

Minutes of the Meeting Of the

Red River Parish Police Jury held on the 6th DAY of November 2024

THE RED RIVER PARISH POLICE JURY met on Wednesday, November 6, 2024, at 10:00 am., in the Police Jury Assembly Room, located in the Red River Parish Courthouse, Coushatta, La in its regular meeting with President Murray presiding. Roll Call and attendance were recorded as follows:

PRESENT: Taylor, Moore, Brown, Young, Davis, Murray, Hillman

ABSENT: None

Invocation by Mr. Taylor, and pledge by Mr. Murray

Roads

Mr. Woodard gave the CVU report, nothing voted on.

New Business

On the motion of Mr. Taylor seconded by Mr. Young the minutes for October 2024 were approved. Motion carried.

Expansion

Mr. Davis made the motion followed with a second by Mr. Brown to expand the agenda to reappoint Mr. Shane Hubbard and Gary Bedgood to the Northwest La Game & Fish Preserve Commission Board. Motion Carried.

On the motion of Mr. Davis, seconded by Mr. Taylor, Mr. Shane Hubbard & Gary Bedgood were reappointed to the Northwest La Game & Fish Preserve Commission Board. Motion Carried.

The following resolution was offered by Mr. Taylor and seconded by Mr. Brown.

RESOLUTION

A resolution ordering and calling a special election to be held in the Parish of Red River, State of Louisiana, to authorize the continuation of a special tax therein, making application to the State Bond Commission, and providing for other matters in connection therewith.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Police Jury of the Parish of Red River, State of Louisiana (the "Governing Authority"), acting as the governing authority of the Parish of Red River, State of Louisiana (the "Parish"), that:

SECTION 1. Election Call. Subject to the approval of the State Bond Commission, and under the authority conferred by the Constitution of the State of Louisiana of 1974, including Article VI, Section 26 thereof, the applicable provisions of the Louisiana Election Code, and other constitutional and statutory authority, a special election is hereby called and ordered to be held in the Parish on **SATURDAY, MARCH 29, 2025**, between the hours of seven o'clock (7:00) a.m. and eight o'clock (8:00) p.m., in accordance with the provisions of La. R.S. 18:541, and at the said election there shall be submitted to all registered voters qualified and entitled to vote at the said election under the Constitution and laws of this State and the Constitution of the United States, the following proposition, to-wit:

PROPOSITION (MILLAGE CONTINUATION)

Shall the Parish of Red River, State of Louisiana (the "Parish"), continue to levy a special tax of 1.21 mill on all the property subject to taxation within the Parish (an estimated \$308,500 reasonably expected at this time to be collected from the levy of the tax for an entire year), for a period of 10 years, beginning with the year 2026 and ending with the year 2035, to acquire, construct, maintain and operate Parish Senior Citizens' Centers and to provide funding for Parish Senior Citizens' Programs, operated by the Red River Parish Council on Aging, said millage to represent a .21 mills increase (due to reappraisal) over the 1 mill tax authorized to be levied through the year 2025 pursuant to an election held on December 6, 2014?

SECTION 2. Publication of Notice of Election. A Notice of Special Election shall be published in the official journal of the Parish once a week for four consecutive weeks, with the first publication to be made not less than forty-five (45) days nor more than ninety (90) days prior to the date of the election, which Notice shall be substantially in the form attached hereto as "Exhibit A" and incorporated herein by reference the same as if it were set forth herein in full.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, prior to the publication of the Notice of Election, the President is authorized and directed to make any amendments to the foregoing proposition that may be required to comply with any state or federal regulatory agencies.

SECTION 3. Canvass. This Governing Authority shall meet at its regular meeting place, the Courthouse, 3rd Floor, Police Jury Assembly Room, 615 E. Carrol Street, Coushatta, Louisiana, on **WEDNESDAY, MAY 7, 2025, at 10:00 A.M.**, and shall then and there in open and public session proceed to examine and canvass the returns and declare the result of the said special election.

SECTION 4. Polling Places. The polling places for the precincts in the Parish are hereby designated as the polling places at which to hold the said election, and the Commissioners-in-Charge and Commissioners, respectively, will be the same persons as those designated in accordance with law.

SECTION 5. Election Commissioners; Voting Machines. The officers designated to serve as Commissioners-in-Charge and Commissioners pursuant to Section 4 hereof, or such substitutes therefor as may be selected and designated in accordance with La. R.S. 18:1287, shall hold the said special election as herein provided, and shall make due returns of said election for the meeting of the Governing Authority to be held as provided in Section 3 hereof. All registered voters in the Parish will be entitled to vote at the special election, and voting machines shall be used.

SECTION 6. Authorization of Officers. The Secretary-Treasurer of the Governing Authority is hereby empowered, authorized and directed to arrange for and to furnish to said election officers in ample time for the holding of said election, the necessary equipment, forms and other paraphernalia essential to the proper holding of said election and the President and/or Secretary-Treasurer of the Governing Authority are further authorized, empowered and directed to take any and all further action required by State and/or Federal law to arrange for the election.

SECTION 7. Furnishing Election Call to Election Officials. Certified copies of this resolution shall be forwarded to the Secretary of State, the Clerk of Court and *Ex-Officio* Parish Custodian of Voting Machines of Red River Parish and the Registrar of Voters of Red River Parish, as notification of the special election, in order that each may prepare for said election and perform their respective functions as required by law.

SECTION 8. Application to State Bond Commission. Application is made to the State Bond Commission for consent and authority to hold the special election as herein provided, and in the event said election carries for further consent and authority to continue to levy and collect the special tax provided for therein. A certified copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to the State Bond Commission on behalf of this Governing Authority, together with a letter requesting the prompt consideration and approval of this application.

SECTION 9. Employment of Counsel. This Governing Authority finds and determines that a real necessity exists for the employment of special counsel on matters related to the special election, and accordingly, Foley & Judell, L.L.P., is hereby employed as special counsel for said purpose for a term not exceeding one (1) year from the date of this resolution. The fee to be paid said special counsel shall be an amount computed at hourly rate based on the Attorney General's then current Maximum Hourly Fee Schedule, not to exceed \$1,000 in the aggregate, together with reimbursement of out-of-pocket expenses, and the Secretary-Treasurer is authorized to pay such invoices as and when presented. The scope of this legal representation does not involve federal claims.

This resolution having been submitted to a vote; the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: 7

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 0

And the resolution was declared adopted on this, the 6th day of November 2024.

/s/ Carolyn A. Hayes
Secretary-Treasurer

/s/ Tray Murray
President

Finance

Mr. Taylor made a motion followed with a second by Mr. Young to pay the bills for the month of October 2024. Motion Carried.

On the motion of Mr. Taylor and seconded by Mr. Moore it was approved to give Red River Parish Police Jury Employees an end-of-the-year supplement and in January a 3% COA. Motion Carried.

The budget was discussed, nothing was voted on.

Ambulance

With Mr. Hillman making a motion followed with a second by Mr. Young, the Ambulance District bills were approved to be paid for the month of October 2024. Motion Carried.

On the motion of Mr. Moore Motion seconded by Mr. Brown the meeting was adjourned. Motion Carried.

Carolyn A. Hayes-Secretary/Treasurer

Tray Murray-President