

**JUNE 22, 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, JUNE 22, 2004, IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE PUBLIC WORKS & SOLID WASTE 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. Michael Matherne, Chairman, stated that the Board of Appointments and Permits Committee were ready for the transaction of business following the close of the Public Works & Solid Waste Committee meeting. Proceedings of the meeting were called to order at 9:20 P.M. with the following:

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

**ABSENT:** None

**DISCUSSIONS**

The first item (1) on the agenda was a discussion concerning the requirements of boards serving under the Lafourche Parish Council. Mr. Phillip Gouaux stated that he researched the requirements for purchases, upgrades to facilities, etc.; and if bonds need to come to the Parish Council for ratification. He stated that he did not find any requirements. Mr. Gouaux asked that there be some type of restriction that the boards have to come to the Lafourche Parish Council with their plans and get the Parish to approve them. He then went on to ask that the Council members think about some type guidelines for the requirements. Mr. Michael Matherne asked if a dollar amount was on capital outlay projects and if there should be approval by the Council. Mr. Gouaux replied as absolutely and that he would also like to get a view point from the other members. Mr. Tommy Lasseigne asked of the distinction of boards and if they were established by legislators if they needed to come to Council for approvals. Mr. Mark Atzenhoffer stated that any board that has an operating budget of \$50,000 or greater is required to have an audit and to report to the Council on a by-annual basis. He recommended that the Council review the budgets and expenditures of the

boards. Mr. Daniel Lorraine asked what happens if the board denies a Councilman a project and then the Councilman comes to address the Council, over riding the board, for approval. Mr. Matherne asked Mr. Gouaux what he thought should be considered of the board, coming back for approval or for them to come with information on what they are doing. Mr. Gouaux responded with any type of capital improvement and gave the example of the expansions done to the hospitals. He suggested that the boards should have informed the Lafourche Parish Council about the expansion because it would fall back on the Council if the expansion would not go as planned. Mr. Lasseigne stated that he was concerned about the Charity Hospital in Houma because three of the area hospitals are aligning themselves with another hospital to take it over. Mr. Matherne asked Mr. Lorraine if the rule of thumb should be that if a project involves bonded indebtedness that it come before Council and if being paid in cash, they need not. Mr. Lorraine stated that they supposed to and that they usually do not, and that the boards are audited and should be caught if something was not done right. Mr. Gouaux stated that he is not wanting to take over any boards and that he is only looking for accountability and information to be brought back to the Council for ratification.

The next item (2) on the agenda was a discussion concerning a liaison for Lafourche Parish Water District No. 1. Mr. Brent Callais stated that the Lafourche Parish Water District No.1 was interested in having a liaison appointed to their board from the Parish President, as a direct representative to the Parish Council, for awareness of what is going on with their board and any questions and/or concerns can be directed to the liaison to report back to the Council. He stated that the Council Clerk was helping him with the research necessary to make an amendment to the ordinance to create such a position and to hopefully have it ready for the next full Council meeting.

### APPOINTMENTS

The next item (3) on the agenda was a motion to fill two of five vacancies on the Lafourche Parish Commission on Women Board/advertised (2 applications attached). A **motion** was offered by Mr. Brent Callais and seconded by Mr. Mark Atzenhoffer and Mr. Daniel Lorraine to appoint both, Ms. Gwen Cheramie and Ms. Kitty Touns, to the Commission for Women, and **carried** by a vote of nine (9) yeas and zero (0) nays.

The next item (4) on the agenda was a motion to fill a vacancy on the Lafourche Parish Coastal Zone Management Advisory Committee/advertised (1 application attached). A **motion** was offered by Mr. Daniel Lorraine and seconded by Mr. Brent Callais. Mr. Daniel Lorraine stated that Mr. Lonnie Rousse submitted his application on time for the position and Mr. Brent Constrantich also applied, but turned in his application after the deadline. Mr. Lorraine recommended to appoint Mr. Rousse and to keep Mr. Constrantich's application on file to be considered for future positions. The motion was **carried** by a vote of nine (9) yeas and zero (0) nays.

The next item (5) on the agenda was a motion to fill a vacancy on the Lafourche Parish Recreation District No. 5 board (Ward 6)/advertised (no applications received). Item (5) was **deferred** to the next committee meeting.

The next item (6) on the agenda was a motion to fill a vacancy on the Special Education District No. 1, due to Ms. Betty Cheramie's term expiring on July 20, 2004/advertised (1 application attached). Mr. Brent Callais motioned to reappoint Ms. Betty Cheramie to Special Education District No. 1, Mr. Daniel Lorraine seconded, and **carried** by a vote of nine (9) yeas and zero (0) nays.

The next item (7) on the agenda was a motion to appoint three members to the Veteran's

Memorial District Land Subcommittee. Mr. Brent Callais recommended Mr. Linton Doucet, Mr. Vincent Doucet, and Mr. Raymond Plaisance to the VMDL Subcommittee with Mr. Daniel Lorraine, Mr. Phillip Gouaux, and himself. A motion was offered by Mr. Brent Callais, seconded by Mr. Daniel Lorraine, and *carried* by a vote of nine (9) yeas and zero (0) nays. Mr. Brent Callais briefly mentioned the proposal for land will be in the newspaper on Wednesday instead of Saturday, the scheduled July 1<sup>st</sup> meeting will instead be on July 5<sup>th</sup>, the proposals will be voted on by the subcommittee and recommendations will also be made at the meeting being held at the Greater Lafourche Port Commission's new office in Galliano at 7:00 pm.

#### **PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE COMMITTEE**

The next item on the agenda was the Public to Address the Committee. Ms. Sharleen Hotard stated that in regards to the question that Mr. Phillip Gouaux asked earlier about the Home Rule Charter, that the information could be found on page 4 of 24 of the old HRC.

#### **OTHER BUSINESS**

A **motion** was offered by Mr. Mark Atzenhoffer, seconded by Mr. Brent Callais to go to a 2/3 agenda, and *carried* by a vote of nine (9) yeas and zero (0) nays. A **motion** was offered by Mr. Lindel Toups to appoint Andy LeBouef to the Recreation District No. 8, seconded by Mr. Tommy Lasseigne, and *carried* by a vote of nine (9) yeas and zero (0) nays.

A **motion** was offered by Mr. Mark Atzenhoffer, seconded by Mr. Brent Callais to go back to the regular agenda, and *carried* by a vote of nine (9) yeas and zero (0) nays.

Mr. Mark Atzenhoffer mentioned that a public meeting was being held at an engineer's office for Sewerage District #2. He suggested that the Council ask the Administration to move the meeting from a private office and to hold all future meetings in a public place.

#### **ADJOURN**

On motion by Mr. Brent Callais, seconded by Mr. Mark Atzenhoffer, and with no further business, the Lafourche Parish Board of Appointments and Permit Committee meeting of June 22, 2004, adjourned at 9:38 pm.

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

**SHEILA B. BOUDREAUX, COUNCIL CLERK  
LAFOURCHE PARISH COUNCIL**