

RAPIDES PARISH POLICE JURY

REGULAR SESSION

August 12, 2002

The Police Jury of the Parish of Rapides, State of Louisiana, met in Regular Session at its regular meeting place, the Police Jury Room of the Parish Courthouse, 701 Murray Street, Alexandria, Louisiana, on Monday, August 12, 2002, at three (3:00) o'clock p.m. (Central Standard Time).

There were present: Honorable Davron "Bubba" Moreau, President; Joe Fuller, Vice President; and Police Jurors Ezra L. Reed, Steve P. Bordelon, Theodore Fountaine Jr., Donald H. Wilmore, Richard L. Nunnally, Richard W. Billings, Scott Perry Jr.

Also present were Mr. Tim Ware, Treasurer; Mr. Cecil Raggio, Public Works Director; Mr. Eric S. Duck, Public Works Director; Ms. Donna Andries, Sales Tax Administrator; Ms. Jan Haworth, Office of Economic and Workforce Development Director; Mr. Felix Mouton, WIA Operations Director; Mr. Robert Barr, Courthouse Building Superintendent; Chief David Peart, Fire District No. 2; Mr. Thomas O. Wells, Legal Counsel; and Ms. Angie Richmond, Secretary.

The invocation was given by Mr. Theodore Fountaine.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Richard Nunnally.

The Police Jury of the Parish of Rapides, State of Louisiana, was duly convened as the governing authority of said Parish by Hon. Bubba Moreau, President, who welcomed all present and then stated that the Police Jury was ready for the transaction of business.

On motion by Mr. Richard Billings, seconded by Mr. Joe Fuller, to adopt the minutes of the Rapides Parish Police Jury held in Regular Session on July 8, 2002, and in Special Session on July 1, 2002, as published in the Official Journal. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Joe Fuller, seconded by Mr. Richard Billings, that approved bills be paid. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Joe Fuller, seconded by Mr. Richard Billings, to accept the Treasurer's Report. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Richard Billings, seconded by Mr. Scott Perry, to lay over the appointment to the Fire District No. 3 Civil Service Board to fill the expired term of Mrs. Suzy Berry, nominated by Louisiana College, term expired on October 10, 2001. On vote the motion carried.

Laid over thirty days was the appointment to the Kisatchie-Delta Regional Planning and Development District for three year term to fill the expired term of Mrs. Donna Andries, term expired on July 15, 2002.

Laid over thirty days was the appointment to the Civil Service Board for a three year term to fill the expiring term of Ms. Katharine Geary (nominated by Alexandria Bar Association), term will expire on August 18, 2002.

On motion by Mr. Joe Fuller, seconded by Mr. Theodore Fountaine and Mr. Scott Perry, to appoint Mr. B. D. Douglas, nominee of LSU-A, to the Civil Service Board to fill the vacancy in an unexpired term created by the resignation of Mr. James Eli, having been laid over thirty days, term will expire on September 11, 2003. On vote the motion carried.

The following appointments were announced to be made at the next meeting to:

Library Board for a five year term to fill the expiring term of Mr. Norman Freebeck, representing District G, term will expire on September 1, 2002;

Waterworks District No. 3 for a five year term to fill the expiring term of Mr. Otha Hailey, term will expire on September 13, 2002;

Rapides Finance Authority for a six year term to fill the expiring term of Ms. Bobbie Clifton, term will expire on October 9, 2002;

Rapides Finance Authority for a six year term to fill the expiring term of Mr. Barry D. Hines, term will expire on October 9, 2002;

Rapides Finance Authority for a six year term to fill the expiring term of Mr. Morton P. Henderson, term will expire on October 9, 2002;

Rapides Finance Authority for a six year term to fill the expiring term of Mr. Jack B. DeWitt, term will expire on October 9, 2002;

Fire District No. 3 Civil Service Board for a three year term to fill the expiring term of Mr. Glen F. Bell, department elected, term will expire on October 10, 2002;

Sewerage District No. 1 Board for a four year term to fill the expiring term of Mr. Ubie Johnson, term will expire on October 12, 2002;

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Sewerage District No. 2 Board for a four year term to fill the expiring term of Mr. B. Frank Killen, term will expire on October 12, 2002;

Sewerage District No. 2 Board for a four year term to fill the expiring term of Mr. John C. Miller, term will expire on October 12, 2002; and

Sewerage District No. 2 Board for a four year term to fill the expiring term of Mr. Voorhies Gauthier, term will expire on October 12, 2002.

