

RAPIDES PARISH POLICE JURY

REGULAR SESSION
FEBRUARY 14, 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, February 14, 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, Donald H. Wilmore, Joe Fuller, Richard W. Billings, and Scott Perry Jr.

Police Juror Theodore Fontaine Jr. was absent.

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; Ms. Linda Sanders, Civil Service Director; and Ms. Angie Richmond, Secretary.

The invocation was given by Mr. Harmon Belgard.

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

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.

Mr. Reed welcomed Ms. Linda Sanders, the new Director for the Rapides Parish Civil Service System.

On motion by Mr. Joe Fuller, seconded by Mr. Don Wilmore, to adopt the minutes of the Rapides Parish Police Jury held in Regular Session on January 10, 2005, in Special Session on January 5, 2005, as published in the Official Journal. On vote the motion carried.

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

On motion by Mr. Joe Fuller, seconded by Mr. Don Wilmore, 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.

On motion by Mr. Joe Fuller, seconded by Mr. Don Wilmore, to acknowledge the election of Firefighter Brad Webster as the employee representative to the Fire District No. 4 Civil Service Board for a three year term, as reported by the Chief, term will expire on November 12, 2007. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Joe Fuller, seconded by Mr. Richard Billings and Mr. Butch Lindsay, to appoint Mr. Arthur Allen to the Civil Service Board, Grambling nominee, to fill the vacancy in an unexpired term created by the resignation of Ms. Tracy Nash, term will expire on December 10, 2006. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Steve Bordelon, seconded by Mr. Jerry Wood and Mr. Joe Fuller, to appoint Mr. Brian Cespiva to the Ward 9 Recreation District to fill the vacancy in the unexpired term created by the

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resignation of Mr. Fred S. Mills, term will expire on February 12, 2006. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Richard Billings, seconded by Mr. Butch Lindsay, to announce the following appointments to be made at the next meeting to:

Buckeye Recreation District for a five year term to fill the expiring term of Ms. Sue Paul Jolly, term will expire on March 13, 2005;

Ward 5 Recreation District for a five year term to fill the expiring term of Mr. Jimmy Rachal, term will expire on March 13, 2005;

Ward 6 Recreation District for a five year term to fill the expiring term of Mr. Robert W. Cloud, term will expire on April 9, 2005;

Wards 1 & 8 Recreation for a five year term to fill the expiring term of Mr. George W. Thompson, term will expire on April 13, 2005; and

AICUZ Appeal Board for a three year term to fill the expiring term of Mr. Phil M. Sleet, nominee of the Mayor of Alexandria, term will expire on April 14, 2005.

On vote the motion carried.

Mr. Richard Billings recognized Mr. Harmon Belgard to receive an update on Red River Waterway Commission activities.

Mr. Belgard, former Rapides Parish Police Juror and a member of the Red River Waterway Commission, distributed a packet of information to the Police Jury. He then proceeded to review the activities of the Commission and their past and current activities and projects.

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the Rapides Parish Police Jury does hereby go on record expressing appreciation to Mr. Harmon Belgard for his presentation of an annual report on the Red River Waterway Commission, of which Mr. Belgard is a Commissioner;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED it is the opinion of the Rapides Parish Police Jury that the citizens of Rapides Parish are paying the bulk of the tax revenues to the Red River Waterway Commission, but our citizens are not getting what they deserve when the biggest majority of the expenditures are being spent in northern Louisiana;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED it is the opinion of the Rapides Parish Police Jury that Rapides Parish is not equally represented on the Red River Waterway Commission;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the question is posed to the Red River Waterway Commission on why the park and boat launch designed and designated in the Poland Community since the beginning of the concept of the Commission has been put off every year since its conception.

PASSED AND APPROVED on this 14th day of February, 2005.

On motion by Mr. Jerry Wood, seconded by Mr. Butch Lindsay, to authorize to enter into a Fire District No. 6 mutual aid agreement with the Alpine Volunteer Fire Association and Fire District No. 3, as recommended by the Deville Volunteer Fire Department, and authorize the President to sign same. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Jerry Wood, seconded by Mr. Butch Lindsay, to authorize to enter into a Fire District No. 6 mutual aid agreement with the Holiday Village Volunteer Fire Association and Fire District No. 4, as recommended by the Deville Volunteer Fire Department, and authorize the President to sign same. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Jerry Wood, seconded by Mr. Butch Lindsay, to authorize to enter into a Fire District No. 6 automatic aid agreement with the Holiday Village Volunteer Fire Association and Fire District No. 4 for structural fire response, as recommended by the Deville Volunteer Fire Department, and authorize the President to sign same. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Jerry Wood, seconded by Mr. Butch Lindsay, to authorize to enter into a Fire District No. 6 mutual aid agreement with the Ruby-Kolin Volunteer Fire Association and Fire District No. 7, as recommended by the Deville Volunteer Fire Department, and authorize the President to sign same. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Jerry Wood, seconded by Mr. Butch Lindsay, to authorize to enter into a Fire District No. 6 automatic aid agreement with the Ruby-Kolin Volunteer Fire Association and Fire District No. 7 for structural fire response, as recommended by the Deville Volunteer Fire

