

RAPIDES PARISH POLICE JURY

REGULAR SESSION
January 10, 2005

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, January 10, 2005, at three (3:00) o'clock p.m. (Central Standard Time).

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

Also present were Mr. Tim Ware, Treasurer; Mr. Eric S. Duck, Public Works Director; Ms. Donna Andries, Sales and Use Tax Administrator; Ms. Jan Haworth, OEWD Director, Mr. Terry Bounds, Interim WIA Operations Director; Chief David Peart, Fire District No. 2; Mr. Robert Barr, Courthouse Building Superintendent; Mr. Thomas O. Wells, Legal Counsel; and Ms. Angie Richmond, Secretary.

The invocation was given by Mr. Richard Billings.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Don Wilmore.

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

The first item of business was the election of officers for 2005.

On motion by Mr. Butch Lindsay, seconded by Mr. Don Wilmore, Mr. Richard Billings, and Mr. Scott Perry, to re-elect Mr. Ezra L. Reed as President for the year 2005.

On motion by Mr. Joe Fuller, seconded by Mr. Butch Lindsay, that nominations cease.

On vote the motions carried and Mr. Reed was elected President for the year 2005.

On motion by Mr. Don Wilmore, seconded by Mr. Richard Billings, to nominate Mr. Jerry P. Wood Sr. for Vice President for the year 2005. On vote the motion carried and Mr. Wood was elected Vice President for the year 2005.

Mr. Wilmore presented a plaque to Mr. Ezra Reed for his service as President of the Rapides Parish Police Jury for 2004. Mr. Reed presented a plaque to Mr. Don Wilmore for his service as Vice President of the Rapides Parish Police Jury for 2004.

On motion by Mr. Joe Fuller, seconded by Mr. Richard Billings and Mr. Scott Perry, to adopt the minutes of the Rapides Parish Police Jury held in Regular Session on December 13, 2004, in Special Session on December 6, 2004, as published in the Official Journal. On vote the motion carried.

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

On motion by Mr. Joe Fuller, seconded by Mr. Richard Billings and Mr. Scott Perry, 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.

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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 Fire District No. 4 Civil Service Board for a three year term to fill the expired term of Mr. David Gunter, employee elected, term expired on November 12, 2004, until election is held.

On motion by Mr. Ezra Reed, seconded by Mr. Jerry Wood, to appoint Mr. Linward McCan, LSUA nominee, to the Fire District No. 7 Civil Service Board for three year term, term will expire on February 7, 2008. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Ezra Reed, seconded by Mr. Joe Fuller, to appoint Mr. Dwayne Wilson to the Buckeye Recreation District for a five year term effective February 13, 2005, term will expire on February 12, 2010, and a letter of appreciation be sent to Ms. Felicia Sikes for her service on the Board of Commissioners. On vote the motion carried.

Mr. Fuller laid over the appointment to the Civil Service Board, nominee of Grambling University, to fill the vacancy in an unexpired term created by the resignation of Ms. Tracy Nash, term will expire on December 10, 2006, and asked a follow-up letter be sent to Grambling University.

Mr. Bordelon laid over the appointment to the Ward 9 Recreation District to fill the vacancy in an unexpired term created by the resignation of Mr. Fred S. Mills, term will expire February 12, 2006.

On motion by Mr. Jerry Wood, seconded by Mr. Butch Lindsay, to appoint Mr. Ezra Reed to the Rapides Area Planning Commission for one year term concurrent with the term of Chief Executive Officer of the Police Jury, term will expire January 9, 2006. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Joe Fuller, seconded by Mr. Richard Billings, to appoint Mr. Ezra Reed to the Transportation Policy Committee for one year term concurrent with the term of Chief Executive Officer of the Police Jury, term will expire January 9, 2006. On vote the motion carried.

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

Communications District for a four year term to fill the expiring term of Mr. Russell L. Murdock, representing Parish and City Government, term will expire on February 18, 2005;

Communications District for a four year term to fill the expiring term of Capt. David Whitehurst, representing City Police Department, term will expire on February 18, 2005; and

Communications District for a four year term to fill the expiring term of Chief George Tynes, representing Parishwide Fire Departments, term will expire on February 18, 2005.

On motion by Mr. Joe Fuller, seconded by Mr. Don Wilmore and Mr. Butch Lindsay, to waive the thirty day announcement rule and reappoint Mr. Russell L. Murdock, representing Parish and City Government, Capt. David Whitehurst, representing City Police Department, and Chief George Tynes, representing Parishwide Fire Departments, to the Communications District for four year terms, terms will expire February 18, 2009. On vote the motion carried.

The next agenda item was to discuss the NACo Prescription Drug Discount Card Program.

Mr. Joe Fuller, who also serves on the National Association of Counties Board of Directors, explained that he has offered Rapides Parish as a pilot county for this program, noting that Montgomery County in Maryland has implemented the program with success.

Mr. Wood asked for an opinion from Legal Counsel. Mr. Tom Wells, Legal Counsel, advised he has reviewed some information on the program and gave a summary to the Police Jury, including the Pharmacy Company is given the exclusive right to promote the program and receive manufacturer rebates, the contract is without charge for administration and the Police Jury would have to indemnify the group for any claims or law suits and penalties. Mr. Fuller suggested a review of the provisions with the attorney for NACo.

On motion by Mr. Joe Fuller, seconded by Mr. Richard Billings, to request Mr. Tom Wells, Legal Counsel, to work with the attorney for the

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National Association of Counties regarding the NACo Prescription Drug Discount Card Program for a recommendation back to the Police Jury. On vote the motion carried.

Mr. Ralph Gill, Assessor, explained new laws are mandating more information from his Office be placed on the Internet causing the need for updated technology. He requested the Police Jury to provide five digital cameras, two personal computers and a fax machine, approximately \$7,631.09 in equipment, for his Office.

After unanimous vote the following item was placed on the agenda:

On motion by Mr. Joe Fuller, seconded by Mr. Scott Perry, to authorize the purchase of equipment for the Rapides Parish Tax Assessor, as requested, and the cost be prorated among all the ad valorem taxing bodies. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Don Wilmore, seconded by Mr. Joe Fuller, to authorize the President to sign certifications in accordance with R.S. 15:855.4 that the institution of the Inmate Maintenance Groups through the LA Department of Corrections does not displace any civilian employees. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Don Wilmore, seconded by Mr. Joe Fuller, to authorize the President to sign certifications to the Legislative Auditor certifying on behalf of the Governing Body that funds made available during the year from January 1, 2004 to December 31, 2004, pursuant to LSA-R.S. 48:751-760 have been expended in accordance with the provisions of those statutes and other standards established by law. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Don Wilmore, seconded by Mr. Joe Fuller, to delete the following equipment from Fire District No. 7 (Ruby-Kolin) Asset/Inventory as it is not worth the cost of repair:

Asset Description	Acquired	Disposal
6093 A/C Heating System	4-23-91	scrap

On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Don Wilmore, seconded by Mr. Joe Fuller, to authorize the purchase of 32 integrated PASS devices for the Oak Hill Volunteer Fire Department. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Don Wilmore, seconded by Mr. Joe Fuller, to change the name of the Carl Teal Road to TEAL LANE, waive the road name change application fee and thirty day review period. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Don Wilmore, seconded by Mr. Joe Fuller, to accept the Secretary's Report. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Don Wilmore, seconded by Mr. Joe Fuller, to agree to the hourly rate increase of the Gold Law Firm, Special Counsel to the Tax Department, from \$125 to \$150, contingent upon approval of the District Attorney and Attorney General. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Don Wilmore, seconded by Mr. Joe Fuller, to authorize the District Attorney to request a legal opinion from the Attorney General on the question of whether a special election would be required prior to the levy of the cigarette paper tax. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Don Wilmore, seconded by Mr. Joe Fuller, to grant approval to Pine Shadows Subdivision on Williams Lake Road and Palmer Chapel Road, as recommended by the Rapides Area Planning Commission, excluding any road or street dedication, subject to approval by Legal Counsel and Public Works Director. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Jerry Wood, seconded by Mr. Joe Fuller, to direct Legal Counsel to take whatever action is necessary to recover the \$6,000 administrative fee that was charged by the Alexandria Economic Development District on the monies dedicated to the Central Louisiana Research Park Project. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Don Wilmore, seconded by Mr. Joe Fuller, to authorize expenses of interested Police Jurors and designated Police Jury employees to attend the annual National Association of Counties Conference to be held on July 15-19, 2005 in Hawaii. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Don Wilmore, seconded by Mr. Joe Fuller, to authorize to advertise for qualifications for engineering services to

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design and construct various projects for the Esler Airport. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Richard Billings, seconded by Mr. Joe Fuller and all other Police Jurors, the following resolution was presented and on vote unanimously adopted:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, tornado-spawning storms caused substantial damage on November 23, 2004 in four parishes in Central Louisiana, being LaSalle, Vernon, Natchitoches and Caldwell; and,

WHEREAS, FEMA has denied federal aid to Governor Kathleen Blanco on this disaster with the statement the damage wasn't of such severity and magnitude as to be beyond the capabilities of the State and affected local governments; and,

WHEREAS, the denial of FEMA denied the opportunity for federal grants and loans to individuals who need the assistance to rebuild in economically depressed areas of Central Louisiana; and,

WHEREAS, the same storms caused considerable damage in Texas, which disaster was also denied by FEMA; and,

WHEREAS, a 9.0 earthquake and tsunami in the Indian Ocean caused a disaster in Asia, India and Africa; and,

WHEREAS, a minimum of \$350 million in aid has been pledged by the US Government plus millions from private corporations; and,

WHEREAS, while it is humane and commendable to help the unfortunate in other countries, the U.S. Government should take care of its own citizens too; and,

WHEREAS, Governor Blanco is filing an appeal to FEMA on the Central Louisiana disaster;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Rapides Parish Police Jury does hereby support Governor Blanco in her efforts to obtain federal aid for the tornado disaster in our neighboring Parishes; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED to request our Congressional Delegation, U.S. Senator Mary Landrieu, U.S. Senator-Elect David Vitter, U.S. Representative Rodney Alexander, U.S. Senator John Breaux, for their assistance with FEMA, especially when assistance is being granted to foreign countries in their time of disaster.

THUS PASSED AND APPROVED on this 10th day of January, 2005.

The following resolution was offered by Mr. Don Wilmore and seconded by Mr. Joe Fuller:

RESOLUTION

A resolution ordering and calling a special election to be held in Road District No. 3-A Maintenance of the Parish of Rapides, State of Louisiana, to authorize the levy of a special tax therein; making application to the State Bond Commission in connection therewith; and providing for other matters in connection therewith.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Police Jury of the Parish of Rapides, State of Louisiana (the "Governing Authority"), acting as the governing authority of the Road District No. 3-A Maintenance of the Parish of Rapides, State of Louisiana (the "District"), that:

SECTION 1. Election Call. Subject to the approval of the State Bond Commission, and under the authority conferred by Article VI, Sections 30 and 32 of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana of 1974, the applicable provisions of Chapter 5 and Chapter 6-A of the Louisiana Election Code, and other constitutional and statutory authority, a special election is hereby called and ordered to be held in the Road District No. 3-A Maintenance of the Parish of Rapides, State of Louisiana, on **SATURDAY, JULY 16, 2005**, between the hours of six o'clock (6:00) a.m., and eight o'clock (8:00) p.m., in accordance with the provisions of La. R.S. 18:541, and at the said election there shall be submitted to all registered voters qualified and entitled to vote at the said election under the Constitution and laws of this State and the Constitution of the United States, the following propositions, to-wit:

ROAD DISTRICT 3-A (WARD 3)
(TAX CONTINUATION)

SUMMARY: 10 YEAR 28.19 MILL PROPERTY TAX CONTINUATION FOR CONSTRUCTING, MAINTAINING AND KEEPING IN REPAIR THE PUBLIC ROADS, HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES OF ROAD DISTRICT NO. 3-A MAINTENANCE.

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Shall Road District No. 3-A Maintenance of the Parish of Rapides, State of Louisiana (the "District"), continue to levy and collect a tax of twenty-eight and nineteen hundredths (28.19) mills on all the property subject to taxation in the District, said tax to constitute a renewal and continuation of a similar tax, the tax for which the levy will expire on the 2006 tax rolls, for a period of ten (10) years, beginning with the year 2007 and ending with the year 2016, for the purpose of constructing, maintaining, and keeping in repair the public roads, highways, and bridges within said District?

SECTION 2. Publication of Notice of Election. A Notice of Special Election shall be published in the "Alexandria Daily Town Talk", a daily newspaper of general circulation within the Parish, published in Alexandria, Louisiana (there being no newspaper published within said District), and being the official journal of the Parish, once a week for four consecutive weeks, with the first publication to be made not less than forty-five (45) days nor more than ninety (90) days prior to the date of the election, which Notice shall be substantially in the form attached hereto as "Exhibit A" and incorporated herein by reference the same as if it were set forth herein in full.

SECTION 3. Canvass. This Governing Authority shall meet at its regular meeting place, the Rapides Parish Courthouse, 701 Murray Street, 2nd Floor, Alexandria, Louisiana, on **MONDAY, AUGUST 8, 2005**, at **THREE O'CLOCK (3:00) P.M.**, and shall then and there in open and public session proceed to examine and canvass the returns and declare the results of the said special election.

SECTION 4. Polling Places. The polling places set forth in the aforesaid Notice of Special Election are hereby designated as the polling places at which to hold the said election, and the Commissioners-in-Charge and Commissioners, respectively, will be the same persons as those designated in accordance with law.

SECTION 5. Election Commissioners; Voting Machines. The officers designated to serve as Commissioners-in-Charge and Commissioners pursuant to Section 4 hereof, or such substitutes therefor as may be selected and designated in accordance with La. R.S. 18:1287, shall hold the said special election as herein provided, and shall make due returns of said election for the meeting of the Governing Authority to be held on **MONDAY, AUGUST 8, 2005**, as provided in Section 3 hereof. All registered voters in the District will be entitled to vote at the special election, and voting machines shall be used.

