

RAPIDES PARISH POLICE JURY

REGULAR SESSION
December 8, 2003

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, December 8, 2003, at three (3:00) o'clock p.m. (Central Standard Time).

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

Absent was Police Juror Davron "Bubba" Moreau.

Also present were Mr. Tim Ware, Treasurer; Mr. Eric S. Duck, Public Works Director; Mr. Felix Mouton, WIA Operations Director; Mr. Robert Barr, Courthouse Building Superintendent; Chief David Peart, Fire District No. 2; Ms. Candy Saucier, Civil Service Director; Mr. Tom Wells, Legal Counsel; and Ms. Angie Richmond, Secretary.

The invocation was given by Mr. Theodore Fountaine.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Steve Bordelon.

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

On motion by Mr. Steve Bordelon, seconded by Mr. Joe Fuller, to adopt the minutes of the Rapides Parish Police Jury held in Regular Session on November 10, 2003, as published in the Official Journal. On vote the motion carried.

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

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

Mr. Reed laid over the appointment to the Ruby-Wise Recreation District to fill the vacancy in an unexpired term created by the death of the late Eddie Cannon, term will expire on February 18, 2006.

Mr. Wilmore laid over the appointment to the Ward 7 Recreation District for a five year term to fill the expired term of Mr. Edward Thomas, term expired on April 13, 2003.

Mr. Fuller laid over the appointment to the Civil Service Board for three year term to fill expired term of Mr. Leroy J. Landry, nominated by Grambling University, term expired on September 17, 2003.

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

Ward 10 Recreation District for a five year term to fill the expiring term of Mr. Charles "Eddie" Lemons, term will expire on January 11, 2004;
Ward 10 Recreation District for a five year term to fill the expiring term of Mr. Jay L. Barber, term will expire on January 11, 2004; and
Fire District No. 7 Civil Service Board, representing the Police Jury, for a three year term to fill the expiring term of Mr. Don Calhoun, term will expire on February 7, 2004.

The following appointments were announced to be made at the January 12, 2004 meeting (concurrent with Police Jury term, must be appointed by new Police Jury):

Cocodrie Game and Fish Commission for term concurrent with Police Jury to fill the expiring term of Mr. Henry Corley, term will expire January 12, 2004;

Cocodrie Game and Fish Commission for term concurrent with Police Jury to fill the expiring term of Mr. John Barton, term will expire January 12, 2004; and

Cocodrie Game and Fish Commission for term concurrent with Police Jury to fill the expiring term of Mr. Kenneth B. Dickerson, representing CLECo, term will expire January 12, 2004.

The following appointments were announced to be made at the January 12, 2004 (must be appointed by new Police Jury):

Rapides Area Planning Commission for four year term concurrent with term of Police Jury to fill the expiring term of Mr. Joe Fuller, term will expire January 12, 2004;

Rapides Area Planning Commission for four year term concurrent with term of Police Jury to fill the expiring term of Mr. Donald H. Wilmore, term will expire January 12, 2004;

Rapides Area Planning Commission for one year term concurrent with the term of Chief Executive Officer of the Police Jury to fill the expiring term of Mr. Richard Billings, term will expire January 12, 2004;

Transportation Policy Committee for four year term concurrent with term of Police Jury to fill the expiring term of Mr. Joe Fuller, term will expire January 12, 2004;

Transportation Policy Committee for one year term concurrent with the term of Chief Executive Officer of the Police Jury to fill the expiring term of Mr. Richard Billings, term will expire January 12, 2004; and

Chamber of Commerce for one year term concurrent with the term of the Presidency of the Police Jury to fill the expiring term of Mr. Richard Billings, term will expire January 12, 2004.

On motion by Mr. Steve Bordelon, seconded by Mr. Joe Fuller, to accept the resignation of Mr. Wayne Dazart from Mosquito Abatement District No. 1; waive the thirty day announcement rule; and appoint Mr. Rodney Ferguson to fill the unexpired term, representing Public Input, term will expire on September 9, 2004. On vote the motion carried.

The following resolution was offered by Mr. Scott Perry and seconded by Mr. Don Wilmore:

RESOLUTION

A resolution providing for the examining and counting of the votes, examining and canvassing the returns, and declaring the result of the special election held in Road District No. 1A of Rapides Parish, State of Louisiana, on Saturday, November 15, 2003, to authorize the levy of a special tax therein.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Police Jury of the Rapides Parish, Louisiana, acting as the governing authority of Road District No. 1A of Rapides Parish, State of Louisiana, that:

SECTION 1. Canvass. This Police Jury does now proceed in open and public session to open the envelopes containing the official tabulations of votes cast at the special election held in Road District No. 1A of Rapides Parish, State of Louisiana, on SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2003, to authorize the levy of a special tax therein, and said tabulations having been prepared and certified by the election officials servicing at the election polls and this Police Jury does now further proceed to examine, count and tabulate such votes and to examine and canvass the returns and declare the results of said election.