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Department, and authorize the President to sign same. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Jerry Wood, seconded by Mr. Butch Lindsay, to authorize to enter into a Fire District No. 6 mutual aid agreement with the Ball Volunteer Fire Association and the Town of Ball, as recommended by the Deville Volunteer Fire Department, and authorize the President to sign same. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Jerry Wood, seconded by Mr. Butch Lindsay, to authorize to enter into a Fire District No. 6 mutual aid agreement with the Pollock Volunteer Fire Association and Grant Parish Fire District No. 5, as recommended by the Deville Volunteer Fire Department, and authorize the President to sign same. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Jerry Wood, seconded by Mr. Butch Lindsay, to authorize to enter into a Fire District No. 6 mutual aid agreement with the Effie Volunteer Fire Association, as recommended by the Deville Volunteer Fire Department, and authorize the President to sign same. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Jerry Wood, seconded by Mr. Butch Lindsay, to authorize to enter into a Fire District No. 6 mutual aid agreement with the White Hall Volunteer Fire Department, as recommended by the Deville Volunteer Fire Department, and authorize the President to sign same. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Jerry Wood, seconded by Mr. Butch Lindsay, to authorize to advertise for bids to improve Longstreet Road, Ward 10, District C, to be paid out of Road District No. 10A Funds. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Jerry Wood, seconded by Mr. Butch Lindsay, to authorize to retain Willis Engineering for a survey of the land to be leased by Fire District No. 6 for Station No. 1, as recommended by the Deville Volunteer Fire Department Board and Legal Counsel, to be paid out of Fire District No. 6 Funds. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Jerry Wood, seconded by Mr. Butch Lindsay, to authorize Mr. Carl Teal, 8465 Highway 112, Glenmora, as a Hardship Case, pending proper certification. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Jerry Wood, seconded by Mr. Butch Lindsay, to authorize to hire a consultant to assist Fire Protection District No. 2 in fire rating preparation at an amount not to exceed \$2,000, to be paid from Fire Protection District No. 2 Funds, as recommended by the Fire Chief. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Jerry Wood, seconded by Mr. Butch Lindsay, to authorize to enter into a financing agreement with Chase Equipment Leasing Inc. (Bank One) for the Lease-Purchase of a New Commercial Fire Apparatus (Bid No. 1907 in the amount of \$159,801) to be purchased from Crimson Fire Inc. with terms and conditions of eight annual payments at an interest rate of 3.65%, as recommended by the Cotile Volunteer Fire Association Board of Directors, Treasurer and Purchasing Agent, to be paid from Fire District No. 8 Funds as budgeted:

RESOLUTION AND
DECLARATION OF OFFICIAL INTENT

Lessee: Rapides Parish Police Jury
Principal Amount Expected To Be Financed: \$159,801.00

WHEREAS, the above Lessee is a political subdivision of the State in which Lessee is located (the "State") and is duly authorized and existing pursuant to the Constitution and the laws of the State.

WHEREAS, pursuant to applicable law, the governing body of the Lessee ("Governing Body") is authorized to acquire, dispose of and encumber real and personal property, including without limitation, rights and interests in property, leases and easements necessary to the functions or operations of the Lessee.

WHEREAS, the Governing Body hereby finds and determines that the execution of one or more lease-purchase agreements ("Equipment Leases") in the principal amount not exceeding the amount stated above ("Principal Amount") for the purpose of acquiring the property generally described below ("Property") and to be described more specifically in the Equipment Leases is appropriate and necessary to the functions and operations of the Lessee.

Brief Description of Property:

(1) Fire Truck (New Commercial Fire Apparatus)

WHEREAS, Chase Equipment Leasing, Inc. ("Lessor") is expected to act as the lessor under the Equipment Leases.

WHEREAS, the Lessee may pay certain capital expenditures in connection with the Property prior to its receipt of proceeds of the Equipment Leases ("Lease Purchase Proceeds") for such expenditures and such expenditures are not expected to exceed the Principal Amount.

WHEREAS, the U.S. Treasury Department regulations do not allow the proceeds of a tax-exempt borrowing to be spent on working capital and the Lessee shall hereby declare its official intent to be reimbursed for any capital expenditures for Property from the Lease Purchase Proceeds.

NOW, THEREFORE, Be It Resolved by the Governing Body of the Lessee:

Section 1. Either one of the Ezra L. Reed, President, or the Tim Ware, Treasurer (each an "Authorized Representative") acting on behalf of the Lessee, is hereby authorized to negotiate, enter into, execute, and deliver one or more Equipment Leases in substantially the form set forth in the document presently before the Governing Body, which document is available for public inspection at the office of the Lessee. Each Authorized Representative acting on behalf of the Lessee is hereby authorized to negotiate, enter into, execute, and deliver such other documents relating to the Equipment Lease (including, but not limited to, escrow agreements) as the Authorized Representative deems necessary and appropriate. All other related contracts and agreements necessary and incidental to the Equipment Leases are hereby authorized.

Section 2. By a written instrument signed by any Authorized Representative, said Authorized Representative may designate specifically identified officers and employees of the Lessee to execute and deliver agreements and documents relating to the Equipment Leases on behalf of the Lessee.

Section 3. The aggregate original principal amount of the Equipment Leases shall not exceed the Principal Amount and shall bear interest as set forth in the Equipment Leases and the Equipment Leases shall contain such options to purchase by the Lessee as set forth therein.

Section 4. The Lessee's obligations under the Equipment Leases shall be subject to annual appropriation or renewal by the Governing Body as set forth in each Equipment Lease and the Lessee's obligations under the Equipment Lease shall not constitute a general obligations of the Lessee or indebtedness under the Constitution or laws of the State.

Section 5. The Governing Body of the Lessee anticipates that the Lessee may pay certain capital expenditures in connection with the Property prior to the receipt of the Lease Purchase Proceeds for the Property. The Governing Body of Lessee hereby declares the Lessee's official intent to use the Lease Purchase Proceeds to reimburse itself for Property expenditures. This section of the Resolution is adopted by the Governing Body of the Lessee for the purpose of establishing compliance with the requirements of Section 1.150-2 of Treasury Regulations. This section of the Resolution does not bind the Lessee to make any expenditure, incur any indebtedness, or proceed with the purchase of the Property.

Section 6. As to each Equipment Lease, the Lessee reasonably anticipates to issue not more than \$10,000,000 of tax-exempt obligations (other than "private activity bonds" which are not "qualified 501(c)(3) bonds") during the fiscal year in which each such Equipment Lease is issued and hereby designates each Equipment Lease as a qualified tax-exempt obligation for purposes of Section 265(b) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

Section 7. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption and approval.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED on this 14th day of February, 2005.

