

PROCEEDINGS OF THE POLICE JURY, PARISH OF OUACHITA, STATE OF LOUISIANA, TAKEN AT A REGULAR MEETING HELD MONDAY, MARCH 17, 2008, AT 6:43 P.M.

The Police Jury of the Parish of Ouachita, State of Louisiana met in regular and legal session in the Ouachita Parish Police Jury Meeting Room, Courthouse Building, Monroe, Louisiana on Monday, March 17, 2008 at 6:43 p.m., and was duly convened by Mr. Walt M. Caldwell, President, who stated that the Police Jury was ready for the transaction of business.

Members Present (6)

Mr. Charles Jackson	District A
Mr. Mack Calhoun	District B
Mr. Walt Caldwell	District C
Mr. Dorth Blade	District D
Mr. Shane Smiley	District E
Ms. Pat Moore	District F

Members Absent (0)

Invocation was given by Mr. Cammack. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by Mr. Cammack.

Motion by Ms. Moore, seconded by Mr. Smiley to adopt the minutes of the regular Police Jury meeting held on March 3, 2008. Motion passed with no opposition.

VISITORS:

The president recognized Ms. Janice Williams. Ms. Williams spoke briefly regarding the area of the parish known as the College Point Addition located in District B. Ms. Williams asked the jury what could be done to clean up the area. Discussion ensued and Ms. Williams complaints were referred to Code Enforcement. No formal action was taken on this matter.

The president recognized Ms. Kay Lynn Tettleton of the LSU Ag Center Community & Rural Economic Development. Ms. Tettleton updated the jury on the activities of her office. She informed the jury about a recent 2008 Ag Outlook Conference that was held February 25-27, 2008 in Ouachita Parish.

The president recognized Mr. Steve Odom, President of the Local Fire Fighters Union. Mr. Odom spoke regarding the base pay increase for parish fire fighters. Discussion ensued. The president stated that this item was on Mr. Jackson's agenda and asked whether he would like to address this matter at this time. Mr. Jackson stated that he would like for the matter be taken up at the appropriate time.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

The president CONVENED a Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 8883 regarding truck traffic in the Tanglewood and Charmingdale Subdivisions. No one appeared to speak on behalf of or against the proposed ordinance.

Motion by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Calhoun to close the Public Hearing. Motion passed with no opposition.

The president CONVENED a Public Hearing on Resolution 08-08 regarding the Restoration Tax Abatement Program for 410 Trenton Street, West Monroe, Louisiana. Mr. Jay Mitchell, Assistant District Attorney advised that the Tax Assessor's questions regarding this resolution had been answered and the Assessor had withdrawn his request that this matter be tabled. No one else appeared to speak on behalf or against this resolution.

Motion offered by Ms. Moore, seconded by Mr. Smiley to close the Public Hearing. Motion passed with no opposition.

The president CONVENED a Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 8886 regarding Closing Cheniere Lake Park Area Six during certain nighttime hours. No one appeared to speak on behalf of or against the proposed ordinance.

Motion offered by Mr. Calhoun, seconded by Mr. Blade to close the Public Hearing. Motion passed with no opposition.

MOTIONS * ORDINANCES * RESOLUTIONS:

MR. CHARLES JACKSON, DISTRICT A:

The president recognized Mr. Jackson. Mr. Jackson spoke regarding the base pay adjustment for fire fighters and asked that Mr. Mitchell notify the union as to the proposed amendments to the working agreement. Motion was offered by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Ms. Moore to amend the working agreement as follows:

Amendment #1 - Insert a provision to provide pay enhancements in an amount to equal monthly state supplement pay after the first year employment. This pay enhancement will only be available to fire fighters who are not eligible for state supplemental pay during their first year of employment.

Amendment #2 - Increase the monthly base pay of fire fighters from \$1680 to \$1735 per month. Additional comments were made by Mr. Jackson regarding the amendments. Discussion ensued. Motion passed with Mr. Blade opposing.