SECTION 2. Proces Verbal. A Proces Verbal of the canvass of the returns of said election shall be made and that a certified copy thereof shall be forwarded to the Secretary of State, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, who shall record the same in his office; that another certified copy thereof shall be forwarded to the Clerk of Court and Ex-Officio Recorder of Mortgages in and for the Parish of Rapides, State of Louisiana, who shall record the same in the Mortgage Records of said Office; and a copy thereof shall be retained in the archives of the Police Jury.

SECTION 3. Promulgation of Election Results. The results of said election shall be promulgated by publication in the manner provided by law.

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

YEAS: Richard W. Billings, Ezra L. Reed, Steve P. Bordelon, Theodore Fountaine Jr., Donald H. Wilmore, Joe Fuller, Richard L. Nunnally, and Scott Perry Jr.

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Davron "Bubba" Moreau

And the resolution was declared adopted on this, the 8th day of December, 2003.

PROCES VERBAL OF THE CANVASS OF THE VOTES CAST AT THE SPECIAL ELECTION HELD FOR ROAD DISTRICT NO. 1A OF RAPIDES PARISH, STATE OF LOUISIANA, ON SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2003.

BE IT KNOWN AND REMEMBERED that on Monday, December 8, 2003, at three o'clock (3:00) p.m., at its regular meeting place, the Police Jury Room of the Courthouse, Alexandria, Rapides Parish, Louisiana, acting as the governing authority of Road District No. 1A of the Parish of Rapides, State of Louisiana, and being the authority ordering a special election held in said district on Saturday, November 15, 2003, with the following members present:

Richard W. Billings, Ezra L. Reed, Steve P. Bordelon, Theodore Fountaine Jr., Donald H. Wilmore, Joe Fuller, Richard L. Nunnally, and Scott Perry Jr.

There being absent: Davron "Bubba" Moreau

did in public session open the official tabulations of the votes cast at the said election, as prepared and certified by the election commissioners

and clerks, did examine, count and tabulate such votes, and did examine and canvass the returns and declare the results of said election, there having been submitted at said election the following proposition, to-wit:

ROAD DISTRICT 1A
(TAX RENEWAL)
SUMMARY

10 year 21.88 mill Property Tax for constructing, maintaining and keeping in repair the public roads, highways and bridges of Road District No. 1A

PROPOSITION

Shall Road District No. 1A of Rapides Parish, State of Louisiana, levy and collect a special ad valorem tax of twentyone and eightyeight-hundredths (21.88) mills on each dollar of assessed valuation on all the property subject to taxation in said District, said tax to constitute a renewal and continuation of a similar tax, the tax for which the levy will expire on the 2004 tax rolls, for a period of ten (10) years, beginning with the year 2005 and ending with the year 2014, for the purpose of constructing, maintaining, and keeping in repair the public roads, highways, and bridges within said District?

There was found by said count and canvass that the following votes had been cast at the said special election IN FAVOR OF and AGAINST, respectively, the proposition as hereinabove set forth, to-wit:

NUMBER OF VOTES FOR PROPOSITION	<u>813</u>
NUMBER OF VOTES AGAINST PROPOSITION	<u>470</u>

It was therefore shown that there was a majority of 343 votes cast IN FAVOR OF the proposition as hereinabove set forth.

Therefore, in accordance with the result of the canvass of the returns and action of the Police Jury of the Parish of Rapides, State of Louisiana, I, Richard W. Billings, President of the Police Jury, do hereby proclaim, declare and announce the said proposition as hereinabove set forth to have duly CARRIED by a majority of the votes cast by the qualified electors voting at said special election held in said District on Saturday, November 15, 2003.

THUS DONE AND SIGNED at Alexandria, Louisiana, on this, the 8th day of December, 2003.