On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Jerry Wood, seconded by Mr. Butch Lindsay, to authorize to enter into a financing agreement with Hancock Bank for the Lease-Purchase of a New Ferrara 3000 Gallon Tanker (Purchase Under La. State Contract No. 405733 in the amount of \$154,804) to be purchased from Ferrara Fire Apparatus Inc. with terms and conditions of five annual payments at an interest rate of 3.35%, as recommended by the Deville Volunteer Fire Association Board of Directors, Treasurer and Purchasing Agent, to be paid from Fire District No. 6 Funds as budgeted:

(Exhibit E)

AUTHORIZING RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Rapides Parish Police Jury (the "Purchaser"), a body politic and corporate duly organized and existing as a political subdivision of the State of Louisiana (the "State"), is authorized by the laws of the State to purchase and acquire movable property for the benefit of the Purchaser and its citizens and to enter into contracts with respect thereto; and

WHEREAS, the Purchaser desires to purchase and acquire certain equipment constituting movable property necessary for the Purchaser to perform essential governmental functions; and

WHEREAS, in order to acquire such equipment, the Purchaser proposes to enter into that certain Equipment Installment Purchase Agreement (the "Agreement") with Hancock Bank of Louisiana (the "Bank"), the form of which has been presented to the governing body of the Purchaser at this meeting; and

WHEREAS, the governing body of the Purchaser deems it beneficial to the Purchaser and for the efficient and effective administration thereof to enter into the Agreement for the financing of the purchase and acquisition of the equipment therein described on the terms and conditions therein provided; and

WHEREAS, the governing body of the Purchaser anticipates that it will not issue more than \$10,000,000.00 of qualified tax-exempt obligations during calendar year 2005 and desires to designate the Agreement as a qualified tax-exempt obligation of the Purchaser for purposes of Section 265(b)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended: and

WHEREAS, to the best knowledge and belief of the governing body, this Agreement qualifies as a qualified project bond with the meaning of the Tax Reform Act of 1986:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED

Section 1. Approval of Documents. The form, terms and provisions of the Agreement are hereby approved in substantially the form presented at this meeting, with such insertions, omissions and changes as shall be approved by the counsel of the Purchaser or other members of the governing body of the Purchaser executing the same, the execution of such documents being conclusive evidence of such approval; and the President of the Purchaser is hereby authorized and directed to execute, and the Secretary of the Purchaser is hereby authorized and directed to attest and countersign where appropriate, the Agreement and any related agreements, exhibits, and attachments related to the Agreement, and the Secretary of the Purchaser is hereby authorized to affix the seal of the Purchaser to such documents that require such seal.

Section 2. Other Actions Authorized. The officers and employees of the Purchaser shall take all action necessary or reasonably required by the parties to the Agreement to carry out, give effect to and consummate the transactions contemplated thereby and to take all action necessary in conformity therewith, including, without limitation, the execution and delivery of any closing and other documents required to be delivered in connection with the Agreement.

Section 3. Arbitrage. The Purchaser covenants and agrees that, to the extent permitted by the laws of the State of Louisiana, it will comply with requirements of the Internal Revenue Service Code of 1986 and any amendment thereto (the "Code") in order to establish, maintain and preserve the exclusion from "gross income" of interest on the Agreement under the Code. The Purchaser further covenants and agrees that it will not take any action, fail to take any action, or permit any action within its control to be taken, or permit at any time or times any of the proceeds of the Agreement or any other funds of the Purchaser to be used directly or indirectly in any manner, the effect of which would be to cause the Agreement to be an "arbitrage bond" or would result in the inclusion of the interest component of the Agreement in gross income under the Code, including, without limitation, (i) the failure to comply with the limitation on investment of Agreement proceeds or (ii) the failure to pay any required rebate or arbitrage earnings to the United States of America or (iii) the use of the proceeds of the Agreement in a manner which would cause the Agreement to be a "private activity bond".

Section 4. Section 265(b)(3) Designation. Purchaser hereby designates the Agreement as a "qualified tax-exempt obligation" for the purposes and within the meaning of Section 265(b)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended. Purchaser further represents that Purchaser reasonably anticipates that Purchaser and other entities issuing obligations on behalf of Purchaser will not issue tax-exempt obligations (including the Agreement) that exceed the aggregate principal amount of \$10,000,000 during the calendar year in which the Agreement is executed and delivered.

Section 5. Insurance. The governing body of the Purchaser understands the provisions of the Agreement regarding insurance coverage

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requirements and agrees to provide such insurance coverage as is required in the Agreement.

Section 6. Severability. If any section, paragraph, clause or provision of this Resolution shall for any reason be held to be invalid or unenforceable, the invalidity or unenforceability of such section, paragraph, clause or provision shall not affect any of the remaining provisions of this Resolution.

Section 7. Repealer. All bylaws, orders and resolutions or parts thereof, inconsistent herewith, are hereby repealed to the extent only of such inconsistency. This repealer shall not be construed as reviving any bylaw, order, resolution or ordinance or part thereof.

Section 8. Effective Date. This Resolution shall be effective immediately upon its approval and adoption.

OFFERED by Police Jury Member Jerry Wood and Police Jury Member Butch Lindsay seconded the motion and after a full discussion, the same was put to a vote with the following results:

		<u>Yea</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Richard Lindsay	Voted:	X		
Steve P. Bordelon	Voted:	X		
Ezra L. Reed	Voted:	X		
Theodore Fountaine, Jr.	Voted:			X
Donald H. Wilmore	Voted:	X		
Joe Fuller	Voted:	X		
Jerry P. Wood Sr.	Voted:	X		
Richard W. Billings	Voted:	X		
Scott Perry Jr.	Voted:	X		

The motion having received an affirmative vote, this resolution was declared adopted on this the 14th day of February, 2005.