The following Resolution was offered by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Ms. Moore:

RESOLUTION 08-14

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE WEST OUACHITA RECREATION DISTRICT'S REQUEST FOR LEGISLATION AMENDING STATE LAW CONCERNING THE FUNDING OF RECREATION DISTRICTS; AND FURTHER PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO

WHEREAS, under authority conferred by the Louisiana Constitution and La. R.S. 33:4562, *et seq.* the Ouachita Parish Police Jury created "West Ouachita Recreation District No.1, Ouachita Parish, Louisiana"("District") with said District encompassing that portion of Ouachita Parish located west of the Ouachita River;

WHEREAS, under State law the purpose of Recreation Districts is to promote recreation and any related activity within said District;

WHEREAS, through a grant by the Ouachita Parish Police Jury the District engaged professional consultants to develop recommendations for the establishment of park(s) within the District and for the development and operation of other recreational facilities throughout the District;

WHEREAS, present law generally authorizes Recreation Districts to be funded by the levy of an *ad valorem* property tax; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of West Ouachita Recreation District No. 1 has asked the Legislature to amend the present law to give the District the option of asking the voters to consider a Proposition that would provide for said District to be funded by a sales and use tax rather than an *ad valorem* property tax;

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Ouachita Parish Police Jury hereby evidences its support of the West Ouachita Recreation District's request for the introduction, support, and adoption of appropriate legislation allowing said District the option of asking the voters to consider a Proposition that would provide for said District to be funded by a sales and use tax rather than an *ad valorem* property tax.

Discussion ensued.

Mr. Calhoun asked for a roll call vote on this matter. The resolution was submitted to a roll call vote, and vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS:(3) **Mr. Charles Jackson, Mr. Walt Caldwell, Ms. Pat Moore**

NAYS:(3) **Mr. Mack Calhoun, Mr. Dorth Blade, Mr. Shane Smiley**

ABSTAINING (0)

The above resolution failed.

MR. CALHOUN, DISTRICT B:

The president recognized Mr. Calhoun. Motion by Mr. Calhoun, seconded by Mr. Jackson to adopt the minutes of the Public Works Committee meeting held on March 3, 2008. Motion passed with no opposition.

The following Ordinance was offered by Mr. Calhoun for final adoption, seconded by Ms. Moore:

ORDINANCE NO. 8886 (FINAL)

AN ORDINANCE CLOSING CHENIERE LAKE PARK AREA SIX DURING CERTAIN NIGHTTIME HOURS; ESTABLISHING PENALTIES FOR THE UNAUTHORIZED PRESENCE ON THE PROPERTY OF CHENIERE LAKE AREA SIX WHEN CLOSED; AND, FURTHER PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, the Ouachita Parish Police Jury owns Cheniere Lake in western Ouachita Parish;

WHEREAS, the Ouachita Parish Police Jury owns several riparian parcels around Cheniere Lake upon which the Ouachita Parish Police Jury operates parks that include boat ramps and other recreational facilities;

WHEREAS, the Ouachita Parish Sheriff has requested that the Ouachita Parish Police Jury take action to limit nighttime disturbances occurring at one of these parks which is designated as "Cheniere Lake Area Six;"

WHEREAS, Cheniere Lake Area Six is a remote, unlighted park making the supervision of nighttime activities there difficult; and,

WHEREAS, other lighted parks such as Cheniere Lake Area One and Cheniere Lake Area Three provide fishermen and others with adequate nighttime access to Cheniere Lake;

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT ORDAINED by the Ouachita Parish Police Jury in legal and regular session that Article III of Chapter 11 of the Compiled Ordinances of the Parish of Ouachita, State of Louisiana, be, and hereby is, supplemented and amended to add Section 11-60 to provide as follows:

"Sec. 11-60. Nighttime closure of Cheniere Lake Park Area Six. Cheniere Lake Park Area Six shall be closed to the public each night at 9:00 p.m. and shall be re-opened each morning at 4:00 a.m. It shall be unlawful for any person to be on the property of Cheniere Lake Park Area Six during such closed hours without the express, written permission of the Ouachita Parish Police Jury.

Any person violating the provisions of this Section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine of not less than one hundred dollars (\$100.00) nor more than five hundred dollars (\$500.00).

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the Ouachita Parish Public Works Department is hereby directed to post appropriate signage at the entrances to Cheniere Lake Park Area Six advising park users of the provisions of this Ordinance.

The above Ordinance was introduced on 3rd day of March 2008.

The Ordinance was submitted to a roll call vote, and vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS	(6)
NAYS	(0)
ABSTAINING	(0)

The above Ordinance was adopted this the 17th day of March 2008.