On motion by Mr. Steve Bordelon, seconded by Mr. Don Wilmore, to waive the thirty day announcement rule and reappoint Mr. Morton P. Henderson to the Rapides Finance Authority for a six year term, term will expire on October 9, 2008. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Don Wilmore, seconded by Mr. Joe Fuller and Mr. Theodore Fountaine, to waive the thirty day announcement rule and reappoint Mr. Barry D. Hines and Mr. Jack B. DeWitt to the Rapides Finance Authority for six year terms, terms will expire on October 9, 2008. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Joe Fuller, seconded by Mr. Scott Perry, to waive the thirty day announcement rule and reappoint Mr. Ubie Johnson to the Sewerage District No. 1 Board for a four year term, term will expire on October 12, 2006. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Steve Bordelon, seconded by Mr. Joe Fuller, to waive the thirty day announcement rule and reappoint Mr. B. Frank Killen to the Sewerage District No. 2 Board for a four year term, term will expire on October 12, 2006. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Richard Billings, seconded by Mr. Joe Fuller, to waive the thirty day announcement rule and reappoint Ms. Bobbie Clifton to the Rapides Finance Authority for a six year term, term will expire on October 9, 2008. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Steve Bordelon, seconded by Mr. Joe Fuller and Mr. Theodore Fountaine, to waive the thirty day announcement rule and reappoint Mr. John C. Miller and Mr. Voorhies Gauthier to the Sewerage District No. 2 Board for four year terms, terms will expire on October 12, 2006. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Don Wilmore, seconded by Mr. Theodore Fountaine, to waive the thirty day announcement rule and reappoint Mr. Norman Freebeck to the Library Board, representing District G, for a five year term, term will expire on September 1, 2007. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Joe Fuller, seconded by Mr. Theodore Fountaine and Mr. Don Wilmore, to remove Mr. Lee Fields from the Rigolette Playground Advisory Committee, having moved out of the neighborhood; waive the thirty day announcement rule; and appoint Mr. Lloyd Carpenter to fill the vacancy in the unexpired term, term to expire on July 16, 2003. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Richard Billings, seconded by Mr. Richard Nunnally, to ratify the reappointment by the President for Mr. Jimmy Dubroc as member to the Zachary Taylor Parkway Commission, representing Rapides Parish, and Ms. Suzie Butler as alternate member, for two year terms, terms will expire on August 31, 2004. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Richard Billings, seconded by Mr. Richard Nunnally, to grant approval to Schoolhouse Row Subdivision, on the corner of LA 496 and Schoolhouse Road, as recommended by the Rapides Area Planning Commission, and authorize signing of the plat. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Richard Billings, seconded by Mr. Richard Nunnally, to accept a 45 foot wide drainage and utility servitude from Mr. William C. Barron of MRL, LLC, to drain Schoolhouse Row Subdivision to Bayou Rapides, as recommended by the Rapides Area Planning Commission. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Richard Billings, seconded by Mr. Richard Nunnally, the following resolution was presented and on vote unanimously adopted:

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED by the Rapides Parish Police Jury in Regular Session convened on this 12th day of August, 2002, that it does hereby revoke Cade Lane, an unimproved right-of-way in Section 87, T4N-R3W, Ward 8, District E, as requested by Mr. Eugene Andries and as recommended by the Rapides Area Planning Commission.

THUS PASSED AND APPROVED on this 12th day of August, 2002.

On motion by Mr. Richard Billings, seconded by Mr. Richard Nunnally, the following ordinance was presented, as recommended by Legal Counsel, and on vote unanimously adopted:

ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND REENACT SECTION 13-20 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR APPOINTMENT OF A CURATOR IN THE CASE OF ABSENTEE LANDOWNER

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BE IT ORDAINED by the Rapides Parish Police Jury in Regular Session convened on the 12th day of August, 2002, that Sections 13-20 is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

Chapter 13 Garbage, Trash and Weeds

Article II. Cutting of Grass and Weeds in Subdivisions outside Municipalities

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Section 13-20 Notice sent to owner; police jury to remove upon failure of owner.

A. Before proceeding to do the work described in the preceding section or to have the same done by the police jury, the police jury shall give written notice, by registered or certified mail to the owner, occupant or possessor (or all), of a lot or place, at his last known address, calling upon said owner to cut, destroy or remove the weeds, grass or other obnoxious growth within fifteen (15) days from the date of the receipt of the notice. If at the end of such period of time the obnoxious weeds or grass has not been cut or removed, the police jury is authorized to have the same done and to charge the costs thereof against the property, as herein provided.

B. If the owner be absent from the state or unrepresented therein, then the notice shall be served upon an attorney at law appointed by the president of the jury to represent the absentee. Domiciliary service may be made as in ordinary cases.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED in all other respects Chapter 13 shall remain unchanged.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that this ordinance is to be effective immediately.

THUS DONE AND SIGNED on this 12th day of August, 2002.

On motion by Mr. Richard Billings, seconded by Mr. Richard Nunnally, to authorize to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Town of Lecompte for spreading crushed rock on the Lecompte Community Center grounds and authorize the President to sign same. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Richard Billings, seconded by Mr. Richard Nunnally, to authorize Audrey Wright, 601 Highway 113, Glenmora, as a Hardship Case, pending proper certification. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Richard Billings, seconded by Mr. Richard Nunnally, to accept a 25 foot right of way grant from Mr. Eugene A. Andries Jr. from the centerline of Belgard Bend Road, as recommended by the Public Works Director, in order to relocate the ditch, and authorize the President to sign same. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Richard Billings, seconded by Mr. Richard Nunnally, to authorize the President to sign a Partial Release of Judicial Mortgage and Lien as receipt of \$654.14 as payment in full on paving lien of February 11, 1969 issued against 5124 Leo Street, Alexandria, waiving attorney fees and interest, as recommended by the Treasurer. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Richard Billings, seconded by Mr. Richard Nunnally, to ratify authorization for the President to sign the Cooperative Endeavor agreement with the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development for donation of 600 cubic yards of reclaimed asphalt pavement, Project No. 008-08-0028, from LA 114. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Richard Billings, seconded by Mr. Richard Nunnally, the following resolution was presented and on vote unanimously adopted:

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED by the Rapides Parish Police Jury in Regular Session convened on this 12th day of August, 2002, that it does hereby revoke Scarborough Road, a 50' right of way located in Dogwood Acres Subdivision, Section 23, T4N-R4W, Ward 7, District E, as requested by Mr. Robert Maddox and as recommended by the Rapides Area Planning Commission, and to accept its relocation, as recommended by the Public Works Director.

