

A G E N D A
OUACHITA PARISH POLICE JURY
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, JUNE 21, 2010 – 5:30 P.M.
POLICE JURY MEETING ROOM

CALL TO ORDER: Mr. Shane Smiley, President
District E Police Juror

INVOCATION:

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

ROLL CALL: Deborah H. Sewell, Recording Secretary

DISCUSSION/ACTION: Motion to adopt the Minutes of the Regular Police Jury Meeting including the Committee Meetings held on June 7, 2010.

SELECTION OF OFFICIAL JOURNAL:

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

VISITORS:

- 1) Mayor Breland, Town of Sterlington
- 2) William Miller

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

CALL TO ORDER: Mr. Charles Jackson, Chairman

Mr. Brad Cammack

Discussion/Action:

- Claims Statement (5/14/10-7/17/10)
- Bid Tabulations-Variou
- Bid Tabulation-Digital Audio/Video Recording System
- Status of 2009 Financial Audit
- Fund Balance Updates
- IRS Audit
- WIA Budgets
- Medical Contract Services for Green Oaks & OCC
- Entergy Bill for Pump Stations

Mr. Mike Rhodes, Green Oaks

Discussion/Action: Reimbursement of Tuition

Ms. Doretha Bennett, WIA

Discussion/Action: 2010 STEP Contract

Mr. Charles Jackson

Discussion/Action: Energy Efficiency Grant

OTHER BUSINESS:

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MOTIONS * ORDINANCES * RESOLUTIONS:

MR. CHARLES JACKSON, DISTRICT A:

- 1) DISCUSSION/ACTION- Green Springs Flood Control Project
- 2) DISCUSSION/ACTION: Status of Vancil Road Turn Lane ROW
- 3) DISCUSSION/ACTION:

RESOLUTION NO. 10-

A RESOLUTION APPOINTING ANN HAYWARD TO THE WEST OUACHITA INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT ADVISORY BOARD, FOR A TERM OF FOUR YEARS BEGINNING ON JUNE 21, 2010 AND ENDING ON JUNE 21, 2014; AND FURTHER PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, Ann Hayward has expressed a desire to serve on the West Ouachita Industrial District Advisory Board;

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Ouachita Parish Police Jury in legal and regular session that Ann Hayward is hereby is appointed as a member of the West Ouachita Industrial District Advisory Board for a term beginning June 21, 2010 and ending June 21, 2014.

The above Resolution was adopted on the 21th day of June 2010.

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MR. MACK CALHOUN, DISTRICT B:

- 1) DISCUSSION/ACTION: LGAP Grants
- 2) DISCUSSION/ACTION: Cheniere Lake Park Area 3 Bathrooms

MR. WALT CALDWELL, DISTRICT C:

- 1) DISCUSSION/ACTION: Status of Skate Lane
- 2) DISCUSSION/ACTION: Bayou Desiard Restoration Project
- 3) DISCUSSION/ACTION: Drainage Issues in Treasure Island Subdivision
- 4) DISCUSSION/ACTION: ULM/Comcast Government Access Channel
- 5) DISCUSSION/ACTION: Drainage Issues within Frenchmen's Bend Subd
- 6) DISCUSSION/ACTION: FEMA Flood Map Update
- 7) DISCUSSION/ACTION: Annexation of a portion Ouachita City Rd and Harvey Gregg Rd by the Town of Sterlington

8) DISCUSSION/ACTION:
RESOLUTION NO. 10-25

A RESOLUTION URGING PRESIDENT OBAMA TO REDUCE THE SIX-MONTH MORATORIUM ON DEEP-WATER DRILLING IN THE GULF TO NO MORE THAN THIRTY (30) DAYS, AND DURING THAT TIME TO TASK MINERALS MANAGEMENT SERVICE (MMS) WITH CONDUCTING THOROUGH INSPECTIONS OF ALL DEEP-WATER DRILLING FACILITIES IN THE GULF AS WELL AS TO IMPLEMENT STRICT SAFETY MEASURES AND TO TAKE ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS TO ENSURE COMPLIANCE WITH SAFETY MANDATES, THUS GREATLY REDUCING THE JOB LOSS AND NEGATIVE ECONOMIC IMPACT FELT BY OUR REGION WHILE ENSURING A SAFER INDUSTRY.