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Mr. Calhoun asked Mr. Heckford to speak regarding the grant application of Keep Ouachita and Louisiana Beautiful Grant. Motion by Mr. Calhoun, seconded by Mr. Smiley to approve the grant application for Keep Ouachita Beautiful in the amount of \$15,000. Discussion ensued. Mr. Caldwell offered an amendment to the motion by Mr. Calhoun to provide that matching funds for this Grant be drawn from the interest on the Glenwood Hospital funds if determined by legal counsel and parish treasurer that such expenditure fell within the dedication of such funds as established by last year's ordinance, seconded by Mr. Smiley. Motion passed with no opposition.

Mr. Jackson left the meeting at this time.

Mr. Calhoun spoke regarding the Local Government Assistance Grants received by the parish. Discussion ensued. Motion by Mr. Calhoun, seconded Mr. Blade to accept the three local government assistance grants. Motion passed with no opposition.

- 1) \$15,800 - Grant to construct public restrooms at Cheniere Lake
- 2) \$22,000 - Grant to purchase and install a backup generator for Southwest Ouachita Waterworks Well No. 2
- 3) \$20,000 Grant to extend the 6" water main along Hwy 151 to the south side of Interstate 20

Mr. Calhoun spoke regarding the request of the Northeast Louisiana Motorcyclists for Kids to occupy Area 8 of Cheniere Lake. Motion by Mr. Calhoun, seconded by Mr. Smiley to grant

permission to the Northeast LA Motorcyclists for Kids to occupy Cheniere Lake Area 8, June 9-16, 2008. Motion passed with no opposition.

Mr. Calhoun spoke regarding the site purchase of the Southwest Regional Library. Motion by Mr. Calhoun, seconded by Ms. Moore to allow the president to execute a purchase agreement for the site of the Southwest Regional Library located at the corner of Mount Vernon Church Rd and Hwy 34. Motion passed with no opposition.

MR. CALDWELL, DISTRICT C:

Mr. Caldwell spoke regarding amending the meeting time of the Police Jury from 6:30 pm to 5:30 pm and asked that the matter be deferred until the next meeting.

Mr. Caldwell spoke regarding Resolution 08-08.

The following resolution was offered Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Mr. Smiley:

RESOLUTION NO. 08-08

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE AD VALOREM TAX EXEMPTION FOR STEVEN R. HALL/ARCO BUILDERS, INC. REGARDING THE RESTORATION OF A HISTORIC STRUCTURE LOCATED AT 410 TRENTON STREET, WEST MONROE, LOUISIANA; AND FURTHER PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, under LSA-R.S. 47:4314, an application for a limited ad valorem tax exemption is required to be reviewed by the local governing authority prior to approval thereof; and

WHEREAS, the proposed restoration of the building located at 410 Trenton Street will greatly enhance the economic development of downtown Monroe.

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Ouachita Parish Police Jury in legal and regular session that certain application under the Restoration Tax Abatement Program by Steven R. Hall/ARCO Builders, Inc. dated January 23, 2008 regarding the restoration of a building located at 410 Trenton Street with the estimated construction costs of \$630,000.00, be and hereby is approved, all as per Exhibit "A" attached hereto.

The resolution was submitted to a roll call vote, and the vote thereon was as follows:

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NAYS 0

ABSTAINING 1 (Mr. Charles Jackson)

The above resolution was adopted the 17th day of March 2008.

Mr. Jackson returned to the meeting at this time.

Mr. Caldwell spoke regarding the appointments to Northeast LA Youth Service Board. Motion by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Mr. Jackson to approve the 2008 appointments to the Northeast LA Youth Service Planning Board. Motion passed with no opposition.

