

JANUARY 27, 2004
RACELAND, LOUISIANA

STATE OF LOUISIANA
PARISH OF LAFOURCHE

THE LAFOURCHE PARISH COUNCIL BOARD OF APPOINTMENTS AND PERMITS COMMITTEE WAS SCHEDULED TO MEET ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 27, 2004, IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE LEGISLATIVE AND FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING TO BE HELD IN THE COUNCIL MEETING ROOM AT THE LAFOURCHE PARISH COUNCIL BARRIOS CENTER, 1612 HWY. 182, SUITE 100, RACELAND LOUISIANA.

Mr. Lindel Toups, Council Chairman, stated that the Board of Appointments and Permits Committee were ready for the transaction of business following the close of the Legislative and Finance Committee Meeting. Proceedings of the meeting were called to order at 6:08 P.M. with the following:

PRESENT: Mr. Tyrone Williams
Mr. Mike Delatte
Mr. Michael Matherne
Mr. Tommy Lasseigne–Chairman
Mr. Mark Atzenhoffer
Mr. Lindel Toups
Mr. L. Phillip Gouaux, II–Co-Chair
Mr. Brent Callais
Mr. Daniel Lorraine

ABSENT: None

APPOINTMENTS/ELECTIONS FOR THE 2004 FISCAL YEAR

The first item (1) on the agenda was a motion to appoint the Chairman of the Board of Appointments and Permits Committee for the Fiscal Year 2004. A motion was offered by Mr. Brent Callais and seconded by Mr. Tommy Lasseigne to appoint Mr. Michael Matherne. The Committee approved the appointment of **Mr. Michael Matherne** by *unanimous concession*.

The next item (2) on the agenda was a motion to appoint the Co-Chairman of the Board of Appointments and Permits Committee for the Fiscal Year 2004. A motion was offered by Mr. Mark Atzenhoffer and seconded by Mr. Lindel Toups to appoint Mr. Tyrone Williams. The Committee approved the appointment of **Mr. Tyrone Williams** by *unanimous concession*.

MOTIONS

The next item (3) on the agenda was a motion to take appropriate action to appoint two (2) Community Representatives to the Lafourche Parish Head Start Policy Council, one to replace Mr. Michael Matherne and one to fill a vacancy. A motion was offered by Mr. Phillip Gouaux, seconded by Mr. Daniel Lorraine, and *carried to advertise* in the Daily Comet and the Lafourche Gazette for the vacancies of two Community Representatives to the Lafourche Parish Head Start Policy Council by a vote of nine (9) yeas and zero (0) nays.

The next item (4) on the agenda was a motion to take appropriate action to appoint three (3)

Community Representative Alternates to the Lafourche Parish Head Start Policy Council. A **motion** was offered by Mr. Phillip Gouaux and seconded by Mr. Daniel Lorraine to **advertise** in the Daily Comet and the Lafourche Gazette for the vacancies of three Community Representative Alternates to the Lafourche Parish Head Start Policy Council. Mr. Toups thought that the Representatives appoint their own alternate but was corrected. The committee **adopted** the motion to **advertise** by a vote of nine (9) yeas and zero (0) nays.

The next item (5) on the agenda was a motion to appoint Mr. Michael Matherne to the Lafourche Parish Head Start Policy Council as the Lafourche Parish Council Representative to replace Mr. Lindel Toups. A **motion** was offered by Mr. Mark Atzenhoffer and seconded by Mr. Brent Callais. President Randolph stated that Mr. Michael Matherne agreed to accept the appointment and said that the committee needed to ratify the appointment. Mr. Michael Matherne referred to a discussion he had with Mr. Williams, who during his campaign stated that he wanted to take an active role in Head Start. A **amendment** was offered by Mr. Michael Matherne and seconded by Mr. Mark Atzenhoffer to replace Mr. Matherne's name with Mr. Tyrone Williams, as the Council Representative. Mr. Toups reminded the committee that this appointment had to come from the Parish President. President Randolph then **recommended** the appointment of Mr. Tyrone Williams as the Lafourche Parish Council Representative. A motion was offered by Mr. Phillip Gouaux and **unanimously seconded to appointment Mr. Tyrone Williams** as the Lafourche Parish Council Representative to Lafourche Parish Head Start Policy Council by a vote of nine (9) yeas and zero (0) nays.