The following resolution was offered by Mr. Scott Perry and seconded by Mr. Don Wilmore:

RESOLUTION

A resolution providing for the examining and counting of the votes, examining and canvassing the returns, and declaring the result of the special election held in Fire Protection District Number 7 of the Parish of Rapides, State of Louisiana, on Saturday, November 15, 2003, to authorize the levy of a special tax therein.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Police Jury of the Rapides Parish, Louisiana, acting as the governing authority of Fire Protection District Number 7 of the Parish of Rapides, State of Louisiana, that:

SECTION 1. Canvass. This Police Jury does now proceed in open and public session to open the envelopes containing the official tabulations of votes cast at the special election held in Fire Protection District Number 7 of the Parish of Rapides, State of Louisiana, on SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2003, to authorize the levy of a special tax therein, and said tabulations having been prepared and certified by the election officials servicing at the election polls and this Police Jury does now further proceed to examine, count and tabulate such votes and to examine and canvass the returns and declare the results of said election.

SECTION 2. Proces Verbal. A Proces Verbal of the canvass of the returns of said election shall be made and that a certified copy thereof shall be forwarded to the Secretary of State, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, who shall record the same in his office; that another certified copy thereof shall be forwarded to the Clerk of Court and Ex-Officio Recorder of Mortgages in and for the Parish of Rapides, State of Louisiana, who shall record the same in the Mortgage Records of said Office; and a copy thereof shall be retained in the archives of the Police Jury.

SECTION 3. Promulgation of Election Results. The results of said election shall be promulgated by publication in the manner provided by law.

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

YEAS: Richard W. Billings, Ezra L. Reed, Steve P. Bordelon, Theodore Fountaine Jr., Donald H. Wilmore, Joe Fuller, Richard L. Nunnally, and Scott Perry Jr.

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Davron "Bubba" Moreau

And the resolution was declared adopted on this, the 8th day of December, 2003.

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PROCES VERBAL OF THE CANVASS OF THE VOTES CAST AT THE SPECIAL ELECTION HELD FOR FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NUMBER 7 OF THE PARISH OF RAPIDES, STATE OF LOUISIANA, ON SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2003.

BE IT KNOWN AND REMEMBERED that on Monday, December 8, 2003, at three o'clock (3:00) p.m., at its regular meeting place, the Police Jury Room of the Courthouse, Alexandria, Rapides Parish, Louisiana, acting as the governing authority of Fire Protection District Number 7 of the Parish of Rapides, State of Louisiana, and being the authority ordering a special election held in said district on Saturday, November 15, 2003, with the following members present:

Richard W. Billings, Ezra L. Reed, Steve P. Bordelon, Theodore Fontaine Jr., Donald H. Wilmore, Joe Fuller, Richard L. Nunnally, and Scott Perry Jr.

There being absent: Davron "Bubba" Moreau

did in public session open the official tabulations of the votes cast at the said election, as prepared and certified by the election commissioners and clerks, did examine, count and tabulate such votes, and did examine and canvass the returns and declare the results of said election, there having been submitted at said election the following proposition, to-wit:

FIRE DISTRICT NO. 7 (RUBY-KOLIN)
(TAX RENEWAL)
SUMMARY

10 YEAR 26 MILL PROPERTY TAX FOR CONSTRUCTING, OPERATING AND MAINTAINING FIRE PROTECTION FACILITIES AND PAYING THE COSTS OF OBTAINING WATER FOR FIRE PROTECTION PURPOSES IN FIRE DISTRICT NO. 7

PROPOSITION

Shall Fire Protection District No. 7 of the Parish of Rapides, State of Louisiana, levy and collect a special ad valorem tax of twentysix (26) mills on each dollar of assessed valuation on all the property subject to taxation in said District, said tax to constitute a renewal and continuation of a similar tax, the tax for which the levy will expire on the 2004 tax rolls, for a period of ten (10) years, beginning with the year 2005 and ending with the year 2014, for the purpose of constructing, operating and maintaining fire protection facilities and paying the costs of obtaining water for fire protection purposes?

There was found by said count and canvass that the following votes had been cast at the said special election IN FAVOR OF and AGAINST, respectively, the proposition as hereinabove set forth, to-wit:

NUMBER OF VOTES FOR PROPOSITION	<u>687</u>
NUMBER OF VOTES AGAINST PROPOSITION	<u>150</u>

It was therefore shown that there was a majority of 537 votes cast IN FAVOR OF the proposition as hereinabove set forth.

Therefore, in accordance with the result of the canvass of the returns and action of the Police Jury of the Parish of Rapides, State of Louisiana, I, Richard W. Billings, President of the Police Jury, do hereby proclaim, declare and announce the said proposition as hereinabove set forth to have duly CARRIED by a majority of the votes cast by the qualified electors voting at said special election held in said District on Saturday, November 15, 2003.

