

Road & Bridge Committee Meeting
Of the
Assumption Parish Police Jury

Wednesday, June 23, 2010
4:55 O'clock p.m.

1. Committee members recorded as present were: Mr. Calvin James, Chairman; Mr. Myron Matherne, Mr. Booster Breaux, Mr. Jeff Naquin.
Committee member recorded as absent was: Mr. Martin Triche.
Other Police Jurors recorded as present were: Mr. Patrick Lawless, Mr. Irving Comeaux, Mr. Henry Dupre.
2. Chairman Calvin James stated that he requested that the Parish Manager give a brief update of the daily activities and status of the projects at the Road & Bridge Department. He then recognized the Parish Manager, who stated that they have started hauling materials for the upcoming planting and grinding season. He stated that he spoke with a representative from the State referencing the Bayou Crab Bridge and was informed that as long as the State doesn't pull the funding for this program from the budget, the bridge will be replaced under the Off Bridge System Replacement Program. He then stated that the bridge replacement project is under review and the next step is to advertise for a consultant followed by a preliminary contract and then DEQ will do a study of the site. He added that this is a lengthy process that takes about three (3) years. The Parish Manager stated that he will be getting a maintenance contract for the Lee Drive lift bridge and utilize the same individual that operates the Bay Bridge for the State. He explained that it would be a huge asset to have someone nearby to troubleshoot when problems arise. He stated that the maintenance crew finished installing the water line near the new pavilion at Dorseyville Park. He then stated that Entergy will be hooking up electricity for the receptacles soon.
3. The Parish Manager requested that they discuss the Dog Catcher position at this time also. He proceeded to state that the Sheriff informed him that this job would be transferred to the Parish along with the vehicle. He then stated that he will utilize existing personnel to handle this task.
In response, Sheriff Mike Waguespack stated that the dog catcher position is a full time job and the individual was authorized to utilize the trustees therefore, this will not change due to the transfer. He also stated that the dispatcher will continue to accept all complaints and forward them to the responsible person for the Parish.
4. The Parish Manager further informed the committee that the contractor started the Hwy 402 Project and it was progressing as expected.
5. Committee member Myron Matherne offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Jeff Naquin, "THAT, there being no further business to come before the Road & Bridge Committee, the meeting be adjourned." The motion was unanimously adopted.

Kim M. Torres
Secretary-Treasurer

Calvin James, Chairman
Road & Bridge Committee

Drainage Committee Meeting
Of the
Assumption Parish Police Jury

Wednesday, June 23, 2010
5:00 O'clock p.m.

1. Committee members recorded as present were: Mr. Henry Dupre, Chairman; Mr. Myron Matherne, Mr. Irving Comeaux, Mr. Booster Breaux, Mr. Calvin James.
Committee member recorded as absent was: Mr. Martin Triche.
Other Police Jurors recorded as present were: Mr. Patrick Lawless, Mr. Jeff Naquin.
2. Chairman Henry Dupre requested that the following overruns be approved; \$904.67 for Rene St. Culvert Installation Project and \$17.56 for 120 Timothy St. Culvert Replacement Project.
3. Committee member Myron Matherne offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Booster Breaux, "THAT, the committee approve the overrun of \$904.67 for Rene St. Culvert Installation Project and \$17.56 for 120 Timothy St. Culvert Replacement Project." The motion was unanimously adopted.
4. Committee member Myron Matherne offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Calvin James, "THAT, the committee approve \$450 for 125 Rose St. Culvert Replacement Project." The motion was unanimously adopted.
5. Committee member Myron Matherne offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Booster Breaux, "THAT, the committee approve re-appointing Don Breaux, Troy Lambert, Joyce Daigle, Patrick Guillot, and Mike Cox to the La 70 Lee Drive Gravity Drainage District #14." The motion was unanimously adopted.
6. Committee member Myron Matherne offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Booster Breaux, "THAT, the committee approve re-appointing Linwood Guillot and Laurey Coupel to the Knotts Subdivision Gravity Drainage District #11." The motion was unanimously adopted.
7. Committee member Booster Breaux offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Irving Comeaux, "THAT, there being no further business to come before the Drainage Committee, the meeting be adjourned." The motion was unanimously adopted.