THUS PASSED AND APPROVED on this 12th day of August, 2002.

On motion by Mr. Richard Billings, seconded by Mr. Richard Nunnally, the following resolution was presented and on vote unanimously adopted:

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED by the Rapides Parish Police Jury in Regular Session convened on this 12th day of August, 2002, that it does hereby revoke Ceter Street, a forty-two foot (42') unimproved right-of-way from the intersection of LA 3128 (Paper Mill Road) west approximately 500' in length located in Section 2, T4N-R1E, Ward 11, District C, as requested by Mr. Robert Pospisil and as recommended by the Rapides Area Planning Commission.

THUS PASSED AND APPROVED on this 12th day of August, 2002.

On motion by Mr. Richard Billings, seconded by Mr. Richard Nunnally, the following ordinance was presented, to set a fifteen ton load limit on Chicola Road, Ward 2, District F, and on vote unanimously adopted:

ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND REENACT SECTIONS 18-4.3 TRUCK LOAD LIMITS SO AS TO SET A FIFTEEN TON LOAD LIMIT ON CHICOLA ROAD, WARD 2.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Rapides Parish Police Jury in Regular Session convened on this 12th day of August, 2002, that Sections 18-4.3 of the Rapides Parish Code of Ordinances is hereby amended and reenacted to include the following restriction on Chicola Road as follows:

Chapter 18. MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC

Section 18-4.3. Truck Load Limits.

(b) Fifteen-ton load limit.

The load limit on trucks shall be fifteen (15) tons on the following streets:

Chicola Road, Ward 2, District F

(d) Penalty. Whoever violates the provisions of this section shall be punished by a fine not to exceed one hundred dollars (\$100.00), or imprisoned in the Rapides Parish Jail for a period not to exceed thirty (30) days, or both.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that this ordinance is to be effective immediately.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED in all other respects Section 18 of the Rapides Parish Code of Ordinances shall remain unchanged.

THUS DONE AND SIGNED on this 12th day of August, 2002.

On motion by Mr. Richard Billings, seconded by Mr. Richard Nunnally, to request a design exception for State Project No. 713-40-0122 Paul Road Bridge over Saline Bayou for the following reasons:

1. The proposed conditions are much more desirable than the existing conditions;
2. The remaining roadway is substandard and there are no future plans to improve the roadway; and
3. The Police Jury will install a low posted speed limit.

On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Richard Billings, seconded by Mr. Richard Nunnally, to accept the Secretary's Report. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Richard Billings, seconded by Mr. Richard Nunnally, to delete from the Administrative Office Fixed Asset/Inventory Listing the following asset as no longer suitable for public use:

Asset Description	Acquired	Disposal
6700 Electronic Scales	12-01-93	Scrap

On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Richard Billings, seconded by Mr. Richard Nunnally, to ratify authorization for the President to sign the certifications and statement of work - FY'2003 relative to the Rapides Parish Office of Emergency Preparedness for Federal/State and Local Assistance Programs funding, administered by FEMA through the Louisiana Military Department, Office of Emergency Preparedness. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Richard Billings, seconded by Mr. Richard Nunnally, to accept the proposal of Patient Care, with mandatory participation by all participants in the Police Jury group health insurance, as recommended by the Treasurer. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Joe Fuller, seconded by Mr. Richard Billings, to authorize to enter into an agreement with the Red Cross on partnership of training the Police Jury with CPR instruction, for which the Red Cross has received a grant, and working in collaboration in a volunteer effort. On vote the motion carried.

Ms. Connie M. Augustine, Executive Director of the Central Louisiana Chapter of the Red Cross, presented a plaque to the Police Jury in appreciation for the collaborative effort for exemplifying leadership for Rapides Parish Communities in volunteering and learning CPR and AED skills.

On motion by Mr. Richard Billings, seconded by Mr. Richard Nunnally, to authorize to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Alexandria on the Cloverdale/Grundy Cooper Subdivision Statewide Flood Control Project, State Project No. 576-40-0015, wherein the City will perform property survey, legal description, appraisals, acquire rights-of-way for the Project in the Police Jury's name, and all necessary COE permits as required, and authorize the President to sign same upon approval of Legal Counsel. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Richard Billings, seconded by Mr. Richard Nunnally, to authorize the President to submit a proposal for and enter into a contractual agreement with the Department of Social Services Office of