THUS DONE AND SIGNED at Alexandria, Louisiana, on this, the 8th day of December, 2003.

The following resolution was offered by Mr. Scott Perry and seconded by Mr. Don Wilmore:

RESOLUTION

A resolution providing for the examining and counting of the votes, examining and canvassing the returns, and declaring the result of the special election held in Road District No. 9B of the Parish of Rapides, State of Louisiana, on Saturday, November 15, 2003, to authorize the levy of a special tax therein.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Police Jury of the Rapides Parish, Louisiana, acting as the governing authority of Road District No. 9B of the Parish of Rapides, State of Louisiana, that:

SECTION 1. Canvass. This Police Jury does now proceed in open and public session to open the envelopes containing the official tabulations of votes cast at the special election held in Road District No. 9B of the Parish of Rapides, State of Louisiana, on SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2003, to authorize the levy of a special tax therein, and said tabulations having been prepared and certified by the election officials servicing at the election polls and this Police Jury does now further proceed to examine, count and tabulate such votes and to examine and canvass the returns and declare the results of said election.

SECTION 2. Proces Verbal. A Proces Verbal of the canvass of the returns of said election shall be made and that a certified copy thereof shall be forwarded to the Secretary of State, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, who shall record the same in his office; that another certified copy thereof shall be forwarded to the Clerk of Court and Ex-Officio Recorder of Mortgages in and for the Parish of Rapides, State of Louisiana, who shall record the same in the Mortgage Records of said Office; and a copy thereof shall be retained in the archives of the Police Jury.

SECTION 3. Promulgation of Election Results. The results of said election shall be promulgated by publication in the manner provided by law.

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

YEAS: Richard W. Billings, Ezra L. Reed, Steve P. Bordelon, Theodore Fountaine Jr., Donald H. Wilmore, Joe Fuller, Richard L. Nunnally, and Scott Perry Jr.

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Davron "Bubba" Moreau

And the resolution was declared adopted on this, the 8th day of December, 2003.

PROCES VERBAL OF THE CANVASS OF THE VOTES CAST AT THE SPECIAL ELECTION HELD FOR ROAD DISTRICT NO. 9B OF THE PARISH OF RAPIDES, STATE OF LOUISIANA, ON SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2003.

BE IT KNOWN AND REMEMBERED that on Monday, December 8, 2003, at three o'clock (3:00) p.m., at its regular meeting place, the Police Jury Room of the Courthouse, Alexandria, Rapides Parish, Louisiana, acting as the governing authority of Road District No. 9B of the Parish of Rapides, State of Louisiana, and being the authority ordering a special election held in said district on Saturday, November 15, 2003, with the following members present:

Richard W. Billings, Ezra L. Reed, Steve P. Bordelon, Theodore Fountaine Jr., Donald H. Wilmore, Joe Fuller, Richard L. Nunnally, and Scott Perry Jr.

There being absent: Davron "Bubba" Moreau

did in public session open the official tabulations of the votes cast at the said election, as prepared and certified by the election commissioners and clerks, did examine, count and tabulate such votes, and did examine and canvass the returns and declare the results of said election, there having been submitted at said election the following proposition, to-wit:

ROAD DISTRICT 9B
(TAX CONTINUATION)
SUMMARY

10 year 7.23 mill Property Tax for constructing, maintaining and keeping in repair the public roads, highways and bridges of Road District No. 9B

PROPOSITION

Shall Road District No. 9B of the Parish of Rapides, State of Louisiana, continue to levy and collect a special ad valorem tax of seven and twentythree-hundredths (7.23) mills on each dollar of assessed valuation on all the property subject to taxation in said District, for a period of ten (10) years, beginning with the year 2005 and ending with the year 2014, said tax to constitute a continuation of a similar tax, the tax for which the levy will expire on the 2004 tax rolls, for the purpose of constructing, maintaining, and keeping in repair the public roads, highways, and bridges within said District?

There was found by said count and canvass that the following votes had been cast at the said special election IN FAVOR OF and AGAINST, respectively, the proposition as hereinabove set forth, to-wit:

NUMBER OF VOTES FOR PROPOSITION	<u>587</u>
NUMBER OF VOTES AGAINST PROPOSITION	<u>470</u>

It was therefore shown that there was a majority of 117 votes cast IN FAVOR OF the proposition as hereinabove set forth.

Therefore, in accordance with the result of the canvass of the returns and action of the Police Jury of the Parish of Rapides, State of Louisiana, I, Richard W. Billings, President of the Police Jury, do hereby proclaim, declare and announce the said proposition as hereinabove set forth to have duly CARRIED by a majority of the votes cast by the qualified electors voting at said special election held in said District on Saturday, November 15, 2003.

