid out.
9. Committee member Jeff Naquin offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Martin Triche, "THAT, the committee approve and authorize the Parish Engineer to bid out the Hwy 398 Boat Launch." The motion was unanimously adopted.
10. The OEP Director informed the committee that the LCDBG deadline is October 2, 2015. The Parish Engineer stated that they are compiling a list of waterlines that are located in the low to moderate income areas that would qualify, and/or fire protection or potable water where there is no water or undersized waterlines. He stated that a list with an itemized budget will be forwarded to the Jury as soon as possible.  
Committee member Martin Triche suggested that waterlines in the low to moderate areas would increase the quality of life in those areas and would definitely be a great project.  
Police Juror Patrick Johnson also stated that he is in favor of waterlines but based on the time spent in obtaining all the necessary information, the parish could be subject to lose the funding. He also stated that he has need for sewer in the Ward 4 area and would like to consider that for the next funding cycle.
11. Committee member Martin Triche offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Patrick Lawless, "THAT, the Police Jury considers waterline projects for the LCDBG and get a letter of support from the Waterworks." The motion was unanimously adopted.
12. The OEP Director stated that the bids for the pump station project were rejected and the numbers were re-worked. He then stated that the recommendation was made to apply for budget revision and if that is still the consensus of the Jury, the process can be started. A brief discussion was then held regarding the approval for the additional 7 pumps. In response, the Parish Engineer stated that the price will be closer to within budget with all 22 pumps being approved.  
In response, the OEP Director stated that once the budget revision is requested the bidding process has to be placed on hold. He then stated that if the bid is \$1.6 million the Police Jury cost will be over \$600,000.
13. The OEP Director stated that last week an additional area was included in the voluntary evacuated area of Bayou Corne but it does not include any residents. The mandatory evacuated area was amended. There are 9 wells, five (5) in phase 2 and four (4) in phase 3, that are venting and still producing some gas. He stated that the water evaporators are being operated everyday to try and evaporate the water. He then informed the committee that the sinkhole website is on DNR Website for anyone's review. In response to the requirements needed to lift the evacuation, he stated that the Blue Ribbon Commission formed recommendations/criteria for the scientist to review and provide information. They are the stability of the western side of the dome which has been met and the hydro static pressure of the gas being below zero is being evaluated. He stated that he has seen communications regarding the eastern side of the dome and Texas Brine has received some information they need to respond to in regards to the testing data that was provided.

In response, Mr. Rousseau stated that this matter has been going on for 10 months therefore, it should be lifted or made mandatory.

14. The OEP Director then stated that there is no update on the FEMA appeals.

15. Chairman Irving Comeaux recognized Ms. Beryl Gomez, who stated that since the parish had to respond to FEMA by the end of July the maps should have been published.

In response, the OEP Director stated that the Parish had not received the maps and after speaking with a representative of FEMA he was told they didn't know anything about the letter that he provided them. He then stated that it could be next year before preliminary maps are seen. He proceeded to briefly explain the process that has to take place before maps are provided.

Ms. Gomez stated that there should be meetings held on a regular basis to be informed of the status of this matter and to address the concerns to a representative of FEMA. A brief discussion was held regarding the maps and meeting to discuss the next move.

16. Committee member Martin Triche offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Henry Dupre, "THAT, there being no further business to come before the Engineering/Grants Committee, the meeting be adjourned." The motion was unanimously adopted.

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Kim M. Torres  
Secretary-Treasurer

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Irving Comeaux, Chairman  
Engineering/Grants Committee

Regular Meeting  
Of the  
Assumption Parish Police Jury

Wednesday, September 9, 2015  
6:00 O'clock p.m.