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Family Support for LaJET services for Rapides Parish food stamp recipients for FY 2003, 2004 and 2005. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Richard Billings, seconded by Mr. Richard Nunnally, to authorize the President to submit to HUD modifications to the Rapides Parish YouthBuild contract for the second training cycle with contract changes effective September 1, 2002. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Richard Billings, seconded by Mr. Richard Nunnally, to recognize Mr. Curtis Havens, Rapides Parish YouthBuild, for the success and achievements of the program. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Richard Billings, seconded by Mr. Richard Nunnally, to retain Camp Dresser & McKee (CDM) as a consultant engineer for the evaluation and feasibility of a sewer collection and treatment system for the Parish and the National Guard, initial agreement at no cost and to be renegotiated if funding is secured for the project, and authorize the President to sign same. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Richard Billings, seconded by Mr. Richard Nunnally, to accept the low proposal of B. Brothers Construction Company in the amount of \$13,525.00 for construction of a 30'x50' storage building for the Sieper Water System, of which \$10,500 is to be paid from the Governor's Office of Rural Development, Grant No. 102-RPD-0001, and the balance to be paid by the Sieper Water System. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Richard Billings, seconded by Mr. Richard Nunnally, to authorize OEWD to hire two full-time, temporary staff for the second cycle of the Rapides Parish YouthBuild Program. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Richard Billings, seconded by Mr. Richard Nunnally, to request the Parish Highway Department to put new voting precinct identification signs at the polling places. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Richard Billings, seconded by Mr. Richard Nunnally, the following ordinance was presented, to extend the condemnation order on the structure located on the corner of Nalley Drive and LA 107 for an additional 45 day period from July 13, 2002, as requested by the property owner, Ms. Juanita Rodriguez, and on vote unanimously adopted:

ORDINANCE

An ordinance to extend the condemnation order on the structure located on the corner of Nalley Drive and LA 107 for an additional 45 day period from July 13, 2002, as requested by the property owner, Ms. Juanita Rodriguez.

WHEREAS, in the regular session of the Rapides Parish Police Jury convened on the 11th day of February, 2002, a hearing was held and the following property was condemned:

a very dilapidated, abandoned house on an overgrown lot, on the corner of Nalley Drive and LA Highway 107, part of Block "A" of Cedar Lake Subdivision, Section 17, T4N-R1E, Ward 9, District B, Rapides Parish and belonging to Fay Don Burrows Kennedy, Robert Keith Burrows Kennedy, Juanita June Burrows Kennedy Rodriguez, c/o Don Kennedy;

and,

WHEREAS, the Public Works Director was given the authority to demolish the condemned structure after April 13, 2002, a sixty day period as requested by the Curator on behalf of the property owners, if steps have not been taken by that time to improve the condition of the condemned structure; and,

WHEREAS, the property owners were further granted their request through the Curator for a thirty day period to have the grass and weeds on the overgrown lot trimmed to comply with Parish ordinances; and,

WHEREAS, at the request of the absentee property owners, Robert Kennedy and Juanita Rodriguez, the Police Jury on March 18, 2002 granted an additional thirty day period to delay the condemnation order and grass cutting; and,

WHEREAS, at the request of the absentee property owner, Juanita Rodriguez, the Police Jury on May 22, 2002, granted an additional sixty day period to delay the condemnation order; and,

WHEREAS, the absentee property owner, Juanita Rodriguez, has contacted this Police Jury with a request for an additional delay to the condemnation order in order to allow time for repairs to bring the property up to standards, having experienced delays due to rainfall; and,

WHEREAS, the Parish has inspected the property and found that repairs have begun, demonstrating the property owners' intent to repair the structure to standards,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED that the Rapides Parish Police Jury does hereby amend the order of February 11, 2002, and amended on March 18, 2002, and amended on May 22, 2002, condemning the following property:

a very dilapidated, abandoned house on an overgrown lot, on the corner of Nalley Drive and LA Highway 107, part of Block "A" of Cedar Lake Subdivision, Section 17, T4N-R1E, Ward 9, District B, Rapides Parish and belonging to Fay Don Burrows Kennedy, Robert Keith Burrows Kennedy, Juanita June Burrows Kennedy Rodriguez, c/o Don Kennedy, ordering it be demolished or removed in accordance with the Rapides Parish Code of Ordinances Chapter 8-1/4 Condemnation of Buildings.

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BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the Public Works Director be and he is hereby instructed that the authority to demolish the condemned structure is delayed until August 27, 2002, which is one hundred and ninety-five day period from the condemnation order, granting an additional forty-five days as requested by the property owner, and if steps have not been taken by that time to improve the condition of the condemned structure, to proceed with the demolition authorized hereof.

THUS PASSED AND APPROVED on this 12th day of August, 2002.

On motion by Mr. Richard Billings, seconded by Mr. Richard Nunnally, the following ordinance was presented and was on vote unanimously adopted:

ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE TO CORRECT THE REDISTRICTING OF RAPIDES PARISH INTO NINE POLICE JURY DISTRICTS SO AS TO CORRECT THE DESIGNATION OF VOTING PRECINCT C18 TO BE IN DISTRICT D AND VOTING PRECINCT C40 TO BE IN DISTRICT I.