PURCHASER: Rapides Parish Police Jury

By: _____
Ezra L. Reed
President

On motion by Mr. Jerry Wood, seconded by Mr. Butch Lindsay, to authorize to purchase that certain land currently under lease with Mr. Jackie Roaten for Fire Protection District No. 11 Station No. 4, 0.50 acre located on Colony Road, in the amount of \$1,800, as recommended by the Spring Creek Volunteer Fire Association Board of Directors, and authorize the President to sign the Act of Sale. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Jerry Wood, seconded by Mr. Butch Lindsay, to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Oak Hill Community Volunteer Fire Department Inc. for services and operation of Fire Protection District No. 5 for a ten year period beginning March 7, 2005, with a ten year option to renew, and authorize the President to sign on behalf of the Police Jury and Fire Protection District No. 5. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Jerry Wood, seconded by Mr. Butch Lindsay, to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Echo-Poland Volunteer Fire Department Inc. for services and operation of Fire Protection District No. 9 for a ten year period beginning March 12, 2005, with a ten year option to renew, and authorize the President to sign on behalf of the Police Jury and Fire Protection District No. 9. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Jerry Wood, seconded by Mr. Butch Lindsay, to exercise the option to renew the Fire Services Agreement between the Rapides Parish Police Jury and the Village of Forest Hill for another three years beginning August 13, 2005. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Jerry Wood, seconded by Mr. Butch Lindsay, to authorize to advertise for bids to improve the following roads in District A:

- Hickory Hill Road (portion)
- Cemetery Road (portion)
- Oaklane Road (portion)
- Bohannon Road
- Handley Loop Extension (portion)

Upper Donahue Ferry Road (portion)(deductive alternate),
to be paid out of Road District No. 10 Funds (District A). On vote the motion carried.

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On motion by Mr. Jerry Wood, seconded by Mr. Butch Lindsay, to change the name of the Elbert Richie Road to Richey Loop and waive the name change application fee. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Jerry Wood, seconded by Mr. Butch Lindsay, to accept an extension of Hanes Road, Ward 8, District E, approximately 150 feet in length and 14 feet in width. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Jerry Wood, seconded by Mr. Butch Lindsay, to request Mr. Wayne Marchand, LDOTD District 08 Administrator, for 200 yards of reclaimed asphalt to be used for Fish Hatchery Road, Ward 4 District H. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Jerry Wood, seconded by Mr. Butch Lindsay, to authorize the purchase of a new four-wheeler for the trapper in an amount not to exceed \$5,000, as recommended by the Public Works Director, to be paid out of the Equipment line item in the Road & Bridge Fund. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Jerry Wood, seconded by Mr. Butch Lindsay, to award Bid No. 1918 Purchase Three New Tandem Dump Trucks (10-12 yards) to Timmons Truck Center, the sole bidder, in the amount of \$58,707.70 each for a total bid amount of \$176,123.10, as recommended by the Public Works Director, Treasurer and Purchasing Agent. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Jerry Wood, seconded by Mr. Butch Lindsay, to authorize to re-advertise Bid No. 1919 Purchase Thirty-Two (32) Integrated Pass Devices for Fire District No. 5 as no bids were received, as recommended by the Purchasing Agent and the Oak Hill Volunteer Fire Department Board of Directors. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Jerry Wood, seconded by Mr. Butch Lindsay, to authorize travel and expenses for four Fire Protection District No. 11 personnel to attend the CERTC Training in Sulphur, Louisiana, in March 2005, as recommended by the Spring Creek Volunteer Fire Department Board of Directors, to be paid from Fire Protection District No. 11 Fund and Fire Act Grant Funds. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Jerry Wood, seconded by Mr. Butch Lindsay, to authorize the expenses for Fire Protection District No. 11 personnel to attend the Firefighter I/II and ropes and rescue classes to be held at the Spring Creek Volunteer Fire Department in February/March 2005, as recommended by the Spring Creek Volunteer Fire Department Board of Directors, to be paid from Fire Protection District No. 11 Fund and Fire Act Grant Funds. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Jerry Wood, seconded by Mr. Butch Lindsay, to delete the following asset from Highway Department Asset/Inventory List as it is scrap and no longer suitable for public use:

Asset Description	Acquired	Disposal
9665 Pruner	2-2-04	Scrap

On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Jerry Wood, seconded by Mr. Butch Lindsay, to authorize the President to sign the amendment to the LaJET contract per the request of the Department of Social Services Office of Family Support. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Jerry Wood, seconded by Mr. Butch Lindsay, to authorize the President to sign an amended contract for WIA Funds to include \$42,159.00 in incentive funds and to authorize the Treasurer to amend the budget. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Jerry Wood, seconded by Mr. Butch Lindsay, to authorize the spouse of the President to drive the President in the President's Car after dusk in the best interest of the Parish. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Jerry Wood, seconded by Mr. Butch Lindsay, to appoint Mr. Calvin Cox and Mr. Dennis Bordelon to the Sewer Study Committee, studying to establish a sewer collection system in the unincorporated areas of Wards 9, 10 and 11 by Police Jury Resolution of March 17, 2003. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Jerry Wood, seconded by Mr. Butch Lindsay, to request the Louisiana National Guard to continue a dialog with the Police Jury for the construction of a public sewer treatment plant serving Esler Field and immediate areas, copy of this resolution to be sent to Colonel Mouton. On vote the motion carried.

