

**MAY 3, 2004
RACELAND, LOUISIANA**

**STATE OF LOUISIANA
PARISH LAFOURCHE**

A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE LAFOURCHE PARISH COUNCIL, PARISH OF LAFOURCHE, STATE OF LOUISIANA, WAS SCHEDULED FOR MONDAY, MAY 3, 2004, AT 7:00 P.M., IN THE COUNCIL ROOM AT THE LAFOURCHE PARISH COUNCIL BARRIOS CENTER, 1612, HWY. 182, SUITE 100, RACELAND, LOUISIANA.

The Parish Council was duly convened as the governing authority of said Parish by Mr. Lindel Toups, Chairman, who then stated that the Parish Council was ready for the transaction of business at 6:30 P.M.

Chairman Toups announced that the opening prayer would be led by Mr. Michael Matherne. The Council then recited the Pledge of Allegiance led by Council Member Mark Atzenhoffer.

Proceedings of the meeting were called to order with the following:

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

ABSENT: None

Chairman Toups that the Parish President and Public Works Director Ray Cheramie was also present.

DISCUSSION/MOTIONS

The first item (1) on the agenda was a discussion concerning flooding problems, including but not limited to, the problems experienced on Friday, April 30, 2004; and for the Council to take whatever action deems necessary. Chairman Toups commended the Administration for a job well done on handling the recent heavy rainfall problem. Mr. Mark Atzenhoffer mentioned that the council had experienced its first major event and discussed why he requested that a special meeting be called for tonight. He then commended everyone who contributed to handling the problem for doing such an admirable job. Mr. Atzenhoffer addressed the issues of areas that are under pumped and problems due to heavy rain fall. He stated that the main purpose he wanted this meeting was so that the Administration could hear the Councilmen’s frustrations and work on formulating a plan. Mr. Brent Callais discussed the problems in District 8 and possible solutions. He suggested that each

councilman get an aerial map of their district. Mr. Ray Cheramie addressed the issue of the pump stations, suggesting adding more pump stations in areas that need it most, which would help with the parishes drainage problems. A **motion** was offered by Mr. Phillip Gouaux and seconded by Mr. Mike Delatte requesting each councilman to meet with Public Works Director Ray Cheramie and the Barn Foremen to discuss the problems within their district and to create a solution, which will be presented to the public at a council meeting. Mr. Atzenhoffer expressed his concerns regarding whose responsible for outfall canals and ditches. The council **approved** the motion by a vote of nine (9) yeas and zero (0) nays. Next, Chairman Toups discussed the issue allowing the barns to work on Fridays. Mr. Gouaux then mentioned the need for new equipment and having money to match grants. A discussion ensued regarding the barns working on Fridays. Mr. Mike Delatte requested that if the Administration was going to look for money to allow the barns to work on Fridays that only drainage issues be worked on. Mr. Atzenhoffer discussed the overtime issue and said that the parish may need to look into contracting out work. A discussion ensued regarding the cost of drainage equipment. A **motion** was offered by Mr. Brent Callais and Mr. Tyrone Williams authorizing the Parish President and the Public Works Director to authorize the parish barns to work overtime on Fridays for drainage issues only. Mr. Tommy Lasseigne discussed different options of work schedules, such as flextime, rotating shifts, and 45 hour work weeks. President Randolph mentioned that this issue is under review. Discussion ensued. The council **approved** the motion by a vote of nine (9) yeas and zero (0) nays.

Next, Chairman Toups allowed the public to address the Council. Mr. Edward Dupre, resident of Bayou Blue, discussed the issue of water being backed up from Hollywood Canal. Mr. Ray Cheramie mentioned that Mr. Joe Picciola was working on getting satellite photos and aerial maps of the parish.

ADJOURN

On motion by Mr. Mike Delatte, seconded by Mr. Daniel Lorraine, and with no further business, the Lafourche Parish Council Meeting of May 3, 2004, is now adjourned at 7:20 P.M.

**LINDEL TOUPS, CHAIRMAN
LAFOURCHE PARISH COUNCIL**

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