

NOVEMBER 23, 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, NOVEMBER 23, 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. Michael Delatte, 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 5:53 p.m. with the following:

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

**ABSENT:** Mr. Michael Matherne

**PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE COMMITTEE**

The first (1) item on the agenda was Mr. John Wall to address the Committee regarding drainage of his family property into the parish system. Mr. Wall began by stating that his brother and himself own 640 acres of property in Lockport (542 acres being marsh land behind the 40 Arpent Canal). He asked that they be allowed to put a couple of pipes through the canal to help drain their property. Mr. Wall said that they would still maintain their pumping station, which they own themselves. He explained how the pipes would benefit his property and his cattle. Mr. Wall stated that he did some research at the Courthouse and found that their property was part of the Delaune property that was issued the rights through the Courts to place pipes in the 40 Arpent Canal. A detailed discussion ensued. A **motion** was offered by Mr. Phillip Gouaux, seconded by Mr. Lindel Toups, to get the Administration to research this issue to find out what can legally be done and then come back to the January Council meeting, and **carried** by a vote of eight (8) yeas, zero (0) nays, and one (1) absent, that being of Mr. Michael Matherne. Another discussion ensued.

**PRESENTATIONS**

The next item (2) on the agenda was a presentation by Mr. Kevin Belanger with South Central Planning and Development Commission regarding the EPA Waste Water Grant. Mr. Belanger, CEO, stated that he was present at the November 9<sup>th</sup> Council meeting and relayed information on a grant that was received to conduct a feasibility study and implementation of projects. He then requested the Council's consideration. President Randolph said some research was done and that it would result in a return of \$247,130. She said that it would also make the parish eligible for future 75:25 match funds from the Corp. for other projects. A discussion ensued and it was agreed that this would be presented as an ordinance at the December 14, 2004 meeting.

The next item (3) on the agenda was a presentation by Mr. Arthur and Mrs. Jane Boudreaux with People Environmental Action League regarding the proposed Belle Solid Waste Landfill. Ms. Boudreaux reviewed with the Council some information that was sent to them on an impact study (Impact of Municipal and Industrial Non-Hazardous Waste Landfills on Public Health and the Environment: An Overview). Mr. Boudreaux read from a document that was received from someone who resides in Assumption Parish which explained how they felt it would affect Bayou Lafourche. He spoke of two water wells on the property which free-flow, which means when the water level of the river is high that the pressure causes the ground water table to rise. He continued by saying that the drinking water would be impacted by the landfill. Mr. Boudreaux asked the Council to join their effort by considering a resolution to protest the proposed landfill. Chairman Delatte requested that the information be forwarded to the Administration to do further research on how Lafourche Parish would be affected by the landfill. A brief discussion ensued. Ms. Boudreaux stated that the comment deadline was extended to January 10<sup>th</sup>. Ms. Ida Bush, Executive Director of the Corporation, said her interest was in the wellness of people. She asked that the Council support them in their efforts. Mr. John Beck, Vice President of the Assumption Parish School Board and President-Elect on the State School Board Association, made a few comments on the issue of the landfill. He stated that the School Board adopted a resolution against the landfill on October 20<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Beck referenced an article from The Morning Advocate that was written against DEQ, that their policy was sadly lacking and failed to enforce the law. He asked that the Council strongly consider a resolution. Mr. Mark Atzenhoffer requested a copy of the resolution be forwarded to the Council Clerk and to have it as a discussion on the December 14<sup>th</sup> agenda. Dr. Tommy Lasseigne asked where was the landfill being proposed to be placed. Mr. Beck stated that a brochure was published by Belle and that they were to be located at an isolated, secluded tract of land in Assumption Parish that would be barely visible from the nearest roadway on Highway 70. He again asked that the Council support it as a resolution and send it to the Governing Body, the Governor, and DEQ. Mr. Welmon Comeaux said he represented Assumption Parish and that he was an originator of the League, doing this for approximately ten years. He stated that he had worked for a refinery and developed numerous diseases because of working with hazardous material. Mr. Comeaux asked for the Council's help and cooperation.