1. The Regular Meeting of the Assumption Parish Police Jury was called to order by Police Jury President Martin Triche in the Assumption Parish Police Jury Chamber, located at 4813 Highway 1, Napoleonville, Louisiana.
2. Police Jurors recorded as present were: Mr. Patrick Lawless, Ward 1; Mr. Jeff Naquin, Ward 2; Mr. Irving Comeaux, Ward 3; Mr. Patrick Johnson, Ward 4; Mr. Martin Triche, Ward 5; Mr. Calvin James, Ward 6; Mr. Henry Dupre, Ward 7; Mr. Booster Breaux, Ward 8; Mr. Myron Matherne, Ward 9.
3. President Martin Triche led the Prayer and Police Juror Calvin James led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.
4. President Martin Triche stated that the Police Jury sits as the "Board of Review" to accept complaints on assessments of personal property as made by the Parish Assessor. He then recognized the Parish Assessor, who thanked the Police Jury and the residents of the parish. He stated that there was one (1) complaint received on the assessment values that were placed on the company's personal property in the parish this year (Axiall, LLC).  
President Martin Triche recognized Mr. Jessie Adams of Jones & Walker Firm, who stated that he is representing Axiall, LLC who filed a complaint appealing the incorrect assessment that was assessed by the Parish Assessor on the brine mining wells and the associated caverns. He stated that his client disputes the assessed value and believes that these wells and the associated caverns should be valued under chapter 9 of the Louisiana Tax Commission rules and regulations. He stated that the caverns are simply a hole in the ground and should not be taxed apart from the land and not as commercial improvements. Mr. Adams then stated that he put appeal value at zero but there are five (5) wells at one location and one (1) on the other. He stated that the single well is on land owned by Texas Brine and the value proposed for assessment 370000413 is \$212,114.07 and the value proposed for the five (5) wells assessment is 3700004005 is \$754,337.53.  
Assessor Wayne "Cat" Blanchard introduced Mr. Byron Adkins, representative for the Assessor's Office, who stated that this is the 3<sup>rd</sup> year and the matter has been rejected by the courts each time and he is very confident that the same result will be reached in this case appeal as well. Mr. Adkins then urged and requested that the Police Jury affirm the Assessor's Office evaluation of the assets belonging to Axiall, LLC.
5. Police Juror Jeff Naquin offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Patrick Johnson, "THAT, that the Police Jury sitting as 'Board of Review' affirm the assessments made by the Assumption Parish Assessor's Office for the 2015 tax roll relative to an appeal filed by Axiall, LLC." The motion was unanimously adopted. (resolution attached)
6. Police Juror Henry Dupre offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Booster Breaux, "THAT, the Police Jury approve the minutes of the August 26, 2015 meeting." The motion was unanimously adopted.
7. Committee member Booster Breaux offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Patrick Johnson, "THAT, the committee approve to pay bills submitted through September 4, 2014." The motion was unanimously adopted
8. President Martin Triche opened the meeting to the public for any public comments, questions or concerns regarding the matters listed on the agenda. He then recognized Mr. Blanchard, who stated that the Jury spoke about using funding for waterlines but he would suggest dry hydrants for Lower Texas and an extended line from Bayou Crab up to the bridge.  
Following three (3) calls, there were no further comments received.
9. President Martin Triche recognized Drainage Committee Chairman Henry Dupre, who stated that the committee met and recommended the following matters; approved to re-appoint Todd Crochet, Jess Waguespack, Robert Martin, Dean Blanchard and Jim Boudreaux as board members of the Assumption (Baker Canal) Gravity Drainage District #2, \$600 for Lower Texas Canal Tree Removal Project, \$400 for 2528 Hwy 70 Culvert Repair Project, \$1,200 for 2704 Hwy 70 Outfall Project, \$800 for 2718 Hwy 70 Catchbasin Project, \$300 for Hwy 70 (across from Cracker Barrel) Outfall Cleaning Project, \$1,450 for Dayspring St. Catchbasin Project, \$8,500 for 171 Michael St. Culvert Installation Project, \$1,500 for Rue Verte St. Digging of Pit Project and \$300 for Landry Pit Tree Removal Project.
10. Police Juror Henry Dupre offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Jeff Naquin, "THAT, the Police Jury approve the Drainage Committee report as presented." The motion was unanimously adopted. (resolution attached)

11. President Martin Triche recognized Engineering/Grants Committee Chairman Irving Comeaux, who stated that the committee met and recommended the following matters; received information and discussed a controlled, monitored release from the contained area in Bayou Corne, authorized the President to sign the Cities Readiness contract and statement of work for 2015-2016 between the State of Louisiana Department of Health & Hospitals, Office of Public Health and Assumption Parish, granted substantial completion for Belle Rose Lane Waterline, approved and accepted the low bid of \$821,048 submitted by NCMC LLC Construction for the Peterville Loop Community Sewer Project, authorized the Parish Engineer to bid out the Hwy 398 Boat Launch Project, approved submitting waterline project for the LCDBG Funding.
12. Police Juror Irving Comeaux offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Henry Dupre, "THAT, the Police Jury approve the Engineering/Grants committee report as presented." The motion was unanimously adopted. (resolutions attached)
13. Police Juror Henry Dupre offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Booster Breaux, "THAT, the Police Jury approve a resolution officially opposing and objecting to any type of controlled, monitored release from the contained area in Bayou Corne." The motion was unanimously adopted. (resolution attached)
14. Police Juror Booster Breaux offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Patrick Lawless, "THAT, the Police Jury approve entering into executive session to discuss settlement negotiations as it relates to Daigle vs Assumption Parish Police Jury." The motion was unanimously adopted
15. Police Juror Patrick Lawless offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Booster Breaux, "THAT, the Police Jury approve resuming regular session." The motion was unanimously adopted.
16. President Martin Triche stated that the Police Jury entered into executive session with Council to discuss litigation as it relates to Daigle vs Assumption Parish Police Jury. He stated that an update was given and advised by the Attorney to allow him to represent the Parish and make recommendations under his discretion and authority.
17. Police Juror Henry Dupre offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Booster Breaux, "THAT, the Police Jury approve a Can Shake permit for Knights of Columbus Council #5362 (11/16-17, 2015) and VFW Post #4222 (11/24/15)." The motion was unanimously adopted.
18. Police Juror Myron Matherne offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Henry Dupre, "THAT, the Police Jury approve an occupational license for Gabbi's Goodies, Bayou Corne Products, Bestie's Boutique, Red Vine Togo Restaurant and Sacalait Sues's-ownership change subject to an existing license being valid." The motion was unanimously adopted.
19. Police Juror Calvin James offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Jeff Naquin, "THAT, the Police Jury approve the 1<sup>st</sup> phase of the derelict structure procedure for the dwelling located on Peterville Lane in the Klotzville Community." The motion was unanimously adopted.
20. Police Juror Patrick Johnson offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Calvin James, "THAT, the Police Jury approve a light at park on Palm Lane." The motion was unanimously adopted.
21. Police Juror Jeff Naquin offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Irving Comeaux, "THAT, the Police Jury adopt a resolution to DOTD requesting an Unmuffled Compression Brake sign at the intersection of LA 1 & LA 398." The motion was unanimously adopted.
22. Police Juror Myron Matherne offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Booster Breaux, "THAT, the Police Jury approve a liquor license application for Camp 8 Riding Club, Community Softball League, and Sacalait Sue's subject to confirmation that the existing license is current." The motion was unanimously adopted.
23. President Martin Triche recognized Police Juror Jeff Naquin, who informed the Jury that the parish lost a good employee, Eddie Talbot, and would like to send his family a letter of condolences and thanks for his service.
24. The Police Jury unanimously motioned to send a letter of condolences and thanks to the family of Eddie Talbot.
25. Police Juror Booster Breaux offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Patrick Lawless, "THAT, there being no further business to come before the Assumption Parish Police Jury, the meeting be adjourned." The motion was unanimously adopted.

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Kim M. Torres  
Secretary-Treasurer

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Martin S. Triche  
President

On a motion by Mr. Henry Dupre, seconded by Mr. Jeff Naquin, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Assumption Parish Police Jury does hereby approve and re-appoint the following individuals as board members of Assumption Parish Drainage District #2:

Todd Crochet	4 yrs.	9-15-19
Jess Waguespack	4 yrs.	9-15-19
Robert Martin	4 yrs.	9-15-19
Dean Blanchard	2 yrs.	9-15-17
Jim Boudreaux	2 yrs.	9-15-17

Upon being placed to a vote, the above resolution was adopted as follows:

Yeas: 9  
Nays: 0  
Absent: 0



On a motion by Mr. Henry Dupre, seconded by Mr. Booster Breaux, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Assumption Parish Police Jury does hereby officially oppose and object to any type of controlled, monitored release from the contained area in Bayou Corne.

Yeas: 9

Nays: 0

Absent: 0

On a motion by Mr. Irving Comeaux, seconded by Mr. Henry Dupre, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Assumption Parish Police Jury does hereby approve and authorize its President, Martin S. Triche, to sign the Cities Readiness contract and statement of work for 2015-16 between the State of Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals and Assumption Parish.

Upon being placed to a vote, the above resolution was adopted as follows:

Yeas: 9  
Nays: 0  
Absent: 0

On a motion by Mr. Irving Comeaux, seconded by Mr. Henry Dupre, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Assumption Parish Police Jury does hereby approve and authorize substantial completion for the Belle Rose Lane Waterline Project.

Upon being placed to a vote, the above resolution was adopted as follows:

Yeas: 9

Nays: 0

Absent: 0

On a motion by Mr. Jeff Naquin, seconded by Mr. Patrick Johnson, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Assumption Parish Police Jury, sitting as “Board of Review”, does hereby rule in favor of the Assumption Parish Assessor’s Office for the 2015 tax roll relative to an appeal filed by Axial, LLC.

Upon being placed to a vote, the above resolution was adopted as follows:

Yeas:	9
Nays:	0
Absent:	0
Abstain:	0

On a motion by Mr. Irving Comeaux, seconded by Mr. Henry Dupre, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Assumption Parish Police Jury does hereby approve and accept the low bid of \$821,048 from NCMC LLC Construction for the Peterville Loop Community Sewer Project.

Upon being placed to a vote, the above resolution was adopted as follows:

Yeas:	9
Nays:	0
Absent:	0