WHEREAS, the Rapides Parish Police Jury adopted a redistricting plan on September 10, 2001; and,

WHEREAS, said reapportionment plan is to be effective at the end of the term of the incumbent Police Jurors; and,

WHEREAS, within that reapportionment, it was determined that a subdivision of Voting Precinct C18 was necessary to create the reapportionment plan; and,

WHEREAS, Voting Precinct C18 was subdivided in order to achieve the redistricting and a portion of Voting Precinct 18 was designated as Voting Precinct 40; and,

WHEREAS, a typographical error was made in the assignment of the subdivisions; and,

WHEREAS, in the ordinance of September 10, 2001, Voting Precinct C18 was designated to be within Police Jury District I and the correct designation is that it is in Police Jury District D; and,

WHEREAS, in the ordinance of September 10, 2001, Voting Precinct C40 was designated to be within Police Jury District D and the correct designation is that it is in Police Jury District I; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED BY THE RAPIDES PARISH POLICE JURY that the redistricting plan of September 10, 2001 is hereby amended and re-enacted as follows:

SECTION 1. Rapides Parish is hereby redistricted into nine (9) Police Jury Districts, whose boundaries are described as follows, to be composed of the following precincts of Rapides Parish:

DISTRICT A

Precincts N6, N15, N16, N17, N18, N19, N20, N21.

DISTRICT B

Precincts N1, N2, N3, N4, N5, N8, N9, N10, N11, N29.

DISTRICT C

Precincts N7, N12, N13, N14, N22, N23, N24, N25, N26, N27, N28.

DISTRICT D

Precincts C1, C2, C3, C4, C11, C12, C14, C15, C16, C18.

DISTRICT E

Precincts C22, C23, C34, C37, C41, S1, S2, S3, S4, S5, S6, S7, S8, S9, S11, S12, S14.

DISTRICT F

Precincts C5, C6, C7, C8, C9, C10, C20, C21, S15, S20.

DISTRICT G

Precincts C24, C25, C26, C30, C31, C32, C33, C35, C36, C42.

DISTRICT H

Precincts S10, S13, S16, S17, S18, S19, S21, S22, S23, S24, S25, S26, S27, S28, S29.

DISTRICT I

Precincts C13, C17, C40, C19, C27, C28, C29, C38, C39.

All of the above-described districts are particularly shown on the map of Rapides Parish, which is marked "Exhibit A" and paraphrased "Ne Varietur" as identification with this resolution.

SECTION 2. In all other respects the redistricting of the Rapides Parish Police Jury previously established shall remain unchanged.

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SECTION 3. That a certified copy of this resolution, together with other showings required by Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act of 1965 and Regulations pertaining thereto (29 C.F.R. 51.22) be submitted to the United States Attorney General for approval in compliance with the said Voting Rights Act.

SECTION 4. A certified copy of this ordinance for a reapportionment plan shall be sent to the Secretary of State, the Commissioner of Elections, the Secretary of the Senate, the Clerk of the House of Representatives and the Registrar of Voters in accordance with LARS 18:532.1 G(2)(c).

And the ordinance was declared adopted on this 12th day of August, 2002.

On motion by Mr. Richard Billings, seconded by Mr. Richard Nunnally, to name Owen and White Inc. as consultant engineer for the FEMA Cooperating Technical Partnership Program, as recommended by the Floodplain Study Committee, designate the Rapides Area Planning Commission as the Police Jury's representative with respect to the work performed under the agreement, and authorize the President to sign the agreement. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Richard Billings, seconded by Mr. Richard Nunnally, to authorize Owen and White Inc. to proceed with Task One under the FEMA Cooperating Technical Partnership Program. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Richard Billings, seconded by Mr. Richard Nunnally, to authorize the Rapides Area Planning Commission to submit an application for a grant under the FEMA Cooperating Technical Partners "CTP" Program, which has a deadline of August 26, 2002, and authorize the President to sign the application and related documents. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Richard Billings, seconded by Mr. Richard Nunnally, to grant an exception to the provisions of Section 14-4 Roadside sewerage water from disposal system prohibited, et seq., so as to allow the issuance of a permit for roadside discharge to Deborah H. Greer for new residence on property located at 2839 Donahue Ferry Road. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Richard Billings, seconded by Mr. Richard Nunnally, the following resolution was presented and on vote unanimously adopted:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Eighth Police Jury Region of the Police Jury Association was called upon by the Police Jury Association, the National Association of Counties and the New Orleans Convention Company to participate in the Opening Reception of the 2002 Annual Conference of the National Association of Counties held on Sunday, July 14, 2002 in New Orleans, Louisiana; and,

WHEREAS, the parishes, tourism bureaus, convention commissions, chambers of commerce, military divisions, and industrial associations of the Eighth Police Jury Region of the Police Jury Association came together, held meetings, planned, interacted and supported each other, and presented the Eighth Region tourism display and food service representing Central Louisiana to the attendees of the Conference from across the United States; and,

WHEREAS, the reception was an outstanding success, including and especially that of the hospitality of the Eighth Police Jury Region; and,

WHEREAS, the unity and professionalism of Central Louisiana exhibited in accomplishment of this task is to be highly commended,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Rapides Parish Police Jury does hereby express appreciation to all the participants, contributors and supporters of the Eighth Region Police Jury Association's participation in the Opening Reception of the 2002 Annual Conference of the National Association of Counties held on Sunday, July 14, 2002 in New Orleans, Louisiana:

Avoyelles Parish Police Jury,  
Avoyelles Commission of Tourism,  
Concordia Parish Police Jury,  
Vidalia Chamber of Commerce,  
Grant Parish Police Jury,  
LaSalle Parish Police Jury,  
Rapides Parish Police Jury,  
Alexandria/Pineville Area Convention and Visitors Bureau,  
Vernon Parish Police Jury,  
Vernon Parish Tourism and Recreation Commission, and  
Winn Parish Police Jury

of the Eighth Police Jury for the success at the NACo Parade Across Louisiana Opening Reception on Sunday, July 14, 2002 in New Orleans;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED to thank Mr. Rick Ferguson (Rick Ferguson Flowers), Mr. Mark Atwood (Atwoods Bakery), Mr. John Warner Smith (Bank One), Mr. Clyde Todd (Louisiana Forestry Association), the United States Army at Fort Polk, and the Louisiana National Guard for their support and participation as a part of Rapides Parish;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED to thank Ms. Paula Bounds and Ms. Julie Hatwig, Rapides Parish Police Jury Staff, for their planning and coordination of the event.

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On motion by Mr. Richard Billings, seconded by Mr. Richard Nunnally, the following resolution was presented and on vote unanimously adopted:

RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND THANKING THE OTHER 63 PARISHES FOR THEIR SUPPORT AND PARTICIPATION IN MAKING THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES 2002 ANNUAL JULY CONFERENCE IN NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA, SUCH A SUCCESS, PARTICULARLY NACO 2002 "LOUISIANA NIGHT" HELD IN THE LOUISIANA SUPERDOME ON SUNDAY, JULY 14, 2002

WHEREAS, the Rapides Parish Police Jury wishes to take this opportunity to thank the 63 parishes for their support and spirit of participation which made the NACo 2002 "Louisiana Night" such a success in the Superdome in New Orleans, Louisiana, on Sunday, July 14, 2002; and,

WHEREAS, approximately 1,100 volunteers statewide turned the Louisiana Superdome into a replica of our State; and,

WHEREAS, other states across the country were provided with a taste of Louisiana's cuisine (54,000 portions), culture and hospitality from the Parish flags, the Mardi Gras Parade; it was a night to remember.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Rapides Parish Police Jury does hereby take the opportunity to commend and thank the other 63 parishes for their support and participation in making the National Association of Counties 2002 annual Jury conference in New Orleans, Louisiana, such a success, particularly NACO 2002 "Louisiana Night" held in the Louisiana Superdome on Sunday, July 14, 2002.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this resolution be forwarded to the other 63 Parishes.

THUS PASSED AND APPROVED on this 12th day of August, 2002.

On motion by Mr. Richard Billings, seconded by Mr. Richard Nunnally, to join with the City of Pineville in sponsoring an application to Rapides Foundation for a ballfield for the handicapped for the Ward 9 Recreation District. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Richard Billings, seconded by Mr. Richard Nunnally, to authorize the expenses of interested Police Jurors to attend the 2002 region meetings of the Police Jury Association as scheduled and attend NACO board meetings as scheduled. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Richard Billings, seconded by Mr. Richard Nunnally, to authorize the expenses of interested Police Jurors and designated Police Jury employees to attend the Eighth Police Jury Region meeting of the Police Jury Association to be held on September 6, 2002 in Vernon Parish. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Richard Billings, seconded by Mr. Richard Nunnally, to delete from the Watershed-Cotile Recreation Asset/Inventory List the following equipment for scrap, no longer suitable for public use:

Asset	Description	Acquired	Disposal
6884	Myers Pump	6-13-94	Scrap

On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Richard Billings, seconded by Mr. Richard Nunnally, to authorize to renew the Cooperative Endeavor between the Cotile Volunteer Fire Association, Fire Protection District No. 8 and the Police Jury for a ten year period, effective January 12, 2003, with a ten year option to renew, and authorize the President to sign same. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Richard Billings, seconded by Mr. Richard Nunnally, to grant a 5% merit pay increase to the employees of Fire Protection District No. 3, effective September 1, 2002, as requested by the Alpine Volunteer Fire Department Board of Directors. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Richard Billings, seconded by Mr. Richard Nunnally, to authorize to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with Fire Protection District No. 11 for the Parish Highway Department to clean the silt from around a dry hydrant at 371 Hester Landing Road, as requested by the Spring Creek Volunteer Fire Department, and authorize the President to sign same. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Richard Billings, seconded by Mr. Richard Nunnally, to award Request for Proposal No. 1831 Commercial Auto/Property and Inland Marine Insurance Coverage to the Crick Agency in the amount of \$179,106 effective September 6, 2002, as recommended by the Treasurer and Purchasing Agent. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Richard Billings, seconded by Mr. Richard Nunnally, to enter into a contract with Acadian Ambulance upon approval of Legal Counsel. On vote the motion carried.

After unanimous vote the following items were placed on the agenda:

On motion by Mr. Richard Billings, seconded by Mr. Joe Fuller, to enter into a professional contract with the Louisiana Mosquito Control Association for a program of research to survey Rapides Parish for the evidence of mosquitoes and the feasibility of establishing a parishwide mosquito abatement district, for an amount not to exceed \$10,000 from the Police Jury; authorize to enter into Intergovernmental Agreements with the City of Alexandria for participation in an amount not to exceed \$10,000 and

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with the City of Pineville in an amount not to exceed \$2,000, as recommended by Dr. John Naponick, Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals, Office of Public Health, Region VI, and Chairman of the Encephalitis Committee, to be paid out of the General Fund. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Richard Billings, seconded by Mr. Richard Nunnally, to nominate Police Juror Theodore Fountaine Jr. to serve on the Cenla Community Action Committee Board of Directors as the elected public official succeeding former Police Juror Myron Lawson. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Richard Billings, seconded by Mr. Richard Nunnally, to authorize the expenses of interested Police Jurors and designated Police Jury employees to attend the Annual Fall Conference of the Organization of Parish Administrative Officials to be held on September 11-13, 2002 in New Iberia. On vote the motion carried.

