

PROCEEDINGS OF THE POLICE JURY OF THE PARISH OF NATCHITOCHEs,
STATE OF LOUISIANA, TAKEN AT A REGULAR MEETING HELD, WEDNESDAY,

January 19, 2005

9:00 A.M.

The Police Jury of the Parish of Natchitoches, State of Louisiana, met in regular and legal session in their regular meeting place, the Police Jury Board Room of the Natchitoches Parish Courthouse, on Wednesday, January 19, 2005 at nine o'clock (9:00) a.m.

The invocation was given by Minister Larry Vaughn, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Juror William Hymes.

There were present: Honorable Chris Paige, President, Police Jurors: J. D. Garrett, Alice Barrios, William Hymes, Charles Huggins, Tom Collier, Jessie Hoffpauir, Doug Masters and Gale Potts-Roque.

There was absent: Charles Cloud.

The Police Jury of the Parish of Natchitoches was then duly convened as the governing authority of said parish by the President who stated that the Police Jury was ready for the transaction of business.

President Paige then stated that the next item on the agenda was the election of officers. He then declared all offices vacant. With that Mr. Huggins nominated Mrs. Gale Potts-Roque for the office of President. Mr. Garrett nominated Mr. Chris Paige. Mr. Paige then moved that the nominations for the office of President be closed, seconded by Mr. Garrett.

On a roll call vote, the vote was thereon as follows:

GALE POTTS-ROQUE: Hymes, Huggins, Hoffpauir, and Roque.

CHRIS PAIGE: Garrett, Barrios, Collier, Masters and Paige.

ABSENT: Charles Cloud.

With the vote being five (5) for Mr. Paige and four (4) for Mrs. Roque, Mr. Chris Paige was elected President of the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury for year 2005.

Motion Carried

President Paige then stated that nominations were now open for the office of Vice-President of the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury for 2005. Mr. Garrett nominated Mr. Collier. After there were no other nominations, Mr. Tom Collier was elected Vice-President of the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury for the year 2005 by acclamation.

President Paige then stated the next item on the agenda was the presentation of award. He stated that Mrs. Taylor could not attend the meeting and asked Mrs. Sharon Harris and Mrs. Earnestine Armstrong to please step forward and accept the award on Mrs. Taylor's behalf.

On motion by Mr. Hymes, duly seconded by Mr. Garrett, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby adopt a resolution of appreciation for NPPJOCS Head Start Director Mrs. Patricia Taylor on her retirement.

Motion Carried

On motion by Mr. Collier, duly seconded by Mr. Hymes, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby adopt the minutes of the regular meeting held Wednesday, January 19, 2005.

Motion Carried

On motion by Mr. Hymes, duly seconded by Mrs. Barrios, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby adopt a resolution authorizing the filing of an application with the Louisiana Department of transportation and Development for a grant under 49 CFR 5311, Non-Urbanized Area Formula Program and/or 49 CFR 5309, Discretionary Capital Program.

Motion Carried

On motion by Mr. Collier, duly seconded by Mr. Hymes, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby authorize the purchase of a pickup truck off State Contract for the Natchitoches Parish Health Unit.

Motion Carried

On motion by Mr. Hymes, duly seconded by Mr. Collier, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby appoint two (2) persons to the Saline Lake Game and Fish Preserve Commission.

On a roll call vote, the vote thereon being as follows:

LAURA JOHNSON: Garrett, Barrios, Hymes, Huggins, Collier, Roque and Paige.

ALLEN BEASLEY: Garrett, Hymes, Huggins, Collier, Hoffpauir, Masters and Paige.

SAM MISAUACA: Barrios, Hoffpauir, Masters and Roque.

ABSENT: Cloud.

With the **vote being seven (7) for Ms. Laura Johnson, seven (7) for Mr. Allen Beasley** and four (4) for Mr. Sam Misauraca, Ms. Johnson and Mr. Beasley **were appointed to the Saline Lake Game and Fish Preserve Commission** for a period of four (4) years.

Motion Carried

On motion by Mr. Hymes, duly seconded by Mrs. Barrios, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby authorize the hiring of a Chief Building Inspector for the Natchitoches Parish Planning Commission on either a part time or contract basis.