WHEREAS, in the aftermath of the British Petroleum (BP) Oil Spill, on May 27, 2010, the Obama Administration ordered a six month moratorium on existing Gulf of Mexico deep-water drilling, which will result in the immediate suspension of operations at thirty-three (33) rigs in the Gulf of Mexico; and

WHEREAS, the moratorium on offshore deep-water drilling will cause significant harm to Louisiana's energy service industry as well as to the many coastal communities already suffering tremendously from the environmental and economic impacts of the BP oil spill; and

WHEREAS, an estimated thirty-three per cent (33%) of the nation's domestic oil comes from the Gulf of Mexico; and

WHEREAS, eighty percent (80%) of the oil and forty-five per cent (45%) of the natural gas coming out of the Gulf of Mexico is from deep-water drilling operations in more than 1,000 feet of water.

WHEREAS, suspension of deep-water drilling operations will result in at least 33 deep-water drilling rigs being idled for six months or longer; and

WHEREAS, Port Fourchon located in Lafourche Parish services ninety per cent (90%) of deep-water operations in the Gulf of Mexico.

WHEREAS, an average of two (2) supply boats work each rig per day with rates of \$15,000 - \$30,000/boat. Suspension of drilling activity will result in a nearly \$1 million loss per day in just supply boat rental income; and

WHEREAS, each drilling rig averages 180-280 employees for each two-week shift, and each job supports four other jobs in our local communities. Thus, the suspension of drilling activity will result in a loss of up to 6,000 jobs in two to three weeks, and more than 20,000 Louisiana jobs over the next 18 months.

WHEREAS, Louisiana coastal communities such as Houma, Morgan City and Lafayette are home to businesses, from welders and divers to caterers and drivers, that support the offshore oil and gas industry, with 1 in 3 jobs being related to the industry; and

WHEREAS, it is estimated that each exploration and production job represents four supporting jobs in and around the region, thus a six-month moratorium will result in the loss of thousands of jobs and millions of dollars in wages; and

WHEREAS, Louisiana coastal communities will begin experiencing severe and irreversible economic impacts within thirty (30) days of the moratorium; and

WHEREAS, idle drilling rigs in the Gulf will likely be contracted overseas for work in other locations such as Africa and Brazil, and may not return to the Gulf of Mexico for several years, greatly extending the BP Oil Spill induced economic crisis for our state; and

WHEREAS, it is unlikely that deep-water work in the Gulf would resume quickly even after the moratorium is lifted, given the time and expense involved in relocating rigs; and

WHEREAS, several of the safety recommendations set forth in the Department of Interior's May 27, 2010 *Increased Safety Measures for Energy Development on the Outer Continental Shelf* can be implemented immediately within the next thirty (30) days including MMS verification of the safety of the (1) MMS certification of the safety of the BOP stacks, (2) MMS verification of BOP equipment compatibility (3) development and implementation of new inspection procedures and reporting requirements, (4) establishment of new fluid displacement procedures, and (5) verification of compliance with existing regulations and National Safety Alert requirements; and

WHEREAS, other measures set forth in the Department of Interior's May 27, 2010 *Increased Safety Measures for Energy Development on the Outer Continental Shelf* such as those requiring emergency rule making along with the National Commission on the BP Deep-water Horizon Spill and Offshore Drilling investigation can be conducted simultaneously with the continued operations of offshore deep-water drilling; and

WHEREAS, MMS could, and should, maintain a full-time presence on all ongoing deep-water drilling locations, with a 7-10 day rotation schedule and enforce that strict compliance with API standards be maintained on all equipment used in well construction; and

WHEREAS, any failure in compliance should mandate immediate closure of the offending rig, rather a complete shut down of all deep-water drilling operations which would unjustly punish those companies that have provided this country's energy needs while operating safely and in compliance with all regulations, as well as those coastal communities already facing an economic crisis as a result of this being the most challenging economic periods in decades coupled with the devastating economic impacts of the BP oil spill on the fishing, tourism and ancillary industries; and

WHEREAS, the last thing the Gulf Coast area needs is a public policy that will certainly destroy thousands of existing jobs while preventing the creation of thousands more; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Ouachita Parish Police Jury

SECTION 1. A resolution urging President Obama to lift the six-month moratorium on deep-water drilling, and instead conduct a thorough review of all deep-water drilling facilities, implement and enforce strict safety measures to ensure compliance with safety mandates.