SECTION 6. Authorization of Officers. The Secretary of the Governing Authority is hereby empowered, authorized and directed to arrange for and to furnish to said election officers in ample time for the holding of said election, the necessary equipment, forms and other paraphernalia essential to the proper holding of said election and the President and/or Secretary of the Governing Authority are further authorized, empowered and directed to take any and all further action required by State and/or Federal law to arrange for the election, including but not limited to, appropriate submission to the Federal Department of Justice under Section 5 of the Federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended.

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

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

SECTION 9. DISTRICT AFFIRMED. That the creation and existence of the Road District No. 3-A Maintenance of the Parish of Rapides, State of Louisiana, is hereby ratified, confirmed, and approved.

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

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YEAS: Ezra L. Reed, Jerry P. Wood Sr., Richard "Butch" Lindsay, Steve P. Bordelon, Theodore Fontaine Jr., Donald H. Wilmore, Joe Fuller, Richard W. Billings, and Scott Perry Jr.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

And the resolution was declared adopted on this, the 10th day of January, 2005.

EXHIBIT "A"

NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION

Pursuant to the provisions of a resolution adopted by the Police Jury of the Parish of Rapides, State of Louisiana (the "Governing Authority"), acting as the governing authority of Road District No. 3-A Maintenance of the Parish of Rapides, State of Louisiana (the "District"), on January 10, 2005, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a special election will be held within the District on **SATURDAY, JULY 16, 2005**, and that at the said election there will be submitted to all registered voters in the District qualified and entitled to vote at the said election under the Constitution and Laws of the State of Louisiana and the Constitution of the United States, the following propositions, to-wit:

ROAD DISTRICT 3-A (WARD 3)
(TAX CONTINUATION)

SUMMARY: 10 YEAR 28.19 MILL PROPERTY TAX CONTINUATION FOR CONSTRUCTING, MAINTAINING AND KEEPING IN REPAIR THE PUBLIC ROADS, HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES OF ROAD DISTRICT NO. 3-A MAINTENANCE.

Shall Road District No. 3-A Maintenance of the Parish of Rapides, State of Louisiana (the "District"), continue to levy and collect a tax of twenty-eight and nineteen hundredths (28.19) mills on all the property subject to taxation in the District, said tax to constitute a renewal and continuation of a similar tax, the tax for which the levy will expire on the 2006 tax rolls, for a period of ten (10) years, beginning with the year 2007 and ending with the year 2016, for the purpose of constructing, maintaining, and keeping in repair the public roads, highways, and bridges within said District?

The said special election will be held at the following polling places situated within the corporate limits of Road District No. 3-A Maintenance of the Parish of Rapides, State of Louisiana, which polls will open at six o'clock (6:00) a.m., and close at eight o'clock (8:00) p.m., in accordance with the provisions of La. R.S. 18:541, to-wit:

POLLING PLACES

Precinct	Location
S14	JW McDonald Community Center (split)
S17	Cheneyville Town Hall (split)
S18	Cheneyville Town Hall
S19	Rapides High School (split)
S20	Lecompte Town Hall
S21	Miller's Store, Midway (split)
S22	Forest Hill Elementary (split)

The polling places set forth above and situated within the District be and the same are hereby designated as the polling places at which to hold the said election, and the Commissioners-in-Charge and Commissioners, respectively, shall be those persons designated according to law.

The said special election will be held in accordance with the applicable provisions of Chapter 5 and Chapter 6-A of Title 18 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, and other constitutional and statutory authority, and the officers appointed to hold the said election, as provided in this Notice of Special Election, or such substitutes therefor as may be selected and designated in accordance with La. R.S. 18:1287, will make due returns thereof to said Governing Authority, and NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that the Governing Authority will meet at its regular meeting place, the Rapides Parish Courthouse, 701 Murray Street, 2nd Floor, Alexandria, Louisiana, on **MONDAY, AUGUST 8, 2005**, at **THREE O'CLOCK (3:00) P.M.**, and shall then and there in open and public session proceed to examine and canvass the returns and declare the results of the said special election. All registered voters of the District are entitled to vote at said special election and voting machines will be used.

THUS DONE AND SIGNED at Alexandria, Louisiana, on this, the 10th day of January, 2005.

The following resolution was offered by Mr. Don Wilmore and seconded by Mr. Joe Fuller, as recommended by the Plainview Volunteer Fire Association:

RESOLUTION

A resolution ordering and calling a special election to be held in Fire Protection District No. 10 of the Parish of Rapides, State of Louisiana, to authorize the levy of a special tax therein; making application to the State Bond Commission in connection therewith; and providing for other matters in connection therewith.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Police Jury of the Parish of Rapides, State of Louisiana (the "Governing Authority"), acting as the governing authority of the Fire Protection District No. 10 of the Parish of Rapides, State of Louisiana (the "District"), that:

SECTION 1. Election Call. Subject to the approval of the State Bond Commission, and under the authority conferred by Article VI, Sections 30 and 32 of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana of 1974, the applicable provisions of Chapter 5 and Chapter 6-A of the Louisiana Election Code, and other constitutional and statutory authority, a special election is hereby called and ordered to be held in the Fire Protection District No. 10 of the Parish of Rapides on **SATURDAY, JULY 16, 2005**, between the hours of six o'clock (6:00) a.m., and eight o'clock (8:00) p.m., in accordance with the provisions of La. R.S. 18:541, and at the said election there shall be submitted to all registered voters qualified and entitled to vote at the said election under the Constitution and laws of this State and the Constitution of the United States, the following propositions, to-wit:

FIRE DISTRICT NO. 10 (PLAINVIEW)
(TAX CONTINUATION)

SUMMARY

10 YEAR 20.74 MILL PROPERTY TAX CONTINUATION FOR CONSTRUCTING, OPERATING AND MAINTAINING FIRE PROTECTION FACILITIES AND PAYING THE COSTS OF OBTAINING WATER FOR FIRE PROTECTION PURPOSES IN FIRE DISTRICT NO. 10

PROPOSITION

Shall Fire Protection District No. 10 of the Parish of Rapides, levy and collect a special ad valorem tax of twenty and seventyfour-hundredths (20.74) 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 2006 tax rolls, for a period of ten (10) years, beginning with the year 2007 and ending with the year 2016, for the purpose of constructing, operating and maintaining fire protection facilities and paying the costs of obtaining water for fire protection purposes within said District?

SECTION 2. Publication of Notice of Election. A Notice of Special Election shall be published in the "Alexandria Daily Town Talk", a daily newspaper of general circulation within the Parish, published in Alexandria, Louisiana (there being no newspaper published within said District), and being the official journal of the Parish, once a week for four consecutive weeks, with the first publication to be made not less than forty-five (45) days nor more than ninety (90) days prior to the date of the election, which Notice shall be substantially in the form attached hereto as "Exhibit A" and incorporated herein by reference the same as if it were set forth herein in full.