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On motion by Mr. Jerry Wood, seconded by Mr. Butch Lindsay, to request Mr. Tommy David of Pan American Engineers to develop a schematic and rough cost estimate for a skeleton concept for sewer in the Tioga Road area, from LA 3225 to US 165, and after cost estimate is secured that meetings be further held; further to amend that certain motion of March 17, 2003, creating the Sewer Study Committee so as to appoint the Mayor of the Town of Ball and the Mayor of the City of Pineville, or their representatives, to serve on the Sewer System Study Committee. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Jerry Wood, seconded by Mr. Butch Lindsay, to amend that certain motion of March 17, 2003, creating the Sewer Study Committee so as to name Mr. Lester Mallette as its Chairman. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Jerry Wood, seconded by Mr. Butch Lindsay, to authorize the President to sign a cooperative endeavor agreement with the Southern Forest Heritage Museum for the purpose of upgrading their facility as noted in their grant funding request, not to exceed \$20,000 to be paid from National Forest Title III Funds. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Jerry Wood, seconded by Mr. Butch Lindsay, to enter into a cooperative endeavor with the Louisiana Forestry Association to allow the Parish Highway Department to assist in the unloading and placement of the commemorative statue to honor the Civilian Conservation Corps to be placed at the I-49 Visitors Center at Rapides Station, subject to a hold harmless clause to be approved by Legal Counsel, and authorize the President to sign same. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Jerry Wood, seconded by Mr. Butch Lindsay, to authorize to advertise for bids for various road improvements for the Cluster Development, Planning and Construction, FP&C Project No. 05-252-04B-05, contingent upon approval of Louisiana Division of Facility Planning and Control. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Jerry Wood, seconded by Mr. Butch Lindsay, to authorize to hire Meyer, Meyer, LaCroix and Hixson, Inc. for construction phase services for the Cluster Development, Planning and Construction, FP&C Project No. 05-252-04B-05, contingent of approval from Louisiana Division of Facility Planning and Control. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Jerry Wood, seconded by Mr. Butch Lindsay, to request Mr. Tom Wells, Legal Counsel, to proceed with the appraisals, abstracts and right-of-way acquisitions for the Cluster Development, Planning and Construction, FP&C Project No. 05-252-04B-05, and authorize the President to sign all necessary documents. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Jerry Wood, seconded by Mr. Butch Lindsay, to authorize the expenses of interested Police Jurors and designated Police Jury employees to attend the 2005 Economic Development Masters Symposium to be held on March 16-17, 2005 in Many, Louisiana. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Jerry Wood, seconded by Mr. Butch Lindsay, to endorse and commend Mr. Joe Fuller for attending the NOBCo Economic Development Conference on April 27-May 1 in Chicago, Illinois, but because of the financial situation that is all. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Jerry Wood, seconded by Mr. Butch Lindsay, to rent an additional parking space in the Courthouse Auxiliary Parking Lot to the Rapides Parish Clerk of Court's Office at the same rate as paid in the Courthouse Parking Facility. On vote the motion carried.

The following resolution was offered by Mr. Jerry Wood and seconded by Mr. Butch Lindsay:

RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE ISSUANCE, SALE AND DELIVERY OF NOT EXCEEDING FOUR HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$450,000) OF LIMITED TAX CERTIFICATES OF INDEBTEDNESS, SERIES 2005, WARD 10 RECREATION DISTRICT, RAPIDES PARISH, LOUISIANA.

WHEREAS, Ward 10 Recreation District, Rapides Parish, Louisiana (the "District"), proposes to issue not exceeding \$450,000 of Limited Tax Certificates of Indebtedness, Series 2005 (the "certificates"), for the purpose of improving, maintaining and operating the recreational facilities of the District; and

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WHEREAS, the District has requested that this Police Jury approve the issuance, sale and delivery of said Certificates of the District; and

WHEREAS, as required by Article VI, Section 15 of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana of 1974, it is now the desire of this Police Jury to approve the issuance of said Certificates of the District;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Police Jury of the Parish of Rapides, State of Louisiana of 1974, and in accordance with the request of the Board of Commissioners of Ward 10 Recreation District, Rapides Parish, Louisiana, this Police Jury hereby approves the issuance, sale and delivery of not exceeding \$450,000 of Limited Tax Certificates of Indebtedness, Series 2005, of said District, said Certificates to be secured by and payable from a special five (5.00) mills tax, authorized at elections held within the District on April 29, 1995 and April 5, 2003, as provided by Section 742.2 of Title 39 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, and other constitutional and statutory authority.

SECTION 2. The Parish of Rapides and this Police Jury shall not be liable in any manner for the payment of said Certificates, and no funds of the Parish or the Police Jury shall be pledged to the payment thereof.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: Theodore Fountaine Jr.

And the resolution was declared adopted on this, the 14th day of February, 2005.

On motion by Mr. Jerry Wood, seconded by Mr. Butch Lindsay, to authorize the President to sign a change order on the Kelleyland Sewer Improvements LCDBG Construction Contract to include Tullamore Street in the project, as recommended by the Consultant Administrator and Treasurer. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Jerry Wood, seconded by Mr. Butch Lindsay, to authorize the President to sign an Intergovernmental Agreement with Sewer District No. 1 for their participation in the sewer improvements on Tullamore Street under the Kelleyland Sewer Improvements LCDBG Project in an amount not to exceed \$75,000, as recommended by the Consultant Administrator and Treasurer. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Jerry Wood, seconded by Mr. Butch Lindsay, to thank Sewer District No. 1 for their prompt and necessary assistance in solving the problem of sewer improvements on Tullamore Street under the Kelleyland Sewer Improvements LCDBG Project. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Jerry Wood, seconded by Mr. Butch Lindsay, to appoint Ms. Ruby Smith, representing the Education Community (School Board child welfare and attendance), to the Children & Youth Planning Board for a two year term. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Jerry Wood, seconded by Mr. Butch Lindsay, to appoint Mr. Ellis Woods, representing the Criminal Justice Community (FINS Coordinator), to the Children & Youth Planning Board for a two year term. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Jerry Wood, seconded by Mr. Butch Lindsay, to authorize to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor between the State of Louisiana and the Parish of Rapides for Infrastructure for Cluster Development, Planning and Construction, FP&C Project No. 05-252-04B-05, Capital Outlay Funds, and authorize the President to sign same upon approval of Legal Counsel. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Jerry Wood, seconded by Mr. Butch Lindsay, to authorize Mr. Bob Bussey, Legal Counsel, to request a jury trial in Quinn L. Ducote vs. Rapides Parish Police Jury, Union Pacific Railroad, and LDOTD, Civil Suit No. 218,842, 9th JDC, as recommended by Legal Counsel. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Jerry Wood, seconded by Mr. Butch Lindsay, to receive the required report from Acadian Ambulance under the Contract for December 2004:

Response Zone	Number Responses	Required %	Compliance %
Alexandria - 8 minute	368	80%	84.78%

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Pineville - 8 minute	110	80%	91.82%
Rapides - 12 minute	126	80%	86.51%
Rapides - 20 minute	141	80%	85.82%

On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Jerry Wood, seconded by Mr. Butch Lindsay, the following resolution was presented, to retain Mr. Dan Broussard as Special Counsel representing the Rapides Parish Police Jury in the pending litigation of Felix Mouton Jr. Versus Rapides Parish Police Jury, Suit No. 219,602C, Ninth Judicial District Court, as approved by the District Attorney, and on vote unanimously adopted:

RESOLUTION OF THE
RAPIDES PARISH POLICE JURY

WHEREAS, the District Attorney for Rapides Parish, and particularly Assistant D.A. Thomas O. Wells, provides legal representation to the Rapides Parish Police Jury; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Wells was directed by the President of the Police Jury to take statements of complaining witnesses in the employment matter of supervisor Felix Mouton, Jr. relative to alleged improper conduct of Mr. Mouton toward those witnesses; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Mouton filed Civil Suit #218,920 on the docket of the Ninth Judicial District Court, Rapides Parish, Louisiana, styled "Felix Mouton, Jr. v. Rapides Parish Police Jury" in an effort to enjoin the Police Jury from convening or conducting a hearing regarding the allegations against him; and

WHEREAS, the injunction was lifted in Ninth Judicial District Court on January 3, 2005; and

WHEREAS, the Police Jury terminated Mr. Mouton on January 5, 2005; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Mouton then filed Civil Suit #219,602 on the docket of the Ninth Judicial District Court, Rapides Parish, Louisiana, styled "Felix Mouton, Jr. v. Rapides Parish Police Jury" in an effort for a judgement against the Police Jury for compensatory damages, back pay, benefits, reinstatement, reasonable attorney fees, court costs and expungement of his personnel folder; and

WHEREAS, it is likely that ADA Thomas O. Wells will be required to testify as a witness regarding the statements of the complaining witnesses and further regarding the circumstances surrounding Mr. Mouton's obtaining a temporary restraining order; and

WHEREAS, Rule 3.7 of the Louisiana Rules of Professional Conduct prohibits a lawyer from representation in a case where the lawyer may be called as a witness; and

WHEREAS, as part of his defense, Mr. Mouton has made allegations that the complaints and any action taken are discriminatory and the defense of complaints of this nature is a narrow and highly specialized legal field; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Daniel Broussard, an attorney practicing in Alexandria, Louisiana, has often represented public bodies and private individuals in matters of this nature and therefore possesses the specialized knowledge and skill for the defense of the Police Jury in the discrimination claim and the claim for injunctive relief; and

WHEREAS, the employment of private counsel will eliminate any issues of legal ethics which would arise in the event it is necessary in the defense of these matters for the Police Jury's general counsel to testify as a witness;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Mr. Daniel Broussard, Attorney at Law, is hereby engaged as counsel for the Rapides Parish Police Jury at the compensation schedule published and approved by the attorney general not to exceed \$150.00 per hour together with incurred expenses for court cost advances, subpoena and deposition fees, and other like out-of-pocket expenditures, subject however to the approval of the Louisiana Attorney General pursuant to R.S. 42:263.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this resolution and attachments be forwarded to the Honorable Charles C. Foti Jr., Attorney General of Louisiana, for his review and approval, all pursuant to R.S. 42:263.

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PASSED AND APPROVED on this 14th day of February, 2005.

On motion by Mr. Jerry Wood, seconded by Mr. Butch Lindsay, to reduce the hours worked per week to 28 for a LaJET employee. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Jerry Wood, seconded by Mr. Butch Lindsay, to amend that certain motion of January 5, 2005 so as to hire Mr. Terry Bounds as Interim WIA Operations Director on a temporary basis for a period not to exceed 480 hours and set his salary to be \$28.85 per hour effective January 10, 2005, and to retain any additional services through a private employment agency. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Jerry Wood, seconded by Mr. Butch Lindsay, to authorize Mr. Tom Wells, Legal Counsel, and Mr. Dan Broussard, Special Counsel, to proceed with an appeal of the judgement of the litigation of Police Jury vs. Felix Mouton Jr. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Jerry Wood, seconded by Mr. Butch Lindsay, to authorize the Treasurer to amend the 2005 budgets to reflect carry-in figures. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Jerry Wood, seconded by Mr. Butch Lindsay, to continue paying the street light bill out of the General Fund. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Jerry Wood, seconded by Mr. Butch Lindsay, that when the new Manager of Cox Cable is hired that he/she be introduced at a Police Jury meeting. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Jerry Wood, seconded by Mr. Butch Lindsay, to accept the Secretary's Report. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Jerry Wood, seconded by Mr. Butch Lindsay, to authorize the President to sign application to FEMA for a mitigation grant for the Penny Acres Flood Control Project. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Jerry Wood, seconded by Mr. Butch Lindsay, to advertise for project proposals for the Louisiana Emergency Shelter Grant Program. 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. Butch Lindsay, to grant the secretary to the Fire District No. 2 Civil Service Board an increase in salary of \$100 per month as approved by the Fire District No. 2 Civil Service Board, to be paid out of Fire District No. 2 Funds. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Jerry Wood, seconded by Mr. Butch Lindsay, to revoke the unimproved right of way portion of Isabell Street, located between Lots 18 and 11, Bellino Gardens Subdivision, and to waive the thirty day review period and recommendation by the Rapides Area Planning Commission. On vote the motion carried.