THUS DONE AND SIGNED at Alexandria, Louisiana, on this, the 8th day of December, 2003.

On motion by Mr. Scott Perry, seconded by Mr. Don Wilmore, to delete from the Coroner Asset/Inventory Program the following asset:

Asset Description	Acquired	Disposal
6950 Stretcher	2-27-95	scrap, to be bid out

On vote the motion carried.

The next agenda item was a motion to authorize to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Alexandria Central Economic Development District to receive \$15,000.00 from Police Jury District G Economic Development Funds in the General Fund to be used for economic development and authorize the President to sign same.

Motion by Mr. Steve Bordelon, seconded by Mr. Joe Fuller, to table.

Amendment by Mr. Joe Fuller, seconded by Mr. Richard Nunnally, to receive a report from the Central Economic Development District at the February meeting of the Police Jury.

A question was made to the Chair on the validity of the motions on the floor.

Mr. Fuller said he did not second the motion to table.

Motion by Mr. Richard Nunnally, seconded by Mr. Scott Perry, to authorize to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Alexandria Central Economic Development District to receive \$15,000.00 from Police Jury District G Economic Development Funds in the General Fund to be used for economic development, authorize the President to sign same, and to receive a report from the Central Economic Development District at the February meeting of the Police Jury.

The President ruled for a return to the original motion.

Motion reoffered by Mr. Steve Bordelon to table.

Motion died for lack of a second.

On motion by Mr. Richard Nunnally, seconded by Mr. Scott Perry, to authorize to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Alexandria Central Economic Development District to receive \$15,000.00 from Police Jury District G Economic Development Funds in the General Fund to be used for economic development, authorize the President to sign same, and to receive a report from the Central Economic Development District at the February meeting of the Police Jury.

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

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

On roll call vote the motion carried 5-3.

On motion by Mr. Scott Perry, seconded by Mr. Don Wilmore, the following resolution was presented to endorse Star-Tek Inc. as a participant in the benefits of the Louisiana Enterprise/Economic Development Zone Program in Tract ____ Block Group __ in Rapides Parish with rebate from the 1% Rapides Parish Police Jury Sales and Use Tax, as recommended by the Reviewing Agencies:

ENDORSEMENT RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION STATING THE RAPIDES PARISH POLICE JURY'S ENDORSEMENT OF STAR-TEK INC. TO PARTICIPATE IN THE BENEFITS OF THE LOUISIANA ENTERPRISE ZONE PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Enterprise Zone Act 901 of 1981, Act 337 of 1982, Act 433 of 1987, Act 1024 of 1992, Act 581 of 1995 and Act 647 of 1997; and,

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Enterprise Zone Program offers significant incentives for economic development to some of the most distressed areas in the Parish of Rapides; and,

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Department of Economic Development designated Census Tract __ Block Group _ in Rapides Parish, as an "Enterprise Zone" eligible based on enabling legislation (R.S. 51:1781-1791); and,

WHEREAS, the Rapides Parish Police Jury states this endorsement is in agreement with the Overall Economic Development Plan for Rapides Parish; and,

WHEREAS, the attached Enterprise Zone map is marked showing the location of the business being endorsed; and,

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Louisiana Enterprise Zone Program requirements, the Rapides Parish Police Jury agrees:

1. To participate in the Enterprise Zone Program.
2. To assist the Department in evaluating progress made in any Enterprise Zone within its jurisdiction.
3. To REBATE all applicable (applicable sales/use taxes are defined as all local sales/use taxes except those that are dedicated to the repayment of a Bond issue or dedicated to any public school) local

sales/use taxes on the purchase of eligible construction materials, machinery, and equipment purchased for this project and used by the business permanently on that site.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Rapides Parish Police Jury in due, regular and legal session convened this 8th day of December, 2003, that STAR-TEK INC. and their project IN-BOUND TECHNICAL SUPPORT CENTER, Enterprise Zone Application No. 2003-0476, is endorsed to participate in the Louisiana Enterprise Zone Program.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if any provision or item of this resolution or the application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items or applications of the resolution which can be given effect without the invalid provisions, items or applications and to this end the provisions of this resolution are hereby declared severable.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all resolutions or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

THUS PASSED AND APPROVED on this 8th day of December, 2003.

On motion by Mr. Scott Perry, seconded by Mr. Don Wilmore, the following resolution was presented to endorse Chapman & Seiler LLC as a participant in the benefits of the Louisiana Enterprise/Economic Development Zone Program in Tract _____ Block Group ___ in Rapides Parish with rebate from the 1% Rapides Parish Police Jury Sales and Use Tax, as recommended by the Reviewing Agencies:

ENDORSEMENT RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION STATING THE RAPIDES PARISH POLICE JURY'S ENDORSEMENT OF CHAPMAN & SEILER LLC TO PARTICIPATE IN THE BENEFITS OF THE LOUISIANA ENTERPRISE ZONE PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Enterprise Zone Act 901 of 1981, Act 337 of 1982, Act 433 of 1987, Act 1024 of 1992, Act 581 of 1995 and Act 647 of 1997; and,

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Enterprise Zone Program offers significant incentives for economic development to some of the most distressed areas in the Parish of Rapides; and,

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Department of Economic Development designated Census Tract ___ Block Group _ in Rapides Parish, as an "Enterprise Zone" eligible based on enabling legislation (R.S. 51:1781-1791); and,

WHEREAS, the Rapides Parish Police Jury states this endorsement is in agreement with the Overall Economic Development Plan for Rapides Parish; and,

WHEREAS, the attached Enterprise Zone map is marked showing the location of the business being endorsed; and,

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Louisiana Enterprise Zone Program requirements, the Rapides Parish Police Jury agrees:

1. To participate in the Enterprise Zone Program.
2. To assist the Department in evaluating progress made in any Enterprise Zone within its jurisdiction.
3. To REBATE all applicable (applicable sales/use taxes are defined as all local sales/use taxes except those that are dedicated to the repayment of a Bond issue or dedicated to any public school) local sales/use taxes on the purchase of eligible construction materials, machinery, and equipment purchased for this project and used by the business permanently on that site.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Rapides Parish Police Jury in due, regular and legal session convened this 8th day of December, 2003, that CHAPMAN & SEILER LLC and their project DENTAL OFFICE, Enterprise Zone Application No. 2003-0477, is endorsed to participate in the Louisiana Enterprise Zone Program.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if any provision or item of this resolution or the application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items or applications of the resolution which can be given effect without the invalid provisions, items or applications and to this end the provisions of this resolution are hereby declared severable.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all resolutions or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

THUS PASSED AND APPROVED on this 8th day of December, 2003.

On motion by Mr. Scott Perry, seconded by Mr. Don Wilmore, to grant approval to Hidden Hills Resubdivision, off Country Club Road, Ward 10, as recommended by the Rapides Area Planning Commission. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Scott Perry, seconded by Mr. Don Wilmore, to authorize Ms. Pamela Odom, 31 Hwy 462, Pitkin, as a Hardship Case, pending proper certification. On vote the motion carried.

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On motion by Mr. Scott Perry, seconded by Mr. Don Wilmore, to authorize the Public Works Director to negotiate a contract with W.E. McDonald and Son to reconstruct Oil Field Road in an amount not to exceed \$100,000 to be paid from Road District 1A Funds. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Scott Perry, seconded by Mr. Don Wilmore, to request the Red River, Atchafalaya, and Bayou Boeuf Levee Board to clean Dunn Bayou, copy of this resolution to be sent to our Legislative Delegation. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Scott Perry, seconded by Mr. Don Wilmore, to direct the Public Works Director to submit to the President every Monday a written weekly report on the bridge closures, giving a status report on how many bridges were closed, how many have been repaired and why the remaining closed bridges have not been repaired. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Scott Perry, seconded by Mr. Don Wilmore, to request the Louisiana Department of Highways to fund the Federal Off-System Bridge Program at the maximum extent possible. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Scott Perry, seconded by Mr. Don Wilmore, the following resolution was presented and on vote unanimously adopted:

Resolution

BE IT RESOLVED by this Police Jury in Regular Session duly convened and assembled, a quorum being present, that it does hereby ratify and approve the amended budget for the calendar year 2003 and the original budget for the calendar year 2004, duly adopted by the North Louisiana Criminalistic Laboratory Commission, the same having been furnished to this Police Jury by said Commission and being on file in the office of the Secretary hereof.

THUS DONE AND SIGNED on this 8th day of December, 2003.