Kim M. Torres
Secretary-Treasurer

Henry Dupre
Drainage Committee Chairman

Engineering/Grants Committee Meeting
Of the
Assumption Parish Police Jury

Wednesday, June 23, 2010
5:15 O'clock p.m.

1. Committee members recorded as present were: Mr. Irving Comeaux, Chairman; Mr. Henry Dupre, Mr. Jeff Naquin, Mr. Patrick Lawless.
Committee member recorded as absent was: Mr. Martin Triche.
Other Police Jurors recorded as present were: Mr. Calvin James, Mr. Booster Breaux, Mr. Myron Matherne.
2. Chairman Irving Comeaux recognized Police Juror Myron Matherne, who stated that the residents of the Oaks at Belle River are having problems with the flood zone/elevations for that area. He then recognized Ms. Beryl Gomez, 664 Michel Road, Pierre Part, who stated that the residents of that area are requesting assistance from the Parish with the dilemma they are experiencing with the flood zone. She proceeded to explain that when the property was purchased and loans were sought to construct their homes, the area was considered a zone C. She then stated that up until 2003 the map indicated that parts of the Oaks at Belle River were located in zone C but according to the permitting office, the map has changed indicating that the areas in question are now located in zone AA,C. She further stated that the only way they could prove themselves is by getting a flood elevation. Ms. Gomez then stated that she went to get flood insurance and the Parish sent a letter stating that she resides in zone AA,C therefore, insuring her for 1,000 unless an elevation certificate is obtained.
In response, the OEP Director stated that the lots are located in both zones according to the map. He stated that those lots are located in an undistinguished area and a proper determination was not made at that time. Therefore, he stated that nothing changed in the Permitting office since 2003.
Ms. Gomez then requested that the Police Jury assist the residents with this matter so that a resolution can be reached.
Following a lengthy discussion, Chairman Irving Comeaux recommended that the OEP Director and the Ms. Gomez meet with the Assistant District Attorney, explain the situation and determine what can be done to resolve this issue.
3. Chairman Irving Comeaux recognized Sheriff Mike Waguespack, who stated that his Office applied for and received the Department of Justice's 2010 Edward Byrne Justice Grant. He stated that the amount of the grant is \$15,894 and will be used to purchase 700/800 mh radios. He then stated that a requirement of the grant was that a public hearing be held to inform the public of the award. Therefore, he requested that this announcement be considered as an informative for the public. He then thanked the Jury for allowing him to address the matter.
4. Committee member Jeff Naquin offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Henry Dupre, "THAT, the committee approve a letter of 'No Objection' for Plains Pipeline, LP for the proposed anomaly repairs on the 8" Atchafalaya Pipeline." The motion was unanimously adopted.
5. Committee member Jeff Naquin offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Henry Dupre, "THAT, the committee approve and accept Jennifer Court in the 911 System only." The motion was unanimously adopted.
6. Chairman Irving Comeaux recognized the OEP Director, who stated that Ricky Landry is requesting final approval for the trailer park at 136 Agnes St. in the Pierre Part Community.
7. Committee member Jeff Naquin offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Henry Dupre, "THAT, the committee approve and accept the final approval for Ricky Landry's trailer park at 136 Agnes St." The motion was unanimously adopted.
8. The OEP Director then stated that Jimmy Westerfield is requesting preliminary and final approval for a trailer park at 5252 Hwy 1. He stated that everything is in compliance except the light/power but that will be received once he gets an approval.
In response, Police Juror Calvin James stated that the Jury normally grants preliminary approval on the draft before a trailer park is established. He then stated that there is a boundary dispute going on between he and the neighbor therefore, he completed his trailer park before coming to the Jury for approval. He then stated that he would like to table the request until the property dispute is settled which could be in two (2) weeks.
Chairman Irving Comeaux then recognized Mr. Jimmy Westerfield, who stated that he hired a surveyor for the property and is waiting for the neighbor to submit something different. He also stated that he allowed enough room between the properties if that survey would show something other than what he has.
A brief discussion was then held regarding the request for preliminary and final approval of the trailer park at 5252 Hwy 1. Following the discussion, the committee agreed to grant the request.