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

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the economy of central Louisiana is heavily dependent on the stability and prosperity of agriculture; and,

WHEREAS, agriculture in central Louisiana in recent years has suffered from uncontrollable weather conditions, diseases and low prices; and,

WHEREAS, the recent discovery of soybean rust puts in serious jeopardy of the future of that crop, one of the mainstays of central Louisiana agriculture; and,

WHEREAS, corn, another staple of central Louisiana farmers, is often subject to the devastating disease aflatoxin; and,

WHEREAS, Central Louisiana farmers with years of sugar cane growing experience on some of the most fertile land in Louisiana and with 50,000 acres of sugar cane currently in production are backing the Bunkie project; and,

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WHEREAS, high yielding soils in this area can easily produce 1.8 million tones of cane; and,

WHEREAS, about 50 farmers have pledged their support for the project and have joined a cooperative to provide cane for the facility; and,

WHEREAS, it is a hundred miles from the sugar cane farms in central Louisiana to the sugar mills in south Louisiana; and,

WHEREAS, the transportation costs to move sugar cane from central to south Louisiana severely impact the bottom line of farmers; and,

WHEREAS, the use of the highways to move sugar cane with loads up to 100,000 pounds causes tremendous damage to the highway; and,

WHEREAS, slow moving cane trucks cause excessive danger to other motorists both on the highways and in the towns and cities through which they must travel to the mills; and,

WHEREAS, a syrup mill would mean 60 permanent jobs at the facility and 60 to 80 construction jobs; and,

WHEREAS, with increasing competition from foreign producers for world markets, it is critical that U.S. agriculture begin to further process its raw commodities into high-end commodities such as ethanol as a way to maintain a competitive edge; and,

WHEREAS, the design capacity of the proposed syrup mill is sufficient to support additional acreage for ethanol production from sugar cane; and,

WHEREAS, co-generation of a renewable biofuel will produce electricity that can be sold to the grid, reducing the mill's operating costs; and,

WHEREAS, this proposed sugar syrup plant is a positive thin for the long term prosperity of agriculture in the Central Louisiana area; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Rapides Parish Police Jury does hereby strongly support the Avoyelles Parish Police Jury in its efforts to attract the construction of a sugar syrup plant in the Bunkie area and encourages the parishes of St. Landry and Evangeline to join in this effort.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution of support be sent to Hon. Bob Odom, Commissioner of Agriculture and Forestry, our Louisiana Legislative Delegation and the Avoyelles Parish Police Jury.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED on this 14th day of February, 2005.

Mr. Billings introduced discussion on the objection received from an adjacent landowner to the proposed Willow Winds Subdivision, located on LA 3170, Alexandria and the complaint of the landowner of the failure to receive a response to her concerns.

Ms. Melissa Becker, of the Rapides Area Planning Commission, advised the objection had been discussed by the Rapides Area Planning Commission and the question was answered that the concerned landowner's property is actually higher in elevation than the property being developed in the flood zone.

Mr. Billings asked about the question on the drainage ditch on the property and who would maintain the ditch.

Mr. Eric Duck, Public Works Director, explained the drainage ditch was part of the subdivision designed to take water off the property being developed into a natural drain. He had explained to the landowner that the Parish no longer has a parishwide drainage tax, thus no equipment to manpower to maintain ditches except in case of emergencies in which available resources are used in a limited manner. Mr. Billings requested Mr. Duck to write the landowner a letter in response to her concerns.

Mr. Brandon Monceaux, Civil Engineer representing Cecil and Linda Bodie, Developers, assured the Police Jury that his drainage design would drain the subdivision and would not damage adjoining properties.

As Mr. Monceaux said the Subdivision was not ready for consideration for approval by the Police Jury at this time, no further action was taken.

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On motion by Mr. Jerry Wood, seconded by Mr. Butch Lindsay, to approve Change Order No. 2 to Bid No. 1908 Fire Station Renovations for Fire District No. 6 for labor and materials to remove and replace existing concrete apron for an increased amount of \$7,300.00, as recommended by the Deville Volunteer Fire Department Board of Directors, subject to approval of Legal Counsel. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Joe Fuller, seconded by Mr. Scott Perry, to present recognition plaques to the girls' basketball team at Arthur F. Smith Middle Magnet School for winning the State 2005 Youth Basketball of America Tournament in Monroe. On vote the motion carried.

Mr. Fuller, Mr. Perry and Mr. Reed presented the plaques to the members of the basketball team, Coach Rob Etheridge and Principal Linda Young of Arthur F. Smith Middle Magnet School.

On motion by Mr. Jerry Wood, seconded by Mr. Butch Lindsay, to delete the following equipment from the Fire District No. 2 Asset/Inventory Listing, as it is scrap and no longer suitable for public use:

Asset Description	Acquired	Disposal
5233 Dryer	1-08-86	scrap

On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Jerry Wood, seconded by Mr. Butch Lindsay, the following In Memoriam for the late Amos Wesley II was presented and on vote unanimously adopted:

IN MEMORIAM

WHEREAS, Mr. Amos Wesley II was called by his Creator on Thursday, November 11, 2004; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Wesley taught at Central Louisiana Trade School for Negroes, Plainview High School and Peabody Magnet School, was a charter member of the Lower Third Neighborhood Group, served in the Army from September 12, 1942 to December 19, 1945 as a member of the Tuskegee Air Squadron, 99th Fighter Squadron in WWII; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Wesley was held in high esteem and earned the respect, love and affection of all those with whom he came into contact, who were proud to call him friend; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Rapides Police Jury does hereby order that this formal expression of honor for the deceased Mr. Amos Wesley II and sympathy for his family be spread upon the minutes of this meeting;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy hereof be presented to his son, Mr. Amos Wesley III, as a lasting tribute to his public service.

