The Police Jury of the Parish of Avoyelles, State of Louisiana, met in Regular Session, in the Meeting Room, Courthouse, Marksville, La, on Tuesday, August 8, 2023, at 5:00 p.m.

There were present: Mark Borrel, Bobby Bordelon, Jacob Coco, Kirby Roy, Darrell Wiley, Clyde Benson, Glenn McKinley, John Earles, Laura Gaspard- Assistant Secretary/Treasurer, Rayford Laborde- Avoyelles Parish Planning Commission; Jenny Falls, Twyla Lemoine, Jenny Falls, Amy Guidry, Kevin Bordelon, Joseph Frank-Director of Homeland Security, Charles Riddle-District Attorney, Clint Daigrepont, Rev. Allen Holmes, Nealie Hale- Librarian, and Maria Trichell

Absent: McKinley Keller

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance by Glenn McKinley, followed by a prayer, led by ­­­­­­­Rev. Allen Holmes.

Roll call by Secretary-Treasurer.

On motion by Jacob Coco, seconded by John Earles, to adopt the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on July 11, 2023, printed in the “Weekly News”, and mailed to all Jurors. On vote, the motion carried.

On motion by Glenn McKinley, seconded by Mark Borrel, to accept the minutes of the Tourist Commission. On vote, the motion carried.

On motion by Darrell Wiley, seconded by John Earles, to accept the financial report offered by the Secretary/Treasurer. On vote, the motion carried.

On motion by Clyde Benson, seconded by Glenn McKinley to award Tricia Park, sewer, road, and drainage On vote, the motion carried.

On motion by Darrell Wiley, seconded by Mark Borrel, to award Phase VII Capital Outlay to ANR Construction, $1,016,555.77. On vote, the motion carried.

On motion by Clyde Benson, seconded John Earles, to table selling Bonette Bridge. On vote, the motion carried.

On motion by Jacob Coco, seconded by Bobby Bordelon, authorizing the president to enter a contract with Bayou Chateau Nursing Home for a health hub in Simmesport. On vote, the motion carried.

On motion by Jacob Coco, seconded by Clyde Benson to approve Simmesport Library exterior improvements $227,602.00. On vote, the motion carried.

On motion by Bobby Bordelon, seconded by Clyde Benson, approving Fire District 2 to call an election on November 18th, 2023, to levy an annual $100 parcel fee, per lot. Tis excludes Effie and Marksville. On vote:

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| Yea | Darrell Wiley, Glenn McKinley, John Earles, Clyde Benson, Bobby Bordelon |
| Nay | None |
| Absent | McKinley Keller |
| Abstain | Jacob Coco |

The motion carried.

Juror Bordelon went on record to advise the Police Jury will not receive any proceeds from the parcel fee should it pass. He also stressed this election will not cost residents one penny. This tax is strictly for Fire Departments.

On motion by Clyde Benson, seconded by Mark Borrel, authorizing the health unit to purchase a vehicle. On vote, the motion carried.

A motion to move reading Stanley Bordelon resolution was offered Mark Borrel, seconded by Darrell Wiley. On vote, the motion carried.

On motion by Jacob Coco, seconded by Mark Borrel to accept the memorial resolution for Mr. Stanley Bordelon as a part of the minutes. On vote, the motion carried.

On motion by Glenn McKinley, seconded by Jacob Coco, to authorize Wilbert Carmouche to process celebrity signage with the assistance of DOTD to recognize Mackenzie Scroggs as Miss Louisiana. On vote, the motion carried.

On motion by John Earles, seconded by Darrell Wiley to approve the Off-System Bridge Compliance. On vote, the motion carried.

On motion by John Earles, seconded by Mark Borrel, to purchase a Grapple Truck from Convington Sales. On vote, the motion carried.

On motion by Bobby Bordelon, seconded by Jacob Coco, to table subdivision divisions pending further information from our legal department. On vote, the motion carried.

On motion by Bobby Bordelon, seconded by Clyde Benson, to allow the Planning Commission to request a surveyor or engineer to establish a parish wide base flood elevation. On vote, the motion carried.

With unanimous consent a motion offered by Clyde Benson, seconded by Bobby Bordelon, to add new business to the agenda. On vote, the motion carried.

On motion Bobby Bordelon, seconded by Clyde Benson to table acceptance of plats for Sac-a- Lait subdivision. On vote, the motion carried.

On motion by Mark Borrel, seconded by John Earles, granting authority to the Secretary-Treasurer to pay all bills and waive a reading of the whole. On vote, the motion carried.

 There being no further business, on motion by Glenn McKinley, seconded by Mark Borrel, the meeting adjourned.

s/Kirby Roy s/Jamey M.Wiley

 President Secretary-Treasurer

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