Mr. Caldwell spoke regarding the appointments to the East Ouachita Recreation District No. 1. Mr. Caldwell commended Mr. John Brown and Mr. Ronnie Sharp for their years of service to the district and board. The following resolution was offered by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Mr. Calhoun:

RESOLUTION 08-12

A RESOLUTION APPOINTING MICHELLE GREGORY AND DOUG BUFFINGTON TO THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF EAST OUACHITA RECREATION DISTRICT NO. 1; AND, FURTHER PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, the terms of office of Mr. John Brown and Mr. Ronnie Sharp on the Board of Commissioners of East Ouachita Recreation District No. 1 have expired; and

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Ouachita Parish Police Jury hereby commends and thanks Mr. John Brown and Mr. Ronnie Sharp for their years of service to the East Ouachita Recreation District as members of its Board of Commissioners;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that considering the expiration of the terms of Mr. Brown and Mr. Sharp, the following are hereby appointed to the Board of Commissioners of East Ouachita Recreation District No. 1 for a term of four (4) years beginning March 17, 2008 and ending March 17, 2012:

- 1) Michelle Gregory, 104 E Bend Place, Monroe, Louisiana 71203 to fill the seat formerly held by Mr. Ronnie Sharp; and,
- 1) Mr. Doug Buffington,

The following resolution was adopted the 17th day of March 2008.

MR. BLADE, DISTRICT D:

The president recognized Mr. Blade.

Motion by Mr. Blade, seconded by Mr. Jackson to adopt the Minutes of the Personnel Committee meeting held on March 3, 2008. Motion passed with no opposition.

Mr. Blade spoke regarding the matter of a second access to the Garden Park Subdivision. Mr. Harrison presented a drawing and cost estimates to the jury to address this matter. Discussion ensued. No action taken on this matter.

MR. SHANE SMILEY, DISTRICT E:

The president recognized Mr. Smiley.

The following resolution was offered by Mr. Smiley, seconded by Mr. Calhoun

RESOLUTION 08-13

A RESOLUTION APPOINTING RICK GRIMMETT AND JOHN TANNEHILL TO THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF EAST OUACHITA RECREATION DISTRICT NO. 1; AND, FURTHER PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, the Ouachita Parish Police Jury desires to allow Mr. Rick Grimmatt and Mr. John Tannehill to serve on the Board of Commissioners of East Ouachita Recreation District No.1;

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED, that Mr. Rick Grimmatt is hereby appointed to the Board of Commissioners of East Ouachita Recreation District No. 1 to fill the seat presently held by Mr. Steve Albritton and serve the remaining term for that seat which expires July 9, 2011 and Mr. John Tannehill is hereby appointed to the Board of Commissioners of East Ouachita Recreation District No. 1 to fill the seat presently held by Mr. John Tilmon and serve the remaining term for that seat which expires July 9, 2011;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Ouachita Parish Police Jury hereby thanks Mr. Tilmon and Mr. Albritton for their service to East Ouachita Recreation District as members of its Board of Commissioners; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Ouachita Parish Police Jury hereby extends special commendation to Mr. Steve Albritton for his years of service as Chairman of the Board of Commissioners of East Ouachita Recreation District No. 1.

The above resolution was adopted the 17th day of March 2008.

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MS. PAT MOORE, DISTRICT F:

The president recognized Ms. Pat Moore

Ms. Moore asked Mr. Harrison and Mr. Mitchell to update the jury on the Tanglewood Flood Control Project. Discussion ensued. Motion by Ms. Moore, seconded by Mr. Calhoun to proceed with the Tanglewood Flood Control Project as recommended by the parish engineer. Motion passed with no opposition.

The following ordinance was offered by Ms. Moore, seconded by Mr. Jackson:

ORDINANCE NO. 8886 (FINAL)

AN ORDINANCE LIMITING CERTAIN TRUCK TRAFFIC ON PARISH ROADS IN THE TANGLEWOOD AND CHARMINGDALE SUBDIVISIONS IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREA OF OUACHITA PARISH; PROVIDING AN ENFORCEMENT MECHANISM AND PENALTIES THEREFORE; AND FURTHER PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, the Ouachita Parish Police Jury finds that large commercial trucks are using Parish roads in the Tanglewood Subdivision as a connecting route or “shortcut” between U.S. Highway 165 Bypass South and Louisiana Highway 15;

WHEREAS, the Ouachita Parish Police Jury further finds that large commercial truck traffic is using Parish roads in Charmingdale Subdivision as a connector or “shortcut” between U.S. Highway 165 South and Harmon Johnson Road;

WHEREAS, the Ouachita Parish Police Jury finds that the resulting increase of large commercial truck traffic on these roads in densely populated residential subdivisions constitutes a threat to the safety of other motorists and pedestrians within said subdivisions; and

WHEREAS, the Ouachita Parish Police Jury finds that prohibiting the use of roads in Tanglewood and Charmingdale Subdivisions as a connector or shortcut as described above is a reasonable exercise of the Ouachita Parish Police Jury’s authority to regulate its Parish roads:

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT ORDAINED by the Ouachita Parish Police Jury in legal and regular session that Section 14-5 of the compiled ordinances of the Parish of Ouachita, State of Louisiana, be and hereby is adopted as follows:

“SEC. 14-5. Prohibition of non-local commercial truck traffic on certain roads.