THIS DONE AND SIGNED on this the 14th day of February, 2005.

On motion by Mr. Jerry Wood, seconded by Mr. Butch Lindsay, to authorize to enter into a Fire District No. 10 mutual aid agreement with the Oak Hill Volunteer Fire Association and Fire District No. 5, as recommended by the Plainview Volunteer Fire Department, and authorize the President to sign same. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Jerry Wood, seconded by Mr. Butch Lindsay, to authorize to enter into a Fire District No. 10 mutual aid agreement with the Spring Creek Volunteer Fire Association and Fire District No. 11, as recommended by the Plainview Volunteer Fire Department, and authorize the President to sign same. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Jerry Wood, seconded by Mr. Butch Lindsay, to authorize to enter into a Fire District No. 10 automatic aid agreement with the Spring Creek Volunteer Fire Association and Fire District No. 11, as recommended by the Plainview Volunteer Fire Department, and authorize the President to sign same. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Jerry Wood, seconded by Mr. Butch Lindsay, to authorize to enter into a Fire District No. 10 mutual aid agreement with the Elizabeth Fire Department, as recommended by the Plainview Volunteer Fire Department, and authorize the President to sign same. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Jerry Wood, seconded by Mr. Butch Lindsay, to authorize to enter into a Fire District No. 10 mutual aid agreement with the Oakdale Fire Department, as recommended by the Plainview Volunteer Fire

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Department, and authorize the President to sign same. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Jerry Wood, seconded by Mr. Butch Lindsay, to authorize to enter into a Fire District No. 10 mutual aid agreement with the Community Fire Department, Pitkin, as recommended by the Plainview Volunteer Fire Department, and authorize the President to sign same. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Jerry Wood, seconded by Mr. Butch Lindsay, to authorize to enter into a Fire District No. 10 mutual aid agreement with the Pitkin Fire Department, as recommended by the Plainview Volunteer Fire Department, and authorize the President to sign same. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Jerry Wood, seconded by Mr. Butch Lindsay, to authorize to enter into a Fire District No. 10 mutual aid agreement with the Allen Parish Fire Protection District No. 6, as recommended by the Plainview Volunteer Fire Department, and authorize the President to sign same. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Jerry Wood, seconded by Mr. Butch Lindsay, to authorize the President to sign an amended contract for WIA Funds to include \$200,000 in the 15% Louisiana Department of Labor state funds and to authorize the Treasurer to amend the budget. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Jerry Wood, seconded by Mr. Butch Lindsay, the following resolution was presented and on vote unanimously adopted:

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Rapides Parish Police Jury does hereby encourage the support of our State Legislative Delegation to maintain a locally controlled and delivered Workforce Investment Act system as it is the local government representatives and local workforce delivery systems that best understand the needs of the people in our area.

PASSED AND APPROVED on this 14th day of February, 2005.

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

On motion by Mr. Scott Perry, seconded by Mr. Jerry Wood and Mr. Joe Fuller, to authorize the Courthouse and Jail Building Superintendent to proceed with repair or replacement of the cooling tower for the Courthouse, at an estimated cost of approximately \$22,000, and a recommendation for funding be brought back to the Police Jury after bids are taken. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Jerry Wood, seconded by Mr. Butch Lindsay, the following resolution was presented and on vote unanimously adopted:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Ward 9 Recreation District submitted a Capital Outlay Request to the State of Louisiana Division of Administration on October 27, 2004; and

WHEREAS, said Capital Outlay Request is for a Cenla Sportsplex Recreation Improvements, Phase II, Baseball and Handicap Fields in the amount of \$1,500,000; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Rapides Parish Police Jury does hereby request our Legislative Delegation to endorse and support the \$1,500,000 requested in State Capital Outlay Funds, FY 2005-2006, for the Ward 9 Recreation District on the Cenla Sportsplex Recreation Improvements, Phase II, Baseball and Handicap Fields Project;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be sent to Senator Joe McPherson, Senator Mike Smith, Senator Noble Ellington, Representative Tommy Wright, Representative Charlie DeWitt, Representative Israel Curtis, Representative Rick Farrar asking for their endorsement and support;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution also be sent to Senator Don Hines, President of the Senate, and to Speaker Joe R. Salter, Speaker of the House, asking for their endorsement and support.

PASSED AND APPROVED on this 14th day of February, 2005.

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

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

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Town of Glenmora is planning to build a community center across from the present location of the Ward 4 Maintenance Barn for the Parish Highway Department; and

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WHEREAS, there is a possibility of a land swap with the Town of Glenmora to relocate the Ward 4 Maintenance Barn from its present location to a location next door to the Town of Glenmora Maintenance Barn; and

WHEREAS, legal advice of the District Attorney is required to effectuate the land swap if it becomes a reality;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Rapides Parish Police Jury does hereby endorse the proposal of a swap of land owned by the Parish on 7th and 8th Streets in Glenmora for land owned by the Town of Glenmora on Evangeline Road; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the District Attorney is requested for assistance in the necessary documents to effectuate the land swap if an agreement is reached with the Town of Glenmora, whether it be an exchange and/or intergovernmental agreement; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the President is authorized to sign any necessary documents after approval of the District Attorney.

PASSED AND APPROVED on this 14th day of February, 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 3:54 p.m.

Angie Richmond, Secretary
Rapides Parish Police Jury

Ezra L. Reed, President
Rapides Parish Police Jury