The next item (6) on the agenda was a motion to take appropriate action to appoint one (1) vacancy to the Bayou Blue Fire Protection District of the Parishes of Terrebonne and Lafourche, due to the resignation of Ms. Pansy C. Chauvin. A motion was offered by Mr. Mark Atzenhoffer, seconded by Mr. Lindel Toups, and **carried to advertise** in the Daily Comet, Houma Courier, and Tri Parish Times for the vacancy to the Bayou Blue Fire Protection District of the Parishes of Terrebonne and Lafourche by a vote of nine (9) yeas and zero (0) nays.

The next item (7) on the agenda was a motion to establish a committee to research the feasibility of merging Drainage District #1 with the South Lafourche Levee District & the merging of Fire District #3 with the Ambulance Service District #1. Mr. Brent Callais **withdrew** item (7) from the agenda.

The next item (8) on the agenda was a motion requesting information from the following boards in the Ward 6 area:

- (a) Drainage District No. 6
- (b) Fire Protection District No. 8
- (c) Recreation District No. 5

Mr. Delatte informed the committee that he knows of nine vacancies, possibly more, within these boards and was requesting information so that these vacancies could be filled. A **motion** was offered by Mr. Mike Delatte and seconded by Mr. Phillip Gouaux to request information from the above listed boards. An **amendment** was offered by Mr. Daniel Lorraine to submit the letter that was sent out by Councilman Callais; requesting information from Ambulance Service District No. 1, Fire Protection District No. 3, Drainage District No. 1, Hospital Service District No. 1 and Recreation District No. 3; to the following Lafourche Parish Boards: *Central Lafourche Ambulance Service District; Fifth Ward Gravity Drainage District No. 5; Drainage Districts 6 & 12; Fire Protection Districts 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, & 9; Hospital Service Districts 2 & 3; Recreation Districts 1, 2, 4, 5, 8 & 11; and Terrebonne Fire Protection District No. 6.* Mr. Toups mentioned that he spoke with the District Attorney, who said that these requests need to come from the Council Chairman. He expressed his support for Mr. Delatte's request but opposed Mr. Lorraine's amendment. A discussion ensued regarding the requested board information. Mr. Phillip Gouaux supported the

need for the information but mentioned that the Blue Ribbon Committee will give their report at the March meeting, which will inform the Council of what they will want to see specifically. He said that it was premature for the Council to request this much information too soon, adding that the Council should wait for recommendations from the Blue Ribbon Committee. Then the council could research the necessary boards, which may lead to the consolidation of boards or reducing the number of boards in the parish, and also to put millages where they are needed most. Mr. Lorraine told Mr. Callais that the same letter was going to be sent with the same 30 day response requirement. The amendment offered by Mr. Daniel Lorraine was seconded by Mr. Brent Callais. Mr. Toups mentioned that the majority of the council would probably not even read all the information being requested, stating that Mr. Lorraine's request was a waste of time and money. He did support a councilman's request of information on specific items and said that he would check with the District Attorney's office to see if these requests were legal and whether or not the request needed to come from the full council. Mr. Delatte clarified that the information he is requesting is any board vacancies that need to be replaced, term limits of the boards, and when the boards meet so that he can work on getting these boards active, if needed. Mr. Atzenhoffer requested that this information be submitted on a CD Rom/Diskette. Mr. Gouaux expressed his thoughts that it is the individual councilman of a particular district who should be concerned with the boards that only pertain to his district. A roll call vote was taken on the **amendment** as follows:

YEAS: Mr. Tyrone Williams
Mr. Mike Delatte
Mr. Michael Matherne
Mr. Tommy Lasseigne
Mr. Mark Atzenhoffer
Mr. Brent Callais
Mr. Daniel Lorraine

NAYS: Mr. Lindel Toups
Mr. Phillip Gouaux

The committee *adopted* the **amendment** by a vote of seven (7) yeas and two (2) nays. Next, the committee *adopted* the original **motion**, as amended, by a vote of nine (9) yeas and zero (0) nays.