SECTION 3. Canvass. This Governing Authority shall meet at its regular meeting place, the Rapides Parish Courthouse, 701 Murray Street, 2nd Floor, Alexandria, Louisiana, on **MONDAY, AUGUST 8, 2005**, at **THREE O'CLOCK (3:00) P.M.**, and shall then and there in open and public session proceed to examine and canvass the returns and declare the results of the said special election.

SECTION 4. Polling Places. The polling places set forth in the aforesaid Notice of Special Election are hereby designated as the polling places at which to hold the said election, and the Commissioners-in-Charge and Commissioners, respectively, will be the same persons as those designated in accordance with law.

SECTION 5. Election Commissioners; Voting Machines. The officers designated to serve as Commissioners-in-Charge and Commissioners pursuant to Section 4 hereof, or such substitutes therefor as may be selected and designated in accordance with La. R.S. 18:1287, shall hold the said special

election as herein provided, and shall make due returns of said election for the meeting of the Governing Authority to be held on **MONDAY, AUGUST 8, 2005**, as provided in Section 3 hereof. All registered voters in the District will be entitled to vote at the special election, and voting machines shall be used.

SECTION 6. Authorization of Officers. The Secretary of the Governing Authority is hereby empowered, authorized and directed to arrange for and to furnish to said election officers in ample time for the holding of said election, the necessary equipment, forms and other paraphernalia essential to the proper holding of said election and the President and/or Secretary of the Governing Authority are further authorized, empowered and directed to take any and all further action required by State and/or Federal law to arrange for the election, including but not limited to, appropriate submission to the Federal Department of Justice under Section 5 of the Federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended.

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

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

SECTION 9. DISTRICT AFFIRMED That the creation and existence of the Fire Protection District No. 10 of the Parish of Rapides, State of Louisiana, is hereby ratified, confirmed, and approved.

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

YEAS: Ezra L. Reed, Jerry P. Wood Sr., Richard "Butch" Lindsay, Steve P. Bordelon, Theodore Fontaine Jr., Donald H. Wilmore, Joe Fuller, Richard W. Billings, and Scott Perry Jr.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

And the resolution was declared adopted on this, the 10th day of January, 2005.

EXHIBIT "A"

NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION

Pursuant to the provisions of a resolution adopted by the Police Jury of the Parish of Rapides, State of Louisiana (the "Governing Authority"), acting as the governing authority of Fire Protection District No. 10 of the Parish of Rapides, State of Louisiana (the "District"), on January 10, 2005, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a special election will be held within the District on **SATURDAY, JULY 16, 2005**, and that at the said election there will be submitted to all registered voters in the District qualified and entitled to vote at the said election under the Constitution and Laws of the State of Louisiana and the Constitution of the United States, the following propositions, to-wit:

FIRE DISTRICT NO. 10 (PLAINVIEW)
(TAX CONTINUATION)
SUMMARY

10 YEAR 20.74 MILL PROPERTY TAX CONTINUATION FOR CONSTRUCTING, OPERATING AND MAINTAINING FIRE PROTECTION FACILITIES AND PAYING THE COSTS OF OBTAINING WATER FOR FIRE PROTECTION PURPOSES IN FIRE DISTRICT NO. 10

PROPOSITION

Shall Fire Protection District No. 10 of the Parish of Rapides, levy and collect a special ad valorem tax of twenty and seventyfour-hundredths (20.74) 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 2006 tax rolls, for a period of ten (10) years, beginning with the year 2007 and ending with the year

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2016, for the purpose of constructing, operating and maintaining fire protection facilities and paying the costs of obtaining water for fire protection purposes within said District?

The said special election will be held at the following polling places situated within the corporate limits of Fire Protection District No. 10 of the Parish of Rapides, State of Louisiana, which polls will open at six o'clock (6:00) a.m., and close at eight o'clock (8:00) p.m., in accordance with the provisions of La. R.S. 18:541, to-wit:

POLLING PLACES

Precinct	Location
S27	Volunteer Fire Station, Morrison Road (split)
S28	Fire Dist #10 Station, Union Hill (split)
S29	Plainview School

The polling places set forth above and situated within the District be and the same are hereby designated as the polling places at which to hold the said election, and the Commissioners-in-Charge and Commissioners, respectively, shall be those persons designated according to law.

The said special election will be held in accordance with the applicable provisions of Chapter 5 and Chapter 6-A of Title 18 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, and other constitutional and statutory authority, and the officers appointed to hold the said election, as provided in this Notice of Special Election, or such substitutes therefor as may be selected and designated in accordance with La. R.S. 18:1287, will make due returns thereof to said Governing Authority, and NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that the Governing Authority will meet at its regular meeting place, the Rapides Parish Courthouse, 701 Murray Street, 2nd Floor, Alexandria, Louisiana, on **MONDAY, AUGUST 8, 2005**, at **THREE O'CLOCK (3:00) P.M.**, and shall then and there in open and public session proceed to examine and canvass the returns and declare the results of the said special election. All registered voters of the District are entitled to vote at said special election and voting machines will be used.

THUS DONE AND SIGNED at Alexandria, Louisiana, on this, the 10th day of January, 2005.

The following resolution was offered by Mr. Don Wilmore and seconded by Mr. Joe Fuller, as recommended by the Buckeye Recreation District:

RESOLUTION

A resolution ordering and calling a special election to be held in Buckeye Recreation District of the Parish of Rapides, State of Louisiana, to authorize the levy of a special tax therein; making application to the State Bond Commission in connection therewith; and providing for other matters in connection therewith.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Police Jury of the Parish of Rapides, State of Louisiana (the "Governing Authority"), acting in behalf of the governing authority of the Buckeye Recreation District of the Parish of Rapides, State of Louisiana (the "District"), that:

SECTION 1. Election Call. Subject to the approval of the State Bond Commission, and under the authority conferred by Article VI, Sections 30 and 32 of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana of 1974, the applicable provisions of Chapter 5 and Chapter 6-A of the Louisiana Election Code, and other constitutional and statutory authority, a special election is hereby called and ordered to be held in the Buckeye Recreation District of the Parish of Rapides, State of Louisiana, on **SATURDAY, JULY 16, 2005**, between the hours of six o'clock (6:00) a.m., and eight o'clock (8:00) p.m., in accordance with the provisions of La. R.S. 18:541, and at the said election there shall be submitted to all registered voters qualified and entitled to vote at the said election under the Constitution and laws of this State and the Constitution of the United States, the following propositions, to-wit:

BUCKEYE RECREATION DISTRICT
(TAX CONTINUATION)

SUMMARY: 10 YEAR 5.90 MILL PROPERTY TAX CONTINUATION FOR CONSTRUCTING, MAINTAINING AND OPERATING RECREATIONAL FACILITIES OF THE BUCKEYE RECREATION DISTRICT

PROPOSITION

Shall the Buckeye Recreation District of the Parish of Rapides, State of Louisiana, continue to levy and collect a special ad valorem tax of five and ninety hundredths (5.90) mills on each

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dollar of assessed valuation on all the property subject to taxation within the confines of said District, said tax to constitute a renewal and continuation of a similar tax, the tax for which the levy expires on the 2006 tax rolls, for a period of ten (10) years, beginning with the year 2007 and ending with the year 2016, for the purpose of constructing, maintaining and operating the recreational facilities of said District?

