

TUESDAY, AUGUST 24, 2004  
RACELAND, LOUISIANA

STATE OF LOUISIANA  
PARISH OF LAFOURCHE

THE LAFOURCHE PARISH COUNCIL PUBLIC WORKS AND SOLID WASTE COMMITTEE, PARISH OF LAFOURCHE, STATE OF LOUISIANA, WAS SCHEDULED FOR TUESDAY, AUGUST 24, 2004, TO IMMEDIATELY FOLLOW THE SPECIAL LAFOURCHE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULED TO BEGIN AT 5:30 P.M., IN THE COUNCIL MEETING ROOM AT THE LAFOURCHE PARISH COUNCIL BARRIOS CENTER, 1612 HWY. 182, SUITE 100, RACELAND, LOUISIANA.

Mr. Mark Atzenhoffer, Chairman, stated that the Public Works and Solid Waste Committee was ready for the transaction of business following the close of the Special Lafourche Parish Council meeting. Proceedings of the meeting were called to order at 7:25 P.M. with the following:

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

**ABSENT:** None

A **motion** was offered by Mr. Brent Callais, seconded by Mr. Michael Matherne, to *deviate* to *Motions* on the agenda, to discuss items 3, 4, and 5. The motion *carried* by a vote of nine (9) yeas and zero (0) nays.

**MOTIONS**

The next item (3) on the agenda was a motion to submit Cumberland Estates (44 lots), District 4, Ward 11, to be presented before the August 26, 2004, Planning Commission Meeting. (Preliminary Plat Approval) Mr. Michael St. Martin stated that all is in order and he would recommend it to the Planning Commission. A **motion** was offered by Mr. Daniel Lorraine, seconded by Mr. Phillip Gouaux, *to recommend* this item to the Planning Commission. The motion *carried* by a vote of nine (9) yeas and zero (0) nays.

The next item (4) on the agenda was a motion to recommend a variance request on Ram Sponge Lot Extensions District 8 Ward 10, - variance not to have to extend the cross streets at this time since the owner owns the remaining property. Mr. Michael St. Martin stated that he would not recommend this variance. A brief discussion ensued. A **motion** was offered by Mr. Brent Callais, seconded by Mr. Phillip Gouaux, *not to recommend* this item to the Planning Commission. The motion *carried* by a vote of nine (9) yeas and zero (0) nays.

The next item (5) on the agenda was a motion to recommend a variance request on Lot Extensions and Redivision of Property Belonging to Todd Brady District 8 Ward 10, - variance not to have to extend the cross streets. Mr. Michael St. Martin stated that Mr. Picciola was present to

explain the requested variance. Mr. Brent Callais stated that a map was distributed to the Council in order to better understand the situation. Mr. Joe Picciola, Consulting Engineer, with Picciola and Associates, stated that he represents Mr. Todd Brady. He said that he prepared a plat, showing ownership of a strip of property between two existing subdivisions (West 41<sup>st</sup> Street and Acadia Place). Mr. Picciola further explained the variance. A **motion** was offered by Mr. Brent Callais and seconded by Mr. Lindel Toups to approve the variance. An **amendment** was offered by Mr. Phillip Gouaux, seconded by Mr. Michael Matherne, to state *“that if in fact it becomes a development, instead of lot extensions, cross streets would have to be built beyond Ave. B”*. The **amendment failed** by a vote of four (4) yeas and five (5) nays, that being of Mr. Daniel Lorraine, Dr. Tommy Lasseigne, Mr. Lindel Toups, Mr. Brent Callais, and Mr. Tyrone Williams. The original motion **to recommend** the variance **carried** by a vote of nine (9) yeas and zero (0) nays.

A **motion** was offered by Mr. Michael Matherne, seconded by Mr. Brent Callais, and **carried** to go back to the original agenda to the first (1) item.

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

The first (1) item on the agenda was Mr. Gary Baudoin to appeal the installation of a fire hydrant on Sugar Street in Mathews. Mr. Baudoin was not in attendance.