Section 2. Further, let it be resolved that, while we support efforts to make the offshore deep-water drilling industry safer, we urge President Obama to reduce the six-month moratorium on deep-water drilling in the Gulf to no more than thirty (30) days, and during that time task Minerals Management Service (MMS) with conducting thorough inspections of all deep-water drilling facilities in the Gulf as well as implement strict safety measures and take enforcement actions to ensure compliance with safety mandates, thus greatly reducing the job loss and negative economic impact felt by our region while ensuring a safer industry.

SECTION 3. That the Parish Treasurer, forward a copy of said resolution to President Barack Obama, Louisiana Governor Bobby Jindal, Louisiana Congressional Delegation, All 64 Parishes and NACO.

The foregoing resolution having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was unanimous.

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DR. OLLIBETH REDDIX, DISTRICT D:

- 1) DISCUSSION/ACTION: Recycling
- 2) DISCUSSION/ACTION: J. S. Clark Cemetery

MR. SHANE SMILEY, DISTRICT E:

- 1) DISCUSSION/ACTION:

MS. PAT MOORE, DISTRICT F:

- 1) DISCUSSION/ACTION: Auto Shred/Mushwater Canal
- 2) DISCUSSION/ACTION: Harmon Johnson Road
- 3) DISCUSSION/ACTION: CEA –State Office Building
- 4) DISCUSSION/ACTION: Roadside Animal Sales in Ouachita Parish
- 5) DISCUSSION/ACTION: Traffic Signal, US 165 at Richwood Road No. 2
- 6) DISCUSSION/ACTION:

RESOLUTION NO. 10-25

A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING CERTAIN “NO PARKING” ZONES ALONG BUCKHORN BEND ROAD PURSUANT TO OUACHITA PARISH POLICE JURY ORDINANCE NO. 7179; AND, FURTHER PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO

WHEREAS, law enforcement officers of the Tensas Basin Levee District and citizens in the area have advised the Ouachita Parish Police Jury that motorists parking along Buckhorn

Bend Road at its northern and southern intersections with the Ouachita River Levee are creating potential hazards for the motoring public and interfering with the free movement of traffic on Buckhorn Bend Road; and,

WHEREAS, Ouachita Parish Police Jury Ordinance No. 7179, as codified at Sec. 14-2(a)(2) of the Compiled Ordinances of Ouachita Parish, Louisiana, authorizes the Ouachita Parish Police Jury to direct the placement of signs prohibiting the stopping, standing or parking of motor vehicles on the right-of-way of any parish road in such circumstances;

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED that pursuant to Sec. 14-2(a)(2) of the Compiled Ordinances of Ouachita Parish, Louisiana, the Ouachita Parish Police Jury hereby directs the Ouachita Parish Public Works Department to place appropriate official signs prohibiting vehicles from stopping, standing or parking in the right-of-way of Buckhorn Bend Road in the curves where said road makes its northern and southern intersections with the Ouachita River levee;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the “no Parking” zones established by the erection of such signage be enforced in accordance with Ouachita Parish Police Jury Ordinance No. 7179, as codified at Sec. 14-2(a)(2) of the Compiled Ordinances of Ouachita Parish, Louisiana.

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ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

- A. **FISCAL:** **Mr. Brad Cammack, Treasurer**
Discussion/Action:

- B. **FIRE:** **Chief Pat Hemphill, Fire Department**
Discussion/Action:

- C. **LEGAL:** **Mr. Jay B. Mitchell, Assist. Dist. Attorney**
Discussion/Action:

- D. **PUBLIC WORKS:** **Mr. John Tom Murray, Director**
Discussion/Action:

- Final Subdivision Approval-Virginia Mae Estates, Unit 3

E. ROADS & DRAINAGE: Mr. Tom Holtzclaw, Engineer

Discussion/Action:

- Recommendation for Soil Borings-East Town & Country Levee District
- Review of Proposed FEMA Firms
- Update of ARRA Road Construction Projects-Louisiana Avenue, Good Hope Road, Vancil Road
- Update on Upcoming ARRA Road Construction Projects-Hadley Street and Dellwood Drive

BEER AND WHISKEY APPLICATIONS:

PARKER, BRAD A. DBA IRON CACTUS, 1304 HWY 80 EAST, CALHOUN, LA 71225, RETAIL BEER “CLASS A”, RETAIL LIQUOR “CLASS C”, 2010 NEW

OTHER BUSINESS:

DISCUSSION/ACTION:

INVITATION FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

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