DISCUSSIONS

The next item (9) on the agenda was a discussion concerning opening a permit office in the South Lafourche area. Mr. Daniel Lorraine discussed the need for opening a permit office in the South Lafourche area, noting the issue of travel and also referring to the usefulness of the permit office that existed during the Galliano Administration, which during the past administration was combined with CZM. Mr. Lorraine requested that the Parish President consider looking into the possibility of opening a permit office in the South Lafourche area. President Randolph suggested that since there are many branches of the library throughout the parish, that the library managers assist in downloading and printing permits. She offered to study the feasibility of the request and address the council at the March meeting. Mr. Lorraine commented on the need to upgrade the permit office to avoid lengthy waiting periods and situations where people are unable to receive permit numbers although they have all the required paperwork and needed information. Mr. Tommy Lasseigne said that to maintain a uniform permit system, that the permits should be run out of one office, and agreed that a parish facility worker should assist in the submission of requests so that the system remains consistent. President Randolph also mentioned that a checklist will also be made and given to those requesting a permit to ensure that all necessary information is brought to the permit office to begin the permit process. Mr. Atzenhoffer suggested that these permits be filed electronically. Discussion ensued. An amendment was offered by Mr. Lindel Toups that the administration look into opening a permit office in the Raceland area.

The next item (10) on the agenda was a discussion concerning the Blue Ribbon Committee. Mr. Phillip Gouaux mentioned that this item was discussed earlier under item (8). He stressed that the Blue Ribbon Committee spent a lot of time and effort in preparing their report and asked that the council give them the opportunity to present their information.

The next item (11) on the agenda was a discussion concerning the Committees and Boards that serve "At the Pleasure of the Council." A **motion** was offered Mr. Phillip Gouaux and seconded by Mr. Tommy Lasseigne asking the Council Clerk to send each board serving "At the Pleasure of the Council" a letter requesting a membership list, term expiration dates, term limits, and other pertinent information that is private but will only be distributed to the council. Mr. Callais informed Mr. Gouaux that this information is also included in the letter requesting board information that will be sent on behalf of Mr. Lorraine. Mr. Phillip Gouaux mentioned that the information being requested by Mr. Lorraine will take a longer time to gather and said that the information he is requesting will assist the council in addressing certain areas of boards on a much quicker basis. Miss Stacie Gravois, Interim Council Clerk, informed the committee that this information was requested throughout the 2003 year and said that the board book, which indicates the term limits, was updated with the information received. An amendment was offered by Mr. Phillip Gouaux that each councilman receive a copy of the board list as quick as possible. A discussion ensued regarding boards/committees that do not serve "At the Pleasure of the Council." The committee **adopted** the motion to request membership list, expiration of terms for boards and committees that serve "At the Pleasure of the Council," with copies of the current board list sent to each councilman by a vote of nine (9) yeas and zero (0) nays.

OTHER BUSINESS

The next item (12) on the agenda was any business be addressed. Hearing none, Chairman Matherne moved to the next item.

The next item (13) on the agenda was Public to address the Committee. Mr. Roy Gisclair, from the South Lafourche area, discussed the issue of the permit office, specifically addressing the problem with receiving the permit package. President Randolph said that she would look into addressing that issue. Next, Mr. Danny Mayet, Chairman of Recreation District No. 2, addressed the issue of appointments of all the boards, mentioning that the District Attorney's office had also requested the information and suggested that the council consult with the District Attorney for the information. Sharleen Hotard, Kraemer, asked what would be done after the information was received, and the council found that boards were out of compliance.

ADJOURN

On motion by Mr. Mark Atzenhoffer, seconded by Mr. Daniel Lorraine, and with no further business the Lafourche Parish Council Board of Appointments and Permit Committee of January 27, 2004, is adjourned at 8:02 P.M.

**MICHAEL MATHERNE, CHAIRMAN
BOARD OF APPOINTMENTS AND
PERMITS COMMITTEE**

**STACIE GRAVOIS, INTERIM COUNCIL CLERK
LAFOURCHE PARISH**