- A. No person shall operate a tractor trailer or a commercial truck having a body length in excess of thirty (30) feet on the following roads in the unincorporated areas of Ouachita Parish:
Tanglewood Drive

Dellwood Drive
Charmingdale Drive
North Charmingdale Drive
Merrydale Drive
Country Club Boulevard

- B. The provisions of this Section shall not apply to (1) fire apparatus; (2) vehicles and machinery used solely in road construction while actually engaged in work upon a roadway; (3) implements of husbandry, including farm tractors temporarily moved upon a highway; or (4) a vehicle making a local delivery or call that requires it to use any road identified in paragraph A above;
- C. Violation of this Section shall be punishable by a fine of not less than \$100.00 nor more than \$500.00.”

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that pursuant to Ouachita Parish Ordinance No. 7952, the Ouachita Parish Public Works Department is hereby directed to post appropriate signage at the entrances to the roads identified above.

The above ordinance was introduced on the 4th day of February 2008.

The ordinance was submitted to a roll call vote, and the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS	(6)
NAYS	(0)
ABSTAINING	(0)

The above ordinance was adopted on the 17th day of March 2008.

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Ms. Moore offered a motion to accept the agreement with LA DEQ for Right-of-Way of Harmon Johnson Rd, seconded by Mr. Blade. Discussion ensued. Motion passed with no opposition.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

Mr. Brad Cammack, Treasurer

The president recognized Mr. Cammack.

Mr. Cammack spoke regarding hiring Davyon Hill to fill the position of buyer. Motion by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Mr. Jackson to hire Mr. Hill effective date of March 25, 2008. Motion passed with no opposition.

Mr. Cammack informed the jury that he would be off during spring break, March 24-25, 2008.

Chief Pat Hemphill, Fire Department

The president recognized Chief Pat Hemphill of the Fire Department.

Chief Hemphill introduced the latest appointee to the Fire Department Citizen's Advisory Board, Mr. Shane Morehead and expressed his gratitude for showing an interest in the proceedings. The chief stated that he would like to declare 3 vehicles as surplus. Motion by Mr. Blade, seconded Mr. Smiley to declare the 3 fire trucks (1988 GMC Fire Truck, 1989 Volvo Fire Truck, 1968 American LaFrance Fire Truck) as surplus. Motion passed with no opposition.

Chief Hemphill spoke regarding the bid tabulation for defibrillators. The chief explained that the low bid Zoll Medical did not meet the bid specifications regarding the maximum shocking power required and other specifications. The next lowest bid was by Physio Controls which did meet the specifications. Motion by Mr. Calhoun, seconded by Mr. Jackson to accept the low responsive bid of Physio Control. Motion passed with no opposition.

Chief Hemphill spoke regarding the termination of sick leave for Ramsey Briant, effective April 1, 2008; extending the sick leave of Michael DeMoss effective February 11, 2008; and extending the sick leave of Perry Jordon effective date of February 26, 2008. Motion by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Smiley to approve the personnel actions as submitted by the fire chief. Motion passed with no opposition.

Chief Hemphill spoke regarding the request of travel for Curt Meachum to attend the National Fire Academy 2008-June 9-20, 2008. The cost to the department will only be \$227.64, as the Fire Academy will cover the cost of travel and lodging. Motion by Mr. Calhoun, seconded by Mr. Blade to approve the travel request. Motion passed with no opposition.

Chief Hemphill commended firefighter Steve Odom for his actions to save a dog during a structure fire.

CRAIG LOTT, 911 Director

The president recognized Craig Lott, 911 Director.

Mr. Lott spoke regarding the hiring a Call Taker Trainee and recommended to hire Kenya Jones.. Motion by Mr. Calhoun, seconded Ms. Moore to hire Kenya Jones as a Call Taker Trainee. Motion passed with no opposition.