Motion Carried

On motion by Mr. Collier, duly seconded by Mrs. Barrios, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby adopt a resolution declaring the Old City Bank building in Campti, Louisiana surplus property and authorizing the sale of said building.

Motion Carried

On motion by Mr. Hymes, duly seconded by Mrs. Barrios, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby authorize the President of the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury to proceed with the selection of the LCDBG project.

Motion Carried

On motion by Mr. Hymes, duly seconded by Mrs. Barrios, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby authorize the President to proceed with the procurement and selection of professional services for the purpose of assisting in the development of the LCDBG application and implementation of the project.

Motion Carried

On motion by Mrs. Roque, duly seconded by Mrs. Barrios, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby adopt a resolution adopting a Citizen Participation Plan for the LCDBG Program.

Motion Carried

On motion by Mr. Collier, duly seconded by Mr. Garrett, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby extend the deadline of appointing members to the Northwest Louisiana Fish and Game Preserve Commission until the February Work Session.

Motion Carried

On motion by Mrs. Roque, duly seconded by Mr. Hymes, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby accept the report of the Office of Community Services for the month of December, 2004.

Motion Carried

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President Paige then recognized Mr. Tom Collier, Chairman of the Highway Steering-Solid Waste Committee, who presented the following report:

Relative to the above report, the following action was taken:

On motion by Mrs. Roque, duly seconded by Mr. Masters, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby start the process to remove 5,734 feet or 1.09 miles of P. R. #618, the Bayou Blue Road, out of the Parish Road System.

Motion Carried

On motion by Mrs. Roque, duly seconded by Mr. Huggins, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby authorize Mr. Bobby Deen, Director of Public Works, to apply for a permit from the U.S. Corp of Engineers to discharge water into Cane River.

Motion Carried

This concluded action on the report of the Highway Steering-Solid Waste Committee.

President Paige then recognized Mrs. Roque, Chairman of the Finance and Budget Committee, who presented the following report:

Relative to the above report, the Jury took no action on the recommendation from the Finance and Budget Committee to approve travel for Mrs. Gale Potts-Roque to attend the NACo Legislative Conference in the amount of \$2,171.84.

Since no action was taken, this concluded the report of the Finance and Budget Committee.

On motion by Mr. Collier, duly seconded by Mr. Hymes, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby adopt a resolution authorizing the President to sign the necessary forms to submit a grant to the Louisiana Office of Rural Development Grant Program in the amount of \$15,000.00 to provide a connection between Chestnut/Readhimer Water System and the Village of Saline Water System to allow the sale of drinking Water.

Motion Carried

President Paige then stated that the Jury needed to also declare a state of emergency for the Chestnut/Readhimer Water System. With that, the following action was taken:

On motion by Mr. Hymes, duly seconded by Mr. Garrett, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby add to the agenda the adopting of a proclamation proclaim an extreme public emergency to allow the Parish of Natchitoches to contract for the repair and/or replacement of a water tank and lines and associated appurtenances, without the necessity of advertisement of same under the provisions of Louisiana R.S. 88:2212, et.seq.

Motion Carried

On motion by Mr. Hymes, duly seconded by Mrs. Roque, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby adopt a proclamation proclaiming an extreme public emergency to allow the Parish of Natchitoches to contract for the repair and/or replacement of a water tank and lines and associated appurtenances, without the necessity of advertisement of same under the provisions of Louisiana R.S. 88:2212, et.seq and authorize the President to sign all necessary papers.

Motion Carried

On motion by Mrs. Roque, duly seconded by Mr. Collier, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby approve the report of the Director of Public Works for emergency expenditures for the period December 16, 2004 through January 19, 2005 in the amount of **\$1,508.80**.

Motion Carried

On motion by Mrs. Roque, duly seconded by Mr. Garrett, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby approve expenditures for the period of December 16, 2004 through January 19, 2005 in the amount of **\$1,283,509.46**.

Motion Carried

President Paige then asked Juror Tom Collier to say a prayer before adjourning the meeting.

On motion by Mr. Huggins, duly seconded by Mr. Barrios, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session convened, does hereby adjourn until its next regular or called meeting.

Motion Carried

ATTEST:

Chris Paige, President

Catherine Hamilton,
Parish Administrator