On motion by Mr. Scott Perry, seconded by Mr. Don Wilmore, to authorize to advertise for bids for the Sewer Pump Station and Sewer Force Main at Rapides Station, Governor's Office of Rural Development Grant No. 0203RPD002, contingent upon approval by the Louisiana Office of Health and Hospitals, as recommended by the Consultant Engineer. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Scott Perry, seconded by Mr. Don Wilmore, to authorize the President of the Rapides Parish Police Jury to sign an intergovernmental agreement with the Sabine Parish Sales and Use Tax Commission for the audit and examination of taxpayer records by the Sales and Use Tax Department. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Scott Perry, seconded by Mr. Don Wilmore, to accept the low proposals of 24/7 Power Systems (Craig A. Gremillion) to furnish and install generators for the Lena Water System (Lena-Flatwoods replace existing generator in the amount of \$16,649 and the new site at Flatwoods in the amount of \$22,245.00) as recommended by Willis Engineering, the Treasurer and Purchasing Agent, to be paid from the Louisiana Governor's Office of Rural Development, Grant No. 0203-RPF-0003. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Scott Perry, seconded by Mr. Don Wilmore, to receive the report of the Parish Inspector recommending the abandoned dilapidated house on DeSoto Street, Lot 50'x 100' in Wardville, Section 53, T4N-R1E, Ward 9, District B, Rapides Parish, be condemned and demolished or removed, due to being in dangerous condition which endangers the public health or welfare, and it be referred to Legal Counsel for proper action. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Scott Perry, seconded by Mr. Don Wilmore, to receive the report of the Parish Inspector recommending the burned house located at 2818 Sabine Drive, Lot 19, Block "C" Woodlawn Subdivision, Section 19, T4N-R1W, Ward 1, District I, Rapides Parish, be condemned and demolished or removed, due to being in dangerous condition which endangers the public health or welfare, and it be referred to Legal Counsel for proper action. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Scott Perry, seconded by Mr. Don Wilmore, to authorize renewal of annual Intergovernmental Agreements with the following municipalities and authorize the President to sign same:

Woodworth	Road District 2C
Ball	Road District 10A
Cheneyville	Road District 3A
Forest Hill	Road District 1A
Glenmora	Road District 1A
Lecompte	Road District 3A
Boyce	Road District 7A

On vote the motion carried.

The next agenda item was to rescind the granting of the floodplain permit to Mr. Robert Lachney by the Police Jury on October 13, 2004. The structure must comply with the floodplain program, an elevation to 92'.

Motion by Mr. Steve Bordelon, seconded by Mr. Joe Fuller, to grant a floodplain permit and building permit to Mr. Robert Lachney.

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After discussion, Mr. Tom Wells, Legal Counsel, agreed to write FEMA directly regarding this matter and bring back a report to the Police Jury.

On motion restated by Mr. Steve Bordelon, seconded by Mr. Joe Fuller, to delay any action until a report is received from Legal Counsel on the floodplain permit requested by Mr. Robert Lachney.

On vote the motion as restated carried.

On motion by Mr. Scott Perry, seconded by Mr. Don Wilmore, 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 8th day of December that the Rapides Parish Police Jury does hereby endorse and support Mr. V. J. Bella as State Fire Marshal.

THUS PASSED AND APPROVED on this 8th day of December 2003.

On motion by Mr. Scott Perry, seconded by Mr. Don Wilmore, to receive the required report from Acadian Ambulance under the Contract for October 2003:

Response Zone	Number	Required	Compliance
Zone	Responses	%	%
Alexandria - 8 minute	389	80%	93.57%
Pineville - 8 minute	86	80%	96.51%
Rapides - 12 minute	140	80%	95.00%
Rapides - 20 minute	144	80%	90.28%

On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Joe Fuller, seconded by Mr. Richard Nunnally, to declare Friday, December 26, 2003, the day after Christmas, and Friday, January 2, 2003, the day after New Year's, as holidays in conjunction with the declaration of the Governor as State Holidays. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Joe Fuller, seconded by Mr. Richard Nunnally and all other Police Jurors, to wish all citizens of Rapides Parish happy holidays. On vote the motion carried.

The next agenda item was to increase the salary of the Workforce Operations Director to \$52,000 per year.

Motion by Mr. Steve Bordelon, that this being a \$14,000 per year increase and the Rapides Parish Police Jury is in the middle of a budget crises, that the salary of the Workforce Operations Director be increased by \$7,000 per year.

Motion died for lack of a second.

On motion by Mr. Joe Fuller, seconded by Mr. Theodore Fountaine, to increase the salary of the Workforce Operations Director to \$52,000 per year.

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

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

On roll call vote the motion carried 6-2.

On motion by Mr. Scott Perry, seconded by Mr. Don Wilmore, to authorize the release of a Request for Proposal for supportive services and to authorize the President to sign a contract for selected supportive services. On vote the motion carried.

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

Mayor Roy Hebron, Town of Ball, expressed appreciation to his Police Juror, Mr. Davron "Bubba" Moreau, for his service on the Rapides Parish Police Jury for the past eight years and recognized the incoming Police Juror for District A, Mr. Butch Lindsay.

Motion by Mr. Don Wilmore to recognize Mr. Louis Villemarette to discuss a problem with a right of way in the W. W. Ward Subdivision.

Mr. Villemarette asked the Police Jury to intercede in the matter of two private landowners blocking access to Cotile Lake on a dedicated right of way in the W. W. Ward Subdivision known as Wardway Landing.

On motion by Mr. Joe Fuller, seconded by Mr. Steve Bordelon, to request Legal Counsel to review if the right of way of Wardway Landing had been revoked; if not, then to send letters to the property owners ordering them to remove any structures blocking public access. On vote the motion carried.

The next agenda item was to discuss a radio tower constructed at the Coliseum, of which the Police Jury had no foreknowledge. Mr. Tom Wells,

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Legal Counsel, explained a 20 acre tract of land at the Coliseum was purchased jointly by the Police Jury and the City, subsequently leased from the Police Jury to the Coliseum Authority. Apparently, there is a pre-existing City well on the site and a newly constructed City radio tower. Mr. Sonny Craig, Utilities Director for the City of Alexandria, stated he understood the land was owned by the City of Alexandria; however, in talking with Mr. Wells no agreement had been found releasing the land from joint ownership with the Parish to the City. Mr. Don Guillory, Coliseum Manager, said they were not aware of any planned construction until one day the tower appeared on the Coliseum property. Mr. Wells offered to get with the City of Alexandria and the Coliseum Authority regarding the Coliseum property and the Health Unit property and bring back a recommendation to the Police Jury.

The next agenda item was to adopt the proposed 2004 Rapides Parish Police Jury Budget.

On motion by Mr. Joe Fuller, seconded by Mr. Steve Bordelon, to delay action at this time on the proposed 2004 Rapides Parish Police Jury Budget. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Scott Perry, seconded by Mr. Don Wilmore, to authorize the expenses of interested Police Jurors and designated Parish employees to attend the 2004 PJA Newly Elected Parish Officials Orientation Conference to be held on January 22, 2004 in Baton Rouge. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Scott Perry, seconded by Mr. Don Wilmore, to authorize to advertise for bids to lease/purchase two (2) new fire trucks (pumper/tanker) for Fire Protection District No. 7, as recommended by the Board of Directors of Ruby-Kolin Volunteer Fire Association, to be paid from Fire District No. 7 Funds. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Scott Perry, seconded by Mr. Don Wilmore, to authorize to advertise for bids to purchase one used one-ton four-door utility truck for Fire Protection District No. 11, as recommended by the Board of Directors of Spring Creek Volunteer Fire Association, to be paid from Fire District No. 11 Funds. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Scott Perry, seconded by Mr. Don Wilmore, to accept the 2003 contract with D&J Construction Company (various road improvements, Districts E, F, H 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.

Ms. Fredell Griffin, representing Jackson Hewitt, appeared regarding income tax preparation discounts for employees and asked permission to distribute the offer in employee payroll checks or in the W-2 mailings.

On motion by Mr. Joe Fuller, seconded by Mr. Richard Nunnally, to grant permission of distributing the offer of Jackson Hewitt to employees, if legal to do so. On vote the motion carried.

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

The next agenda item was not passed as it was dependent upon the Budget, which was not approved in this meeting: to increase the employee's participation in the group health insurance plan by 40% effective January 1, 2004.

On motion by Mr. Joe Fuller, seconded by Mr. Theodore Fontaine, to award the fiscal agent bid to Bank One, as recommended by the Treasurer. On vote the motion carried.

Mr. Terry J. Arceneaux, District Manager of Acadian Ambulance Service Inc., advised they have joined with South Community College and are offering paramedic and EMT training because of shortages in that field, for which grants and loans are available for the tuition.

The President asked if there was any public comment on any agenda item.

Mr. Ronald L. Taylor Sr. asked to address the Police Jury regarding Denny Road in the Philadelphia Community. Mr. Billings asked if the matter, which is not on the agenda, be deferred to the January committee meeting.

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

There being no further business, the meeting was declared adjourned at 4:05 p.m.

Angie Richmond, Secretary
Rapides Parish Police Jury

Richard Billings, President
Rapides Parish Police Jury