### **PRESENTATION**

The next (2) item on the agenda was Mr. Richard Weimer, Architect, to give a status report regarding the animal shelter. Mr. Weimer stated that two other people were also present to give a status report. Dr. Eugene Dial gave a detailed introduction. He stated the location that was selected was next to the parish jail, that the Sheriff would commit trustees for the cleaning and feeding of the facility, and would therefore save the parish money. Mr. Robert Boudreaux, Architect, with Weimer Architects, gave a Power Point presentation and showed the floor plans of the facility. He mentioned that the base bid is estimated at \$407,000 the three add alternates are about \$25,000 each. The whole proposed plans would be in the \$500,000 range. He then stated that the budget amount is met by the base bid, and hopefully, the add alternates could be added in the contract. Discussions ensued on the amount of animals that can be housed and how many kennels there will be.

### **PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR’S REPORT**

The next item on the agenda was Mr. Ray Cheramie’s report regarding ongoing and upcoming projects. The first project he spoke of was the West Thibodaux drainage project, which was awaiting Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development permits, within a week the culverts could be put in. Then, he reported that the Leighton Pump Station had electrical work that was pending and in approximately another two weeks, the project should be completed. He stated that work was being done to add a 48 inch pump at Leighton Pump Station, already have the pump and the engine, looking to put the project in the 2005 capital outlay budget. Mr. Cheramie said that they were waiting for approval of the servitude for Park Drive and Camellia Drive to sign contracts with Picciola on the culvert sizes. He said that Ward 6 has an engine and pump exchange program. Then, on the Bayou Bouef Pump Station, adding another 12 inch pump to the existing 12 inch pump, the work is almost complete. He stated that the Le Butte Pump Station is replacing the old 16 inch pump with a 24 inch pump. Region A Barn is rebuilding a 36 inch pump and a 671GM pump. There will be an extra 16 inch pump in the Choupic area, or possibly in Des Allemands. He stated that the culvert gates (Ward 6) for the 80 Arpent Canal were built, was delivered to be sand blasted and painted, and will be installed in the next two weeks. Mr. Cheramie then said that they received

the permits from the Corp. to install the culverts behind the church in Bayou Bouef. He then reported that the three tandem trucks were delivered and it will now be more economical to haul dirt. Then, he stated that he met with Mr. Mark Atzenhoffer for Region B, about getting some prices on guard rails on Bayou Folse Road and mentioned possibly adding more rock. He then said that the sweeping of the Cyprien River with the North Lafourche excavator is three weeks from being completed, and discussions were made on lowering the 48 inch pump in the area. He said the Twin Oaks Drainage project was waiting for final plans. Then, he mentioned tree clearing, waiting on final draft from Picciola, trying for the 2005 budget. Mr. Cheramie reported that the Freddie Breaux Levee in Gheens, was in process. Then, the Reed Toups Levee was waiting for the Corp permits. He then reported on Blanchard Canal, needing culverts installed because of erosion. Mr. Cheramie reported of a house elevation in Ward 11 that is 98% complete. Then, he said that Mr. Leonard Chauvin was doing an elevation survey on Hollywood Canal, to possibly install a pump station. He then reported that the lines were moved from Region B and Ward 11 Barns. Also, in Region C, recapping of the Bayou Blue Levee. Mr. Cheramie reported that the Coastal Pump Station, north of Raceland - 40 Arpent Canal, clean out and raising of the existing 40 Arpent Levee was completed from Lockport up to the Fantastic Pump Station. He stated that bids would be opening on September 14<sup>th</sup> for the Fantastic Pump Station. Then, he reported on the Lockport Boat Launch, which was 85% complete and of a house elevation that was 95% complete. He then stated that the Edgar Guidry Pump Station will be opening bids on September 7<sup>th</sup>. He reported that the Ludivine Levee had about one mile of work to be completed. He reported that the levee was completed for the Old Valentine Pump Station, and they will take the engines and relocate them onto the discharge pipes. Then, on the Del Mar Farm culverts, Mr. Picciola was still gathering information to locate and deepen the culverts. The Valerie Canal sweep out (Region D) would begin on Monday, August 30<sup>th</sup>. The Cloverly Bridge plan should be completed in mid-August. The culverts were completed on West 11<sup>th</sup> and West 13<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Picciola was to provide a recommendation on how much dirt was necessary to fill in at the Burlington dam. The Serigny/Mobley project began and trustees are being used to help. The sidewalk project was contracted to Lebro Construction and awaiting their start.