SECTION 2. Publication of Notice of Election. A Notice of Special Election shall be published in the "Alexandria Daily Town Talk", a daily newspaper of general circulation within the Parish, published in Alexandria, Louisiana (there being no newspaper published within said District), and being the official journal of the Parish, once a week for four consecutive weeks, with the first publication to be made not less than forty-five (45) days nor more than ninety (90) days prior to the date of the election, which Notice shall be substantially in the form attached hereto as "Exhibit A" and incorporated herein by reference the same as if it were set forth herein in full.

SECTION 3. Canvass. This Governing Authority shall meet at its regular meeting place, the Rapides Parish Courthouse, 701 Murray Street, 2nd Floor, Alexandria, Louisiana, on **MONDAY, AUGUST 8, 2005**, at **THREE O'CLOCK (3:00) P.M.**, and shall then and there in open and public session proceed to examine and canvass the returns and declare the results of the said special election.

SECTION 4. Polling Places. The polling places set forth in the aforesaid Notice of Special Election are hereby designated as the polling places at which to hold the said election, and the Commissioners-in-Charge and Commissioners, respectively, will be the same persons as those designated in accordance with law.

SECTION 5. Election Commissioners; Voting Machines. The officers designated to serve as Commissioners-in-Charge and Commissioners pursuant to Section 4 hereof, or such substitutes therefor as may be selected and designated in accordance with La. R.S. 18:1287, shall hold the said special election as herein provided, and shall make due returns of said election for the meeting of the Governing Authority to be held on **MONDAY, AUGUST 8, 2005**, as provided in Section 3 hereof. All registered voters in the District will be entitled to vote at the special election, and voting machines shall be used.

SECTION 6. Authorization of Officers. The Secretary of the Governing Authority is hereby empowered, authorized and directed to arrange for and to furnish to said election officers in ample time for the holding of said election, the necessary equipment, forms and other paraphernalia essential to the proper holding of said election and the President and/or Secretary of the Governing Authority are further authorized, empowered and directed to take any and all further action required by State and/or Federal law to arrange for the election, including but not limited to, appropriate submission to the Federal Department of Justice under Section 5 of the Federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended.

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

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

SECTION 9. DISTRICT AFFIRMED. That the creation and existence of the Buckeye Recreation District of the Parish of Rapides, State of Louisiana, is hereby ratified, confirmed, and approved.

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

YEAS: Ezra L. Reed, Jerry P. Wood Sr., Richard "Butch" Lindsay, Steve P. Bordelon, Theodore Fontaine Jr., Donald H. Wilmore, Joe Fuller, Richard W. Billings, and Scott Perry Jr.

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NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

And the resolution was declared adopted on this, the 10th day of January, 2005.

EXHIBIT "A"

NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION

Pursuant to the provisions of a resolution adopted by the Police Jury of the Parish of Rapides, State of Louisiana (the "Governing Authority"), acting in behalf of the governing authority of Buckeye Recreation District of the Parish of Rapides, State of Louisiana (the "District"), on January 10, 2005, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a special election will be held within the District on **SATURDAY, JULY 16, 2005**, and that at the said election there will be submitted to all registered voters in the District qualified and entitled to vote at the said election under the Constitution and Laws of the State of Louisiana and the Constitution of the United States, the following propositions, to-wit:

BUCKEYE RECREATION DISTRICT
(TAX CONTINUATION)

SUMMARY: 10 YEAR 5.90 MILL PROPERTY TAX CONTINUATION FOR CONSTRUCTING, MAINTAINING AND OPERATING RECREATIONAL FACILITIES OF THE BUCKEYE RECREATION DISTRICT

PROPOSITION

Shall the Buckeye Recreation District of the Parish of Rapides, State of Louisiana, continue to levy and collect a special ad valorem tax of five and ninety hundredths (5.90) mills on each dollar of assessed valuation on all the property subject to taxation within the confines of said District, said tax to constitute a renewal and continuation of a similar tax, the tax for which the levy expires on the 2006 tax rolls, for a period of ten (10) years, beginning with the year 2007 and ending with the year 2016, for the purpose of constructing, maintaining and operating the recreational facilities of said District?

The said special election will be held at the following polling places situated within the corporate limits of Buckeye Recreation District of the Parish of Rapides, State of Louisiana, which polls will open at six o'clock (6:00) a.m., and close at eight o'clock (8:00) p.m., in accordance with the provisions of La. R.S. 18:541, to-wit:

POLLING PLACES

Precinct	Location
N17	Vol. Fire Station, Esler Field Road (split)
N22	Philadelphia Baptist Church (split)
N23	Fire Dist. 6 Station, Hickory Grove
N24	Buckeye High School
N25	Buckeye High School (split)
N26	Philadelphia Baptist Church (split)

The polling places set forth above and situated within the District be and the same are hereby designated as the polling places at which to hold the said election, and the Commissioners-in-Charge and Commissioners, respectively, shall be those persons designated according to law.

The said special election will be held in accordance with the applicable provisions of Chapter 5 and Chapter 6-A of Title 18 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, and other constitutional and statutory authority, and the officers appointed to hold the said election, as provided in this Notice of Special Election, or such substitutes therefor as may be selected and designated in accordance with La. R.S. 18:1287, will make due returns thereof to said Governing Authority, and NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that the Governing Authority will meet at its regular meeting place, the Rapides Parish Courthouse, 701 Murray Street, 2nd Floor, Alexandria, Louisiana, on **MONDAY, AUGUST 8, 2005**, at **THREE O'CLOCK (3:00) P.M.**, and shall then and there in open and public session proceed to examine and canvass the returns and declare the results of the said special election. All registered voters of the District are entitled to vote at said special election and voting machines will be used.

THUS DONE AND SIGNED at Alexandria, Louisiana, on this, the 10th day of January, 2005.

On motion by Mr. Don Wilmore, seconded by Mr. Joe Fuller, to authorize to enter into a lease agreement with the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College for

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construction of the Dean Lee Research Station Livestock Show Arena, Capital Outlay Project No. 50-J40-02-01 (Phase II), subject to approval of Legal Counsel and LA State Facility Planning; authorize the President to sign and the Treasurer to amend the budget as appropriate. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Don Wilmore, seconded by Mr. Joe Fuller, to authorize to advertise for bids for the construction of the Dean Lee Research Station Livestock Show Arena, Capital Outlay Project No. 50-J40-02-01 (Phase II), as recommended by the Project Architect, subject to approval of the LA State Facility Planning, to be paid from capital outlay funds as budgeted. On vote the motion carried.