Mr. Bordelon distributed copies of the recommendations of the salary task force committee and asked the Police Jurors to review those recommendations within the next thirty days for questions and discussion at the end of that period.

On motion by Mr. Joe Fuller, seconded by Mr. Theodore Fountaine, to receive the recommendations of the salary task force committee. On vote the motion carried.

The next agenda item was to receive a report from Legal Counsel on the cooperative endeavors.

Mr. Tom Wells, Legal Counsel, distributed copies of his legal opinion regarding Livin' It Up On the Levee, Juneteenth Celebration, Chamber of Commerce, Jazz on the River, and Alexandria/Pineville Convention and Visitors Bureau.

On motion by Mr. Steve Bordelon, seconded by Mr. Richard Nunnally, to accept the recommendation of the attorney on the proposed cooperative endeavors.

Substitute motion by Mr. Theodore Fountaine, seconded by Mr. Joe Fuller, that based on the Attorney General's opinion that the Rapides Parish Police Jury fund all five activities.

A roll call vote was called on the substitute motion and was as follows:

YES	NO	ABSTAIN
Joe Fuller	Bubba Moreau	Scott Perry
Theodore Fountaine	Steve Bordelon	
Richard Billings	Ezra Reed	
	Don Wilmore	
	Richard Nunnally	

On roll call vote the substitute motion failed to carry 3-5.

On voice vote the original motion carried. Mr. Joe Fuller and Mr. Theodore Fountaine objected.

On motion by Mr. Richard Billings, seconded by Mr. Don Wilmore, that the Rapides Parish Police Jury go on record as supporting Algie Breaux in his candidacy for Third Vice President of the Police Jury Association of Louisiana. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Richard Billings, seconded by Mr. Richard Nunnally, to authorize the President to sign the "Drainage Servitude Agreement" for State Project No. 713-40-0107 Bridge over Flagon Bayou (Cotton Island Road), as recommended by the Public Works Director. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Richard Billings, seconded by Mr. Richard Nunnally, to approve a plan change on Bid No. 1829 Rigolette Road Project in the amount of \$27,465, to be paid out of Road District No. 10A Funds (District A), as recommended by the Public Works Director. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Richard Billings, seconded by Mr. Richard Nunnally, to accept Bid No. 1829 Various Roads in Districts E, F and I as Substantially Complete and authorize the President to sign the Notice of Substantial Acceptance, as recommended by the Public Works Director. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Richard Billings, seconded by Mr. Richard Nunnally, the following ordinance was presented, to adopt a new Occupational License Tax Ordinance, the updated ordinance fixes the interest rate provision, more clearly explains the due date of the license and provides language mandating collections in accordance with LARS 47:341 through 363, both inclusive and as amended, as recommended by the Sales Tax Administrator, and on vote unanimously adopted:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND RE-ENACT SECTIONS 23-2 ET SEQ. OF THE RAPIDES PARISH CODE OF ORDINANCES RELATIVE TO THE OCCUPATIONAL LICENSE TAX SO AS TO FIX THE INTEREST RATE PROVISION, MORE CLEARLY

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EXPLAIN THE DUE DATE OF THE LICENSE, PROVIDE LANGUAGE MANDATING COLLECTIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH LARS 47:341 THROUGH 363, BOTH INCLUSIVE AND AS AMENDED, AND PROVIDE FOR RELATED MATTERS, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE SALES TAX ADMINISTRATOR.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Rapides Parish Police Jury convened in Regular Session on the 12th day of August, 2002, that Section 23-3 et seq. of the Rapides Parish Code of Ordinances is hereby amended and re-enacted as follows:

Chapter 23 TAXATION AND LICENSES

ARTICLE II OCCUPATIONAL LICENSE TAXES

Section 23-3: Annual License Tax Levied; Applicability.

There is hereby levied an occupational license tax for the year 2003 and for each subsequent year, upon each person pursuing and conducting any business, trade, calling, profession or vocation, within the limits of the **Parish of Rapides**, subject to license under the Louisiana Constitution and laws of this state.

Section 23-4: Adoption of State Laws.

The amount of license tax levied in each case is hereby fixed, determined and ordained to be the same as that fixed, levied and collectable by the governing authority under, and shall be levied in accordance with, the provisions of Louisiana Revised Statutes, Title 47, Chapter 3, Section 341 through 363, both inclusive, as amended, and reenacted by Act 1017 of the 1986 Regular Session and Act 18 of the First Extra Ordinary Session, 1986, and all other applicable laws of Louisiana, all of which for all purposes of this ordinance are made a part hereof by reference as if written herein in extenso.

Section 23-5: Peddlers License required; fee.