MR. JAY MITCHELL, LEGAL:

The president recognized Mr. Mitchell, Legal Counsel.

Mr. Mitchell spoke regarding a letter from Attorney Harley Breite, Wayne, New Jersey who commended the efforts of fireman Steve Odom in connection with his dog rescue and enclosed a \$200 donation to the parish fire department.

Mr. Mitchell spoke regarding an application for Beer & Whiskey License that was received earlier in the day. Mr. Mitchell asked the jury to waive the agenda to take up this matter. Motion offered by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Mr. Blade to waive the agenda to take up this matter. Motion passed with no opposition.

Mr. Mitchell presented the following beer application for approval:

**GLOVER, DEWAYNE dba, “ HARTS CORNER STORE”, 4268
Hwy 139, Monroe, LA 71203, Ward 2,
Class “B” Beer, Retail Dealer,
RENEWAL**

Motion offered by Mr. Smiley, seconded by Mr. Calhoun to approve the beer application as submitted by legal counsel. Motion passed with no opposition.

MR. JOHN T. MURRAY, PUBLIC WORKS

The president recognized Mr. Murray, Public Works Director.

Mr. Murray spoke regarding the request to advertise for bids for front end loader. Discussion ensued. Motion offered by Mr. Blade, seconded by Mr. Calhoun to advertise for bids for a front end loader. Motion passed with no opposition.

Mr. Murray spoke regarding the preliminary subdivision approval of Parkwood II Estates, Unit 7. Discussion ensued. Motion by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Smiley to approve the preliminary subdivision approval of Parkwood II Estates, Unit 7 subject to the comments of Mr. Murray and Mr. Harrison with attention to Item #5. Motion passed with no opposition.

Mr. Murray spoke regarding hiring a temporary equipment operator. Motion was offered by Mr. Calhoun, seconded by Ms. Moore to hire an equipment operator. Motion passed with no opposition.

Mr. Murray spoke regarding the termination of Elbert Taylor. Discussion ensued. The president recused himself from the discussion and handed the gavel to the Vice President at this time. Mr. Taylor addressed the jury. Motion by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Smiley to accept the recommendation of Mr. Murray to terminate Elbert Taylor. Motion passed with Mr. Caldwell abstaining. The gavel was passed back to the president.

MR. DON HARRISON, PARISH ENGINEER

The president recognized Mr. Don Harrison, Parish Engineer.

Mr. Harrison presented to the jury the 2008 Road Improvement Program and 2008 Pavement Striping Contract. Motion by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Blade to approve the 2008 Road Improvement Program and the 2008 Pavement Striping Contract. Motion passed with no opposition.

Mr. Harrison presented to the jury the FY 2008 Federal Appropriation Requests. Discussion ensued. Motion offered by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Ms. Moore to delete items 1 and 2 from the list and move up items 3 through 5. Motion passed with no opposition.

Mr. Harrison presented to the jury the status of the FY 08-09 State Capital Outlay Projects for Ouachita Parish. Discussion ensued. Motion by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Ms. Moore to submit 5 items, items 11-Southeast Ouachita Industrial Park, 2 I-20 Frontage Road, 6 - Washington Street Connector, 5 - Corridor Preservation for Fink's Hideaway/LA 139 Connector, and 1 - Ouachita River Bridge LA 143/US 165 Connector to the state for capital outlay requests. Motion passed with no opposition.

The president invited the public to participate in the meeting. No one came forward at this time.

The president recognized Mr. Cammack. Mr. Cammack ask Mr. Mitchell to speak on the matter of the termination of the Network Specialist. Mr. Mitchell advised the Jury that this was a matter that could be taken up in executive session. However, the Network Specialist at issue, Mr. Chuck Koehler requested that the discussion concerning his employment be held in open meeting. Charles Kincaid, Attorney representing Mr. Koehler spoke regarding the matter on Mr. Koehler's behalf and Mr. Koehler spoke on his own behalf. Discussion ensued. Motion by Mr. Smiley, seconded by Ms. Moore to accept the recommendation of Mr. Cammack to terminate the position of Network Specialist. Motion passed with no opposition.

There being no other business to come before this body.

Motion by Mr. Blade, seconded by Mr. Smiley to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed with no opposition at 9:40 pm.

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Adopted April 7, 2008.