## **DISCUSSIONS**

The next item (6) on the agenda was a discussion concerning the twenty-arpent canal. Mr. Brent Callais began by stating that he spoke with Mr. Cheramie and would like him to receive some prices for doing some aerial spraying and to clean out some trees.

The next item (7) on the agenda was a discussion concerning the Bayou Bank Stabilization project between Lockport to Larose. Mr. Phillip Gouaux requested that the Administration do some research on mitigation to find out what would be necessary to get the project moving.

The next item (8) on the agenda was a discussion concerning hurricane preparedness. Mr. Gouaux requested that every area of the parish perform certain duties ahead of time and would like the Administration to look at it. President Randolph explained that the Department of Public Works has a detailed plan and that she would get a copy presented to the Council.

The next item (9) on the agenda was a discussion concerning parish wide servitudes. Mr. Daniel Lorraine expressed his concerns and stated that it was a parish-wide problem; people digging ditches in the subdivisions and how that will become a problem in the future. Mr. Cheramie explained right-of-ways and that people need to be prevented from building anything on them.

The next item (10) on the agenda was a discussion concerning the removal of a sunken boat in the area of the Lockport Boat Launch. Mr. Gouaux stated that he would like the Administration to research this issue because Sheriff Webre sent a letter and nothing was done about it, and that was over a year and a half ago.

The next item (11) on the agenda was a discussion concerning the removal of derelict boat sheds along the Company Canal in Lockport. Mr. Gouaux said this is another problem that he faces in his District and would like for it to be resolved. He stated that this was a true safety hazard, especially for hurricanes and storms. Mr. Lindel Toups suggested that the Town of Lockport should be partly responsible because of the leases. Mr. Cheramie stated that he had met with the Mayor of Lockport trying to get them to take action with the parish, and all they want to do is offer a list of those who have a lease.

The next item (12) on the agenda was a discussion concerning the levee along Bayou Blue. Mr. Gouaux stated that Mr. Cheramie had cleared that up with the 2005 budget.

### **RESOLUTIONS**

The next item (13) on the agenda was a resolution requesting the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development to permanently fix the sink hole on Louisiana Highway 316 between Meadowland Drive and Ozia Skyline Drive, Bayou Blue, Ward 11 of Lafourche Parish. A **motion** was offered by Mr. Michael Matherne, seconded by Mr. Phillip Gouaux, and *carried* by a vote of nine (9) yeas and zero (0) nays.

#### **RES. NO. FIX SINK HOLE ON LOUISIANA HIGHWAY 316**

The next item (14) on the agenda was a resolution requesting the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development to permanently fix the sink hole on Louisiana Highway 20 at the water tower near the Texaco in Ward 6 of Lafourche Parish. A **motion** was offered by Mr. Michael Delatte, seconded by Mr. Phillip Gouaux, and *carried* by a vote of nine (9) yeas and zero (0) nays.

#### **RES. NO. FIX SINK HOLE ON LOUISIANA HIGHWAY 20**

The next item (15) on the agenda was a resolution authorizing J. Wayne Plaisance to perform drainage work on West 11<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> Streets on the aprons approaching Louisiana Highway 3235; and authorizing the Parish President to sign any and all necessary documents. This item was *pulled* from the agenda.

The next item (16) on the agenda was a resolution authorizing J. Wayne Plaisance to perform drainage work on East 90<sup>th</sup> Street; and authorizing the Parish President to sign any and all necessary documents. This item was *pulled* from the agenda.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

The next item on the agenda was Other Business. There was no other business to be addressed.

### **ADJOURN**

On **motion** by Mr. Brent Callais, seconded by Mr. Phillip Gouaux, and with no further business, the Lafourche Parish Council Public Works and Solid Waste Committee meeting of August 24, 2004, **adjourned** at 8:34 pm.

**MARK ATZENHOFFER, CHAIRMAN  
LAFOURCHE PARISH PUBLIC WORKS  
AND SOLID WASTE COMMITTEE**

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