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

RESOLUTION

A resolution authorizing the President to execute an Agreement with the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (LA DOTD) for improvements on US 165 North

WHEREAS, the Rapides Parish Police Jury has requested funding assistance from the State for infrastructure improvements for Coughlin Industrial Park; and,

WHEREAS, the infrastructure improvements project includes construction of improvements to the infrastructure around the North Rapides Industrial Park, which includes an addition of a turn-lane from northbound US 165 onto Todd Hollingsworth Road and improvement of a short section of LA 1254, the Mary Hill Road, from US 165 South to its junction with Old Pardue Road; and,

WHEREAS, a portion of said improvements is located on the State maintained highway system; and,

WHEREAS, the Capital Outlay infrastructure improvements project has been approved by the Louisiana Legislature in the 2004 Regular session and the LA DOTD is agreeable to the implementation of this project and desires to cooperate with the Rapides Parish Police Jury according to the terms and conditions identified in the Agreement referenced herein; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the President of the Rapides Parish Police Jury is hereby authorized to enter into a Parish/State agreement for the project identified as State Project No. 015-02-0019, Northbound Turnlane at Kingsville, Route US 165, Rapides Parish, more fully identified in the Agreement referenced herein, upon approval of Legal Counsel.

THUS PASSED AND APPROVED on this 10th day of January, 2005.

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

YEAS: Ezra L. Reed, Jerry P. Wood Sr., Richard "Butch" Lindsay, Steve P. Bordelon, Theodore Fountaine Jr., Donald H. Wilmore, Joe Fuller, Richard W. Billings, and Scott Perry Jr.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

WHEREUPON, the resolution was declared adopted on the 10th day of January, 2005.

On motion by Mr. Don Wilmore, seconded by Mr. Joe Fuller, to grant Mr. Paul Tassin a variance from the required insurance policy for a sewer discharge into a Parish ditch, at the address of 129 Walker Drive, Pineville, Louisiana 71360. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Don Wilmore, seconded by Mr. Joe Fuller, to authorize to enter into an intergovernmental agreement with the Village of Forest Hill for twenty hours of side boom mower work with one man; twenty hours of grade-all and two trucks for ditching and setting culverts; and one work-release crew with twenty hours work of cutting limbs and cleaning ditches within the corporate limits of the Village of Forest Hill, as requested by the Village, to be paid out of Road District No. 1A (town's portion), and authorize the President to sign same. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Don Wilmore, seconded by Mr. Joe Fuller, to authorize expenses of interested Police Jurors who met with the Department of Environmental Quality on January 4, 2005 in Baton Rouge regarding the violation order against the Police Jury. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Don Wilmore, seconded by Mr. Joe Fuller, to receive the required report from Acadian Ambulance under the Contract for November 2004:

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Response Zone	Number Responses	Required %	Compliance %
Alexandria - 8 minute	310	80%	85.81%
Pineville - 8 minute	98	80%	87.76%
Rapides - 12 minute	125	80%	87.20%
Rapides - 20 minute	137	80%	82.48%

On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Don Wilmore, seconded by Mr. Joe Fuller, to increase the salary of the Fire Chief for Fire Protection No. 5 to \$10.00 per hour for not more than 28 hours per week, as recommended by the Oak Hill Volunteer Fire Department Board of Directors. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Don Wilmore, seconded by Mr. Joe Fuller, to increase the salary of a part-time fire fighter to \$9.00 per hour for not more than 28 hours per week (Ms. Wendolyn Morse), as recommended by the Oak Hill Volunteer Fire Department Board of Directors. On vote the motion carried.

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

On motion by Mr. Jerry Wood, seconded by Mr. Joe Fuller, to authorize twentyfour hour use of a Parish vehicle to the Interim Fire Training Officer for Fire Protection District No. 2, as recommended by Fire Chief Peart.

Mr. Richard Billings and Mr. Don Wilmore objected because the employee resides out of Parish and would be taking the Parish vehicle out of Parish.

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

YES	NO
Ezra Reed	Don Wilmore
Butch Lindsay	Steve Bordelon
Joe Fuller	Theodore Fountaine
Jerry Wood	Richard Billings
Scott Perry	

On roll call vote the motion carried 5-4.

On motion by Mr. Don Wilmore, seconded by Mr. Joe Fuller, to accept the donation to Fire Protection District No. 6 of a metal building, approximately 2340 sq. ft. in size, known as Fire Station No. 1, located at 660 Highway 1207, Deville, from the Deville Volunteer Fire Association and authorize the President to sign same. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Scott Perry, seconded by Mr. Joe Fuller, to authorize the submission of an application to the Governor's Office of Rural Development for sewer improvements to Tullamore Street in the Kelleyland Subdivision, in an amount not to exceed \$35,000, as recommended by the Consultant Administrator, copies to be sent to our Legislative Delegation, and authorize the President to sign the grant application. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Scott Perry, seconded by Mr. Joe Fuller, to request Sewer District No. 1 to consider participating in the cost of sewer improvements to Tullamore Street in the Kelleyland Subdivision in the amount of \$40,000 because sewer records indicated these residences were within the current sewer system so were not included in the CDBG project and request a speedy reply because the contractor is on-site at this time. On vote the motion carried.

After unanimous vote the following item was placed on the agenda:

On motion by Mr. Steve Bordelon, seconded by Mr. Richard Billings, to request Legal Counsel to look into the matter and see what responsibility the Engineer and Administrator have in overlooking Tullamore Street in the Kelleyland Sewer Improvements CDBG Project. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Don Wilmore, seconded by Mr. Joe Fuller, to endorse the request of Mr. Robert Barr to the Civil Service Board that the position of the Courthouse & Jail Building Superintendent not be subject to the Rapides Parish Civil Service System regarding appointment, promotion and dismissal, in accordance with LARS 33:2451. On vote the motion carried.

The next agenda item was to receive an update on the Grundy Cooper Sewer Project Grant from Mr. Frank Willis of Willis Engineering, which was deferred from the Finance Committee meeting of January 3, 2005. No one from Willis Engineering was present.

After unanimous vote the following item was placed on the agenda:

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On motion by Mr. Joe Fuller, seconded by Mr. Scott Perry, to authorize the President and the Police Juror representing the District to meet with Willis Engineering on the Grundy Cooper Sewer Project Grant as soon as possible and bring back a report to the Police Jury. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Don Wilmore, seconded by Mr. Joe Fuller, to waive the insurance requirements on the sewer effluent discharge permit of Mr. Vernard Mroch, 646 Highway 454, Pineville, into Hog Lake Road ditch, as approved by the Public Works Director. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Richard Billings, seconded by Mr. Butch Lindsay and all other Police Jurors, the following resolution was presented and on vote unanimously adopted:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Louisiana National Guard is providing military support to the war in Iraq; and,

WHEREAS, many of our citizens of Rapides Parish are serving our country in the Middle East; and,

WHEREAS, those citizens have cellular phones to communicate with home, to let their family and loved ones know they are alive and safe; and,

WHEREAS, it has been brought to the attention of the Rapides Parish Police Jury that in the acquisition of AT&T Wireless by Cingular Wireless the terms under the contracts for soldiers serving in Iraq are not being honored;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Rapides Parish Police Jury does hereby request our Louisiana Legislative Delegation and our Congressional Delegation to look into the reports that in the acquisition of AT&T Wireless by Cingular Wireless the contracts for soldiers serving in Iraq are not being honored and the soldiers are being charged roaming fees, more than double the minute rates with no free minutes, nights or weekends as provided under their contracts,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED to ask that action be taken in behalf of our soldiers serving overseas protecting our country.