All peddlers, defined by Louisiana Revises Statutes, Title 47, Section 342(8), shall obtain a license costing one hundred dollars.

Section 23-5.1: Exemption from divisions for special events.

The provisions of this ordinance shall not apply to peddlers, hawkers, itinerant vendors, and any person who displays samples, models, goods, wares, or merchandise on a temporary basis, not to exceed three (3) days in any one (1) calendar year for the purpose of securing orders for the retail sale of such goods, wares, or the like kind and quality, either for immediate or future delivery in any publicly owned building or facility, not including public streets, highways or rights-of-way, including but not limited to the Harold Miles Park, the Beagle Club, the Cotile Recreation Area Park, the Indian Creek Recreation Park, or the Kincaid Lake Recreation Park. (Ord. Of 2-9-88)

Section 23-5.2: Payment of Tax; Penalty and Interest

A. Except as otherwise expressly provided, the license taxes levied herein shall be due and payable to the tax collector as follows:

1. In the case of any business which is subject to license under this ordinance commencing on or after the effective date of this ordinance, the license tax shall be due and payable on such date of commencement.

2. In the case of a business commenced prior to the effective date of this ordinance, the license tax shall be due and payable on January 1, 2003.

B.1. Annually thereafter, all license taxes levied hereunder shall be due and payable January first of each calendar year for which the license is due, except that for a new business commencing after January first of any calendar year, the first license shall be due and payable on the date the business is commenced.

2. All licenses unpaid after the last day of February of the calendar year for which they are due, or in the case of a new business, unpaid on the date such business is commenced, shall be deemed delinquent and subject to the payment of delinquent interest and penalty.

C. When any taxpayer fails to pay the tax, or any portion thereof, on or before March 1<sup>st</sup>, interest at the rate of one and one-quarter percent per month or fractional part thereof, shall be added to the amount of tax due and such interest shall be computed from the due date until the tax is paid.

D. In addition to the interest charged on delinquent taxes there shall be imposed a penalty of five percent of the total tax due if the failure or delinquency is for not more than thirty days, with an additional five percent for each additional thirty days or fraction thereof during which the failure or delinquency continues, not to exceed twenty-five percent of the tax in the aggregate.

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E. If any taxes, penalties or interest due under this ordinance are referred to an attorney at law for collection, an additional charge for attorney fees will be charged at the rate of 10% (ten percent) on the aggregate of the taxes, penalties and interest due.

Section 23-6: Effective Date.

This ordinance shall become effective January 1, 2003.

Section 23-7: Repealer Clause.

All other ordinances or parts of ordinance in conflict herewith are hereby repealed in their entirety. Provided however, this ordinance shall in no way have any affect on any ordinance or resolution previously adopted by this governing body imposing a license fee on insurance companies as authorized under Title 22 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes.  
(Ord. Of 6-9-87)

Section 23-8: Severability Clause.

If any provision or item of this ordinance or the application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items, or applications of this ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid provisions, items, or applications, of this ordinance and are hereby declared severable.

Said Ordinance having been introduced on the 12th day of August, 2002, by the Rapides Parish Police Jury, and the Ordinance considered, on motion of Mr. Richard Billings, seconded by Mr. Richard Nunnally, to adopt the Ordinance, a record vote was taken and the following was had:

YEAS:	NAYS:	ABSENT:
Davron "Bubba" Moreau	None	None
Joe Fuller		
Ezra L. Reed		
Steve P. Bordelon		
Theodore Fontaine Jr.		
Donald H. Wilmore		
Richard L. Nunnally		
Richard W. Billings		
Scott Perry Jr.		

Whereupon, the presiding officer declared the above Ordinance duly adopted on this 12th day of August, 2002.

On motion by Mr. Richard Billings, seconded by Mr. Richard Nunnally, to authorize the President to sign new contracts with the Department of Public Safety for the collection of sales and use taxes on transactions involving motor vehicles, as recommended by the Sales Tax Administrator. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Richard Billings, seconded by Mr. Richard Nunnally, to authorize a change order to the contract for the Health Unit/Motor Vehicle Buildings construction in the increased amount of \$133,853.75 for electrical changes, filters/added duct work, wiring numerical display, landscaping, and high density files, as recommended by the Architect, funds being available in the project's budget, and authorize the President to sign same. On vote the motion carried.

After unanimous vote the following items were placed on the agenda:

On motion by Mr. Richard Billings, seconded by Mr. Richard Nunnally, to authorize to advertise for bids for construction of Lena Water System Improvements, FY 2000 LCDBG Project, as recommended by the Consultant Engineer. On vote the motion carried.

Mr. Clyde Holloway, candidate for the Fifth Congressional District, appeared and asked the Police Jury for its support.

Mr. Bordelon commended Mr. Joe Fuller upon his appointment to the NACo Board of Directors.

On motion by Mr. Steve Bordelon, seconded by Mr. Richard Nunnally, to support the candidacy of Mr. Richard Billings for re-election as Executive Board Member representing the Eighth Police Jury Region of the Police Jury Association of Louisiana. On vote the motion carried.

The President asked if there was any public comment on any agenda item, to which there was no response.

There being no further business, the meeting was declared adjourned at 3:41 p.m.

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Angie Richmond, Secretary  
Rapides Parish Police Jury

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Bubba Moreau, President  
Rapides Parish Police Jury