9. Committee member Jeff Naquin offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Patrick Lawless, "THAT, the committee approve and grant preliminary and final approval to Jimmy Westerfield's Trailer Park at 5252 Hwy 1." The motion was unanimously adopted.
10. Committee member Jeff Naquin offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Henry Dupre, "THAT, there being no further business to come before the Engineering Committee, the meeting be adjourned." The motion was unanimously adopted.

Kim M. Torres
Secretary-Treasurer

Irving Comeaux, Chairman
Engineering/Grants Committee

Finance Committee Meeting
Of the
Assumption Parish Police Jury

Wednesday, June 23, 2010
5:50 O'clock p.m.

1. Committee members recorded as present were: Mr. Patrick Lawless, Vice-Chairman; Mr. Henry Dupre, Mr. Patrick Johnson, Mr. Booster Breaux.
Committee member recorded as absent was: Mr. Martin Triche.
Other Police Jurors recorded as present were: Mr. Jeff Naquin, Mr. Irving Comeaux, Mr. Calvin James, Mr. Myron Matherne.
2. Vice-Chairman Patrick Lawless recognized the Secretary-Treasurer, who stated that the Parish Engineer is requested an increase in their hourly rate for the retainer services. She stated that they currently receive \$65 an hour and is requesting \$85 an hour bringing the monthly fee to \$5,950. She further stated that a portion of the retainer fee is budgeted in the Drainage Fund and the remainder is from the Road & Bridge Fund.
A brief discussion was then held regarding the request. Following the discussion, the committee agreed to the increase commencing August 1, 2010.
3. Committee member Patrick Johnson offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Henry Dupre, "THAT, the committee approve an increase in the Parish Engineering retainer service rate from \$65 to \$85 an hour effective August 1, 2010." The motion was unanimously adopted.
4. Committee member Henry Dupre offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Patrick Johnson, "THAT, the committee approve to pay bills submitted through June 18, 2010." The motion was unanimously adopted.
5. Vice-Chairman Patrick Lawless recognized the Secretary-Treasurer, who stated that a new request from the auditors stated that we have to have GASB 45 Actuarial Services and recommends Fontenot Benefits & Actuarial Consulting Firm. She stated that he contract would be for a 2 year period.
6. Committee member Henry Dupre offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Booster Breaux, "THAT, the committee approved a contract with Fontenot Benefits & Actuarial Consulting for GASB 45 actuarial services for a 2 year period." The motion was unanimously adopted.
7. Committee member Henry Dupre offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Booster Breaux, "THAT, there being no further business to come before the Finance Committee, the meeting be adjourned." The motion was unanimously adopted.

Kim M. Torres
Secretary-Treasurer

Patrick Lawless
Finance Committee Vice-Chairman

Regular Meeting
Of the
Assumption Parish Police Jury

Wednesday, June 23, 2010
6:00 O'clock p.m.