### **PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

The next item on the agenda was the Director of Public Works report. Mr. Ray Chermie updated the Council on some of the major projects that were done at some of the field offices:

#### **Thibodaux Field Office**

- Legendre Drainage Ditch - Completed
- Lil Al's Drainage Ditch - Completed
- Parish Line Drainage Ditch - Ongoing
- All street ditches in Country Club area - Ongoing

#### **Raceland Field Office**

- St. Ann Clean culverts, dug ditches & set culverts at the ends of street for bus turn around, (Ongoing) waiting for contractor to build catch basin & Entergy to move light pole.
- Wilson Street Outfall Canal- completed except for spreading dirt.
- Eroche Outfall - Completed
- Sergian Truxillo Outfall - Completed

#### **Lockport Field Office**

- East 25<sup>th</sup> Outfall Canal - Completed
- David Breaux Outfall Canal - Completed

Larose Intracoastal Protection Levee 95% Complete (Use of North Lafourche Levee District Buggy Excavator)  
Clyde Orgeron Outfall Canal - Ongoing  
Ludevine Levee - Ongoing  
East 14<sup>th</sup> Street - 80% Complete

#### **Galliano Field Office**

Breton to Valerie Canal - Ongoing in partnership with South Lafourche Levee District Long Reach.  
East 90<sup>th</sup> Street - Hunter Ditch - Completed  
West 41<sup>st</sup> Street - Blanchard Ditch - Completed  
Milton Rogers Ditch (West of 3235) - Completed  
East 172<sup>nd</sup> - East 178<sup>th</sup> Street (east of residents) - Ongoing  
Paul Dufrene South Ditch - Completed  
Jimmy Badeaux Ditch - Ongoing  
East 69<sup>th</sup> Street - Tony Duet Ditch - Ongoing

#### **Chackbay Field Office**

Removed two 36" corrugated culverts and installed one 36" arch culvert in front of St. James Church in Choctaw.  
Dug a lateral ditch in Chackbay to Tauzin Levee Canal.  
Installed pipe in Levee with gate at Grand Bayou so that water can get off property.  
Dug Levee Canal from Martinez Pump Station going toward Ron Pom Pon, dug 1600 ft. removing water lilies and digging slush and dirt out of canal.

#### **Bayou Blue Field Office**

Repairs on Oak Point Road where water had damaged road and dust control.  
Excavator cleaning ditches - Completed... St. Charles Bypass, working on Burma Road.  
Repaired bulkhead, drove plate iron against bridge at Laura Street.

### **MOTIONS**

The next item (4) on the agenda was a motion to recommend a variance request on James Cantrelle, II Subdivision, District 6, Ward 4, from the cul-de-sac exceeding the maximum five hundred (500') feet required by subdivision regulations. The cul-de-sac will be located five hundred forty (540') feet. A **motion** was offered by Mr. Mark Atzenhoffer and seconded by Mr. Lindel Toups. A brief discussion ensued. The motion **carried** by a vote of eight (8) yeas, zero (0) nays, and one (1) absent, that being of Mr. Michael Matherne.

### **DISCUSSIONS**

The next item (5) on the agenda was a discussion concerning the one-way on West 217<sup>th</sup> Street from Louisiana Highway 1 to Highway 3235. Mr. Daniel Lorraine asked Mr. Ray Cherie to get the Department of Public Works to re-install the one-way and stop signs (that have just recently been knocked down) on West 217<sup>th</sup> Street because the traffic is not following the regulations. He also requested that a letter be sent to the Sheriff's Office to enforce the regulations. A brief discussion ensued.

A **motion** was offered by Mr. Mark Atzenhoffer, seconded by Dr. Tommy Lasseigne, and **carried** by a vote of eight (8) yeas, zero (0) nays, and one (1) absent, that being of Mr. Michael Matherne, to **open** the Two-Thirds Agenda.

## **TWO-THIRDS AGENDA**

The first item (1) was a resolution authorizing the Parish President to sign a local service agreement with Lafourche Basin Levee District in order that Lafourche Basin Levee District may recap the protection levees from Shanney Bayou to Legendre Canal and Sawmill Bridge to Dirt Bridge. A **motion** was offered by Mr. Mark Atzenhoffer and seconded by Mr. Phillip Gouaux. Dr. Tommy Lasseigne asked if this resolution was budgeted. President Randolph stated that it would not have a cost and that it was part of the standard cooperative endeavor agreement with the Lafourche Basin Levee District. She further explained that this service was part of the drainage in-house work. A brief discussion ensued.

**RES. NO. 04-**

A **motion** was offered by Mr. Mark Atzenhoffer, seconded by Dr. Tommy Lasseigne, and *carried* by a vote of eight (8) yeas, zero (0) nays, and one (1) absent, that being of Mr. Michael Matherne, to *close* the Two-Thirds Agenda.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

The next item on the agenda was Other Business. Hearing none, Chairman Delatte moved to the next item.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

On **motion** by Mr. Mark Atzenhoffer, seconded by Dr. Tommy Lasseigne, and with no further business, the Lafourche Parish Council Public Works and Solid Waste Committee meeting of November 23, 2004, **adjourned** at 6:50 pm.

**MICHAEL DELATTE, CHAIRMAN  
PUBLIC WORKS AND  
SOLID WASTE COMMITTEE**

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