THUS PASSED AND APPROVED on this 10th day of January, 2005.

On motion by Mr. Steve Bordelon, seconded by Mr. Richard Billings, the following proclamation was presented and on vote unanimously adopted:

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Rapides Parish Police Jury in regular session convened on this 10th day of January, 2005, does hereby proclaim January 14, 2005 as

NORMAN MARTIN DAY

in Rapides Parish.

THUS PASSED AND APPROVED on this 10th day of January, 2005.

Mr. Billings and Mr. Bordelon presented Mr. Martin a plaque in recognition.

On motion by Mr. Don Wilmore, seconded by Mr. Joe Fuller, to rescind that certain motion of December 13, 2004 for the Cotile Trade Days lease with the Boyce Lions Club for 2005. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Don Wilmore, seconded by Mr. Joe Fuller, to enter into a lease agreement with the Cotile Lions Club for the two "Cotile Trade Days" events for the 2005 Calendar Year, as recommended by the Public Works Director and the Watershed Chairman. On vote the motion carried.

The following resolution was offered by Mr. Don Wilmore and seconded by Mr. Joe Fuller:

RESOLUTION

A resolution ordering and calling a special election to be held in Road District No. 2B of Rapides Parish, State of Louisiana, to authorize the levy of a special tax therein; making application to the State Bond Commission in connection therewith; and providing for other matters in connection therewith.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Police Jury of the Parish of Rapides, State of Louisiana (the "Governing Authority"), acting as the governing authority of the Road District No. 2B of Rapides Parish, State of Louisiana (the "District"), that:

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SECTION 1. Election Call. Subject to the approval of the State Bond Commission, and under the authority conferred by Article VI, Sections 30 and 32 of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana of 1974, the applicable provisions of Chapter 5 and Chapter 6-A of the Louisiana Election Code, and other constitutional and statutory authority, a special election is hereby called and ordered to be held in the Road District No. 2B of Rapides Parish on **SATURDAY, JULY 16, 2005**, between the hours of six o'clock (6:00) a.m., and eight o'clock (8:00) p.m., in accordance with the provisions of La. R.S. 18:541, and at the said election there shall be submitted to all registered voters qualified and entitled to vote at the said election under the Constitution and laws of this State and the Constitution of the United States, the following propositions, to-wit:

ROAD DISTRICT 2B (WARD 11)
(TAX RENEWAL PROPOSITION)

SUMMARY: 10 YEAR 24.49 MILL PROPERTY TAX RENEWAL FOR CONSTRUCTING, MAINTAINING AND KEEPING IN REPAIR THE PUBLIC ROADS, HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES OF ROAD DISTRICT NO. 2B

Shall Road District No. 2B of Rapides Parish, State of Louisiana (the "District"), continue to levy and collect a tax of twenty-four and forty-nine hundredths (24.49) mills on all the property subject to taxation in the District, for a period of ten (10) years, beginning with the year 2006 and ending with the year 2015, for the purpose of constructing, maintaining, and keeping in repair the public roads, highways, and bridges within said District?

SECTION 2. Publication of Notice of Election. A Notice of Special Election shall be published in the "Alexandria Daily Town Talk", a daily newspaper of general circulation within the Parish, published in Alexandria, Louisiana (there being no newspaper published within said District), and being the official journal of the Parish, once a week for four consecutive weeks, with the first publication to be made not less than forty-five (45) days nor more than ninety (90) days prior to the date of the election, which Notice shall be substantially in the form attached hereto as "Exhibit A" and incorporated herein by reference the same as if it were set forth herein in full.

SECTION 3. Canvass. This Governing Authority shall meet at its regular meeting place, the Rapides Parish Courthouse, 701 Murray Street, 2nd Floor, Alexandria, Louisiana, on **MONDAY, AUGUST 8, 2005**, at **THREE O'CLOCK (3:00) P.M.**, and shall then and there in open and public session proceed to examine and canvass the returns and declare the results of the said special election.

SECTION 4. Polling Places. The polling places set forth in the aforesaid Notice of Special Election are hereby designated as the polling places at which to hold the said election, and the Commissioners-in-Charge and Commissioners, respectively, will be the same persons as those designated in accordance with law.

SECTION 5. Election Commissioners; Voting Machines. The officers designated to serve as Commissioners-in-Charge and Commissioners pursuant to Section 4 hereof, or such substitutes therefor as may be selected and designated in accordance with La. R.S. 18:1287, shall hold the said special election as herein provided, and shall make due returns of said election for the meeting of the Governing Authority to be held on **MONDAY, AUGUST 8, 2005**, as provided in Section 3 hereof. All registered voters in the District will be entitled to vote at the special election, and voting machines shall be used.

SECTION 6. Authorization of Officers. The Secretary of the Governing Authority is hereby empowered, authorized and directed to arrange for and to furnish to said election officers in ample time for the holding of said election, the necessary equipment, forms and other paraphernalia essential to the proper holding of said election and the President and/or Secretary of the Governing Authority are further authorized, empowered and directed to take any and all further action required by State and/or Federal law to arrange for the election, including but not limited to, appropriate submission to the Federal Department of Justice under Section 5 of the Federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended.

SECTION 7. Furnishing Election Call to Election Officials. Certified copies of this resolution shall be forwarded to the Secretary of State, the Commissioner of Elections, the Clerk of Court and Ex-Officio Parish Custodian of Voting Machines of Rapides Parish and the Registrar of Voters of Rapides Parish, as notification of the special election, in order

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that each may prepare for said election and perform their respective functions as required by law.

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

SECTION 9. DISTRICT AFFIRMED That the creation and existence of the Road District No. 2B of Rapides Parish, State of Louisiana, is hereby ratified, confirmed, and approved.

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

YEAS: Ezra L. Reed, Jerry P. Wood Sr., Richard "Butch" Lindsay, Steve P. Bordelon, Theodore Fountaine Jr., Donald H. Wilmore, Joe Fuller, Richard W. Billings, and Scott Perry Jr.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

And the resolution was declared adopted on this, the 10th day of January, 2005.