1. The Regular Meeting of the Assumption Parish Police Jury was called to order by Police Jury Vice-President Henry Dupre in the Assumption Parish Police Jury meeting room, located at 4813 Highway 1, Napoleonville, Louisiana.
2. Police Jurors recorded as present were: Mr. Patrick Lawless, Ward 1; Mr. Jeff Naquin, Ward 2; Mr. Irving Comeaux, Ward 3; Mr. Patrick Johnson, Ward 4; Mr. Calvin James, Ward 6; Mr. Henry Dupre, Ward 7; Mr. Booster Breaux, Ward 8; Mr. Myron Matherne, Ward 9.
Police Juror recorded as absent was: Mr. Martin Triche, Ward 5 .
3. Vice-President Henry Dupre recognized the Secretary-Treasurer who led the Prayer and Police Juror Calvin James led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.
4. Police Juror Booster Breaux offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Myron Matherne, "THAT, the Police Jury approve the minutes of June 9, 2010." The motion was unanimously adopted.
5. Vice-President Henry Dupre recognized Road & Bridge Committee Chairman Calvin James, who stated that the Road & Bridge committee met and received the following update from the Parish Manager; the department has started hauling materials for the upcoming planting and grinding season, the Parish Manager spoke with a representative from the State referencing the Bayou Crab Bridge and was informed that as long as the State doesn't pull the funding for this program from the budget, the bridge will be replaced under the Off Bridge System Replacement Program, informed that he will be getting a maintenance contract for the Lee Drive lift bridge and utilize the same individual that operates the Bay Bridge for the State and explained that this would be a huge asset to have someone nearby to troubleshoot when problems arise, the maintenance crew finished installing the water line near the new pavilion at Dorseyville Park and Entergy will be hooking up electricity for the receptacles soon, and the animal control will be transferred to the Parish along with the vehicle beginning August 1, 2010.
6. Police Juror Calvin James offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Patrick Johnson, "THAT, the Police Jury approve the Road & Bridge Committee report as presented." The motion was unanimously adopted.
7. Vice-President Henry Dupre stated that the Drainage Committee met and recommended the following matters: an overrun of \$904.67 for Rene St. Culvert Installation Project and \$17.56 for 120 Timothy St. Culvert Replacement Project, \$450 for 125 Rose St. Culvert Replacement Project, re-appointed Don Breaux, Troy Lambert, Joyce Daigle, Patrick Guillot, and Mike Cox to the La 70 Lee Drive Gravity Drainage District #14, and re-appointed Linwood Guillot and Laurey Coupel to the Knotts Subdivision Gravity Drainage District #11.
8. Police Juror Calvin James offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Myron Matherne, "THAT, the Police Jury approve the Drainage Committee report as presented." The motion was unanimously adopted. (resolutions attached)
9. Vice-President Henry Dupre recognized Engineering/Grants Committee Chairman Irving Comeaux, who stated that the committee met and recommended the following matters; authorized the OEP Director to meet with the ADA along with Ms. Gomez to explain the flood zone map situation in the Oaks at Belle River and determine what can be done to resolve this issue, received an update from the Sheriff's Office regarding the purchase of 700/800 MHz radios which also served as a public hearing, granted a letter of 'No Objection' for Plains Pipeline, LP for the proposed anomaly repairs on 8" Atchafalaya Pipeline, accepted Jennifer Court into the 911 System only, granted final approval to Ricky Landry Trailer Park at 134 Agnes St., granted preliminary and final approval to Jimmy Westerfield Trailer Park at 5252 Hwy 1.
10. Police Juror Irving Comeaux offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Booster Breaux, "THAT, the Police Jury approve the Engineering/Grants Committee report as presented." The motion was adopted with Calvin James voting nay to Jimmy Westerfield's Trailer Park. (resolutions attached)
11. Vice-President Henry Dupre recognized Finance Committee Vice-Chairman Patrick Lawless, who stated that the committee met and recommended the following matters; an increase in the Parish Engineering retainer service rate from \$65 to \$85 an hour effective August 1, 2010, approve paying bills submitted through June 18, 2010, and approved a contract with Fontenot Benefits & Actuarial Consulting for GASB 45 actuarial services for a 2 year period.

