

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE POLICE JURY OF THE PARISH OF NATCHITOCHES,
STATE OF LOUISIANA, TAKEN A REGULAR MEETING HELD, THURSDAY,**

September 18, 2008

5:00 P. 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 Thursday, September 18, 2008 at five o'clock (5:00) p.m.

The Invocation was given by Juror J. D. Garrett, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Juror Fred Jacobs.

There were present: The Honorable Charles Huggins, President, Police Jurors: Gerald Longlois, Chris Paige, J. D. Garrett, David Dollar, William Hymes, Tom Collier Jr., Jessie Hoffpauir, Mimi Stoker and Fred Jacobs.

There was absent: Johnny Martin.

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.

On motion by Mr. Collier, duly seconded by Mr. Dollar, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby adopt the minutes of the regular meeting held Thursday, August 21, 2008.

Motion Carried

On motion by Mr. Dollar, duly seconded by Mr. Hymes, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby conduct a public hearing with the Police Jury sitting as a "Board of Review" to hear any and all protests or complaints on values of property for assessment purposes fixed by the Natchitoches Parish Tax Assessor.

Motion Carried

President Huggins then declared the public hearing open. He then asked if there were any protests or complaints on values of property for assessment purposes. Since there were no protests or complaints, the following action was taken:

On motion by Mr. Garrett, duly seconded by Mr. Dollar, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby close the public hearing with the Police Jury sitting as a "Board of Review" to hear any and all protests or complaints on values of property for assessment purposes fixed by the Natchitoches Parish Tax Assessor.

Motion Carried

President Huggins then asked if the Jury was in agreement to the assessment. The Jury then stated that they were in agreement to the values of property for assessment purposes fixed by the Natchitoches Parish Tax Assessor.

President Huggins then recognized Parish Tax Assessor Rick Hargis who gave a brief summary of the Total assessed value of property for 2008 from the report to the Jury.

On motion by Mr. Collier, duly seconded by Mr. Jacobs, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby re-appoint Mr. Travis Guin to the Natchitoches Parish Planning Commission and restarting the process to appoint someone due to Mr. Charles McNeely's term expiring.

Motion Carried

On motion by Mr. Dollar, duly seconded by Mr. Garrett, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby appoint Mr. Lesh Nettles Brown to the Natchitoches Parish Port Commission, due to the resignation of Mr. Calvin Braxton.

Motion Carried

On motion by Mrs. Stoker, duly seconded by Mr. Jacobs, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby accept the report of Office of Community Services.

On motion by Mr. Collier, duly seconded by Mr. Longlois, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby adopt the Annual Certification of Compliance with State of Louisiana, Off System Bridge Replacement Program.

Motion Carried

On motion by Mrs. Stoker, duly seconded by Mr. Longlois, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby start the process to appoint/reappoint someone to the Natchitoches Parish Tourist Commission, due to Ms. Robin Leyva's term expiring.

Motion Carried

On motion by Mr. Collier, duly seconded by Mr. Jacobs, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby start the process to appoint/reappoint members to the Fire Protection District #5 Board of Directors, due to Mr. George Culpepper and Mr. Ralph Hernandez's terms expiring.

Motion Carried

President Huggins then read the next item on the agenda concerning the Bellwood Water System. He then recognized Parish Administrator Catherine Hamilton, who told the Jury she had spoken with the LGAP office and stated that the Bellwood Water System probably would not qualify for the emergency grant but could apply for the regular LGAP grant. Relative to this, the following action was taken:

On motion by Mrs. Stoker, duly seconded by Mr. Garrett, 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 Government Assistance Program for the Bellwood Water System to purchase a generator in the amount of \$23,000.00.

Motion Carried

On motion by Mr. Dollar, duly seconded by Mr. Hymes, 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 of August 22, 2008 through September 18, 2008.

Motion Carried

On motion by Mr. Collier, duly seconded by Mr. Dollar, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby approve expenditures for the period of August 22, 2008 through September 18, 2008 in the amount of **\$900,718.62.**

Motion Carried

On motion by Mr. Collier, duly seconded by Mr. Jacobs, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session, does hereby adjourn until the next regular or called meeting of the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury.

Motion Carried

Attest:

Charles Huggins, President

Catherine Hamilton,
Parish Administrator