EXHIBIT "A"

NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION

Pursuant to the provisions of a resolution adopted by the Police Jury of the Parish of Rapides, State of Louisiana (the "Governing Authority"), acting as the governing authority of Road District No. 2B of Rapides Parish, State of Louisiana (the "District"), on January 10, 2005, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a special election will be held within the District on **SATURDAY, JULY 16, 2005**, and that at the said election there will be submitted to all registered voters in the District qualified and entitled to vote at the said election under the Constitution and Laws of the State of Louisiana and the Constitution of the United States, the following propositions, to-wit:

ROAD DISTRICT 2B (WARD 11)
(TAX RENEWAL PROPOSITION)

SUMMARY: 10 YEAR 24.49 MILL PROPERTY TAX RENEWAL FOR CONSTRUCTING, MAINTAINING AND KEEPING IN REPAIR THE PUBLIC ROADS, HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES OF ROAD DISTRICT NO. 2B

PROPOSITION

Shall Road District No. 2B of Rapides Parish, State of Louisiana (the "District"), continue to levy and collect a tax of twenty-four and forty-nine hundredths (24.49) mills on all the property subject to taxation in the District, for a period of ten (10) years, beginning with the year 2006 and ending with the year 2015, for the purpose of constructing, maintaining, and keeping in repair the public roads, highways, and bridges within said District?

The said special election will be held at the following polling places situated within the corporate limits of Road District No. 2B of Rapides Parish, State of Louisiana, which polls will open at six o'clock (6:00) a.m., and close at eight o'clock (8:00) p.m., in accordance with the provisions of La. R.S. 18:541, to-wit:

POLLING PLACES

Precinct	Location
N10	J. I. Barron School (split)
N12	J. I. Barron School (split)
N17	Vol. Fire Station, Esler Field Road (split)
N22	Carl Gunter Library Branch (split)
N23	Fire Dist. 6 Station, Hickory Grove
N24	Buckeye High School
N25	Buckeye High School
N26	Philadelphia Baptist Church (split)
N27	Ruby Wise Elementary School (split)
N28	Ruby Wise Elementary School (split)
N29	Ruby Wise Elementary School (split)

The polling places set forth above and situated within the District be and the same are hereby designated as the polling places at which to

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hold the said election, and the Commissioners-in-Charge and Commissioners, respectively, shall be those persons designated according to law.

The said special election will be held in accordance with the applicable provisions of Chapter 5 and Chapter 6-A of Title 18 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, and other constitutional and statutory authority, and the officers appointed to hold the said election, as provided in this Notice of Special Election, or such substitutes therefor as may be selected and designated in accordance with La. R.S. 18:1287, will make due returns thereof to said Governing Authority, and NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that the Governing Authority will meet at its regular meeting place, the Rapides Parish Courthouse, 701 Murray Street, 2nd Floor, Alexandria, Louisiana, on **MONDAY, AUGUST 8, 2005**, at **THREE O'CLOCK (3:00) P.M.**, and shall then and there in open and public session proceed to examine and canvass the returns and declare the results of the said special election. All registered voters of the District are entitled to vote at said special election and voting machines will be used.

THUS DONE AND SIGNED at Alexandria, Louisiana, on this, the 10th day of January, 2005.

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

On motion by Mr. Don Wilmore, seconded by Mr. Joe Fuller, to authorize the sale of the Fire Protection District No. 2 property located at 600 Louise Street, Lot 16 of Thiels Subdivision, Alexandria, for the sum of \$75,000 to Clin-Oak-Donaghey-Dillion LLC and authorize the President to sign the Act of Sale and any other necessary documents presented by Legal Counsel. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Richard Billings, seconded by Mr. Joe Fuller, to give notice to Straight Street Ministry Inc. of the intent to terminate the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement for the use of 600 Louise Street, Alexandria. On vote the motion carried.

The next agenda item was to receive an update from the Public Works Director on the Lamourie Road Bridge.

Mr. Eric Duck, Public Works Director, advised all materials have been ordered, but there was a manufacturing delay in the concrete pipe which is holding up the project. He would check on the pipe and when all material is available, the Parish Highway Department would complete the installation.

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

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Community Development Block Grant Program is an excellent source of funding for needed community improvements; and,

WHEREAS, the Community Development Block Grant Program has provided the Parish of Rapides with important and flexible assistance to meet the needs of its low and moderate income residents by funding water and sewer system improvements, as well as housing rehabilitation, in the Wardville area; sewer system improvements in the Lee Heights area, sewer system improvements in the Kelleyland area, and demonstrated needs in Rapides Mobile Home Estates; water improvements in the Latanier-Poland area, Poland area, and Bayou Clear Road area of Woodworth; and economic development activities with the Willamette Valley project; and,

WHEREAS, the Community Development Block Grant Program has made a real difference in the lives of our Parish's low to moderate income families; and,

WHEREAS, the amount of Community Development Block Grant funds allocated to Louisiana has decreased beginning with the FY 2003 allocation; and,

WHEREAS, it has been brought to the attention of the Rapides Parish Police Jury that the administration may be considering a significant cut in the Community Development Block Grant program for the President's FY 2006 budget; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Rapides Parish Police Jury in Regular Session convened on the 10th day of January, 2005, to urge our Congressional Delegation to keep the important Community Development Block Grant Funding allocated to Louisiana at no less than the current funding level.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution also be sent to Mr. Joshua Bolten, Director of the Office of Management and Budget, and to Ms. Susan Elkins, Director of the Louisiana Office of Community Development, asking for their help and support.

THUS PASSED AND APPROVED on this 10th day of January, 2005.

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On motion by Mr. Don Wilmore, seconded by Mr. Joe Fuller, to authorize the expenses of interested Police Jurors to attend the Second Annual Rural Economic Development Conference, sponsored by the Governor's Office of Rural Development with the Police Jury Association of Louisiana, to be held on February 1-3, 2005 in Hammond, Louisiana. On vote the motion carried.

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

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, cats and dogs provide companionship to and share the homes of over 63,000,000 individuals in the United States; and,

WHEREAS, two unaltered cats and their offspring can produce 420,000 more cats in seven years and two unaltered dogs and their offspring can produce 67,000 more dogs in six years; and,

WHEREAS, humane societies and shelters have to kill approximately five million cats and dogs each year, although many of them are healthy and adoptable, simply because there are not enough good homes; and,

WHEREAS, the problem of companion animal overpopulation costs the taxpayers of this country over a billion dollars annually through animal control programs aimed at coping with the millions of unwanted cats and dogs; and,

WHEREAS, spaying and neutering cats and dogs has been shown to drastically reduce cat and dog overpopulation; and,

WHEREAS, veterinarians, humane societies, national and local animal protection organizations, and private citizens have joined together again to advocate the spaying and neutering of companion animals on "Spay day USA 2005";

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Rapides Parish Police Jury does hereby proclaim February 22, 2005 as

"Spay Day USA"

throughout Rapides Parish;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Rapides Parish Police Jury calls upon the citizens of Rapides Parish to observe the day by having their own cats and dogs spayed or neutered or by sponsoring the spaying or neutering of another person's cat or dog.

THUS PASSED AND APPROVED on this 10th day of January, 2005.

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 4:05 p.m.

Angie Richmond, Secretary
Rapides Parish Police Jury

Ezra L. Reed, President
Rapides Parish Police Jury