12. Police Juror Patrick Lawless offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Booster Breaux,, "THAT, the Police Jury approve the Finance Committee report as presented." The motion was unanimously adopted. (resolutions attached)
13. Vice-President Henry Dupre opened the meeting to the public to receive public comments, questions or concerns. He recognized Mr. Don Breaux, Pierre Part/Belle River Fire, who requested an update on the Belle River Waterline Project. In response, Mr. B.J. Francis stated that they are still trying to get the necessary rights of way from five (5) families. He then stated that the project has been redesigned and the plan is moving forward. He also informed the Jury that the Waterworks have increased the fees for new service in order to cover the installation cost.
14. Vice-President Henry Dupre recognized Mr. Tom Killeen, LDEQ Water Permit Manager, who stated that the oxidation pond in Ridgeway Mobile Home Park was issued a non-compliance in 2005 due to the discharge permit. He gave a detailed explanation of why the non-compliance status was issued to the previous owner and stated that they were never able to provide financial assurance. He then stated that recently a new owner expressed interest in the oxidation pond site, submitted an application and posted a financial assurance, which is being reviewed. In response, he stated that this individual can be permitted within 2 weeks if all information provided is approved.
15. Police Juror Jeff Naquin offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Irving Comeaux, "THAT, the Police Jury approve an occupational license for Bayou Repairs, James Sweet Shop, and JMT's Les Petits Amis Daycare." The motion was unanimously adopted.
16. Police Juror Booster Breaux offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Irving Comeaux, "THAT, the Police Jury approve adopting a resolution in support of the reduction of the Federal Moratorium on Deep-Water drilling from six (6) months to no more than thirty (30) days." The motion was unanimously adopted. (resolution attached)
17. Police Juror Myron Matherne offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Patrick Lawless, "THAT, the Police Jury approve adding the following matters to the agenda." The motion was unanimously adopted.
18. Police Juror Irving Comeaux offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Myron Matherne, "THAT, the Police Jury approve the 2nd phase of the derelict procedure for structure located at 142 Greenleaf St." The motion was unanimously adopted.
19. Police Juror Patrick Johnson offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Myron Matherne, "THAT, the Police Jury approve 3743 Hwy 308 Drainage Project." The motion was unanimously adopted.
20. Police Juror Myron Matherne offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Booster Breaux, "THAT, the Police Jury approve a letter of 'No Objection' for Century Exploration Houston, Inc. dredging and structures for the S.L. 19940 Well No. 1." The motion was unanimously adopted.
21. Police Juror Patrick Lawless offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Myron Matherne, "THAT, the Police Jury approve the 2nd phase of the derelict procedure for structure located on the batture bounded front by Hwy 308, side by Clema Kern and lower by Herbert Edwards in the Plattenville Community." The motion was unanimously adopted.
22. Police Juror Booster Breaux offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Patrick Lawless, "THAT, there being no further business to come before the Assumption Parish Police Jury, the meeting be adjourned." The motion was unanimously adopted.

Kim M. Torres
Secretary-Treasurer

Henry Dupre
Vice-President

On a motion by Mr. Calvin James, seconded by Mr. Myron Matherne, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Assumption Parish Police Jury does hereby re-appoint the following board members of Knotts Subdivision Gravity Drainage District #11 for the terms as indicated.

<u>Board Member</u>	<u>Term (in years)</u>	<u>Expiration of Term</u>
Linwood Guillot	2	7-10-12
Laurey Coupel	2	7-10-12

Upon being placed to a vote, the above resolution was adopted as follows:

Yeas: 8

Nays: 0

Absent: Martin S. Triche

On a motion by Mr. Calvin James, seconded by Mr. Myron Matherne, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Assumption Parish Police Jury does hereby re-appoint the following board members of LA 70 Lee Drive Gravity Drainage District #14 for the terms as indicated.

<u>Board Member</u>	<u>Term (in years)</u>	<u>Expiration of Term</u>
Don Breaux	4	7-13-14
Troy Lambert	4	7-13-14
Joyce Daigle	4	7-13-14
Patrick Guillot	2	7-10-12
Mike Cox	2	7-10-12

Upon being placed to a vote, the above resolution was adopted as follows:

Yeas: 8

Nays: 0

Absent: Martin S. Triche

On a motion by Mr. Patrick Lawless, seconded by Mr. Booster Breaux, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Assumption Parish Police Jury does hereby approve and authorize its Special Programs Director to re-apply for the Emergency Shelter Grant through the Louisiana Department of Social Services and authorize its President to sign all necessary documents.

Upon being placed to a vote, the above resolution was adopted as follows:

Yeas: 8
Nays: 0
Absent: Martin S. Triche

On a motion by Mr. Patrick Lawless, seconded by Mr. Booster Breaux, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Assumption Parish Police Jury does hereby approves and authorizes an increase for C. J. Savoie Engineers in their hourly rate for retainer hours from \$65.00 per hour to \$85.00 per hour per month to become effective August 1, 2010.

Upon being placed to a vote, the above resolution was adopted as follows:

Yeas: 8
Nays: 0
Absent: Martin S. Triche

On a motion by Mr. Patrick Lawless, seconded by Mr. Booster Breaux, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Assumption Parish Police Jury approves a contract with Fontenot Benefits & Actuarial Consulting, LLC for actuarial services as required by GASB 45 with the Assumption Parish Waterworks paying for ½ of the fee charged for services and the Police Jury paying the other 1/2.

Upon being placed to a vote, the above resolution was adopted as follows:

Yeas: 8
Nays: 0
Absent: Martin S. Triche

On a motion by Mr. Irving Comeaux, seconded by Mr. Booster Breaux, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Assumption Parish Police Jury does hereby approve and accept Jennifer Court into the 911 System only.

Upon being placed to a vote, the above resolution was adopted as follows:

Yeas: 8

Nays: 0

Absent: Martin S. Triche

On a motion by Mr. Irving Comeaux, seconded by Mr. Booster Breaux, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Assumption Parish Police Jury does hereby grant final approval for the trailer park at 134 Agnes Street in the Pierre Part Community – Ricky Landry’s trailer park contingent upon a letter in writing from the neighbor regarding the dog kennel instead of shrubbery.

Upon being placed to a vote, the above resolution was adopted as follows:

Yeas: 8
Nays: 0
Absent: Martin S. Triche

On a motion by Mr. Irving Comeaux, seconded by Mr. Booster Breaux, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Assumption Parish Police Jury does hereby grant preliminary and final approval for the trailer park for Jimmy Westerfield located at 5252 Highway 1 in the Napoleonville Community.

Upon being placed to a vote, the above resolution was adopted as follows:

Yeas: 7

Nays: Calvin James

Absent: Martin S. Triche

On a motion by Mr. Booster Breaux, seconded by Mr. Irving Comeaux, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLUTION

A resolution urging President Obama to reduce the six-month moratorium on deep-water drilling in the Gulf to no more than thirty (30) days, and during that time task Minerals Management Service (MMS) with conducting thorough inspection of all deep-water drilling facilities in the Gulf as well as implement strict safety measures and take enforcement actions to ensure compliance with safety mandates, thus greatly reducing the job loss and negative economic impact felt by our region while ensuring a safer industry.

WHEREAS, in the aftermath of the British Petroleum (BP) Oil Spill, on May 27, 2010 the Obama Administration ordered a six month moratorium on existing Gulf of Mexico deep-water drilling, which will result in the immediate suspension of operations at thirty-three (33) rigs in the Gulf of Mexico; and

WHEREAS, the moratorium on offshore deep-water drilling will cause significant harm to Louisiana's energy service industry as well as to the many coastal communities already suffering tremendously from the environmental and economic impacts of the BP oil spill; and

WHEREAS, an estimated thirty-three per cent (33%) of the nation's domestic oil comes from the Gulf of Mexico; and

WHEREAS, eighty percent (80%) of the oil and forty-five per cent (45%) of the natural gas coming out of the Gulf of Mexico is from deep-water drilling operations in more than 1,000 feet of water.

WHEREAS, suspension of deep-water drilling operations will result in at least 33 deep-water drilling rigs being idled for six months or longer; and

WHEREAS, Port Fourchon located in Lafourche Parish services ninety per cent (90%) of deep-water operations in the Gulf of Mexico.

WHEREAS, an average of two (2) supply boats work each rig per day with rates of \$15,000-\$30,000/boat. Suspension of drilling activity will result in a nearly \$1 million loss per day in just supply boat rental income; and

WHEREAS, each drilling rig averages 180-280 employees for each two-week shift, and each job supports four other jobs in our local communities. Thus, the suspension of drilling activity will result in a loss of up to 6,000 jobs in two to three weeks, and more than 20,000 Louisiana jobs over the next 18 months.

WHEREAS, Louisiana coastal communities such as Houma, Morgan City, and Lafayette are home to businesses, from welders and divers to caterers and drivers, that support the offshore oil and gas industry, with 1 in 2 jobs being related to the industry; and

WHEREAS, it is estimated that each exploration and production job represents four supporting jobs in and around the region, thus a six-month moratorium will result in the loss of thousands of jobs and millions of dollars in wages; and

WHEREAS, Louisiana coastal communities will begin experiencing severe and irreversible economic impacts within thirty (30) days of the moratorium; and

WHEREAS, idle drilling rigs in the Gulf will likely be contracted overseas for work in other locations such as Africa and Brazil, and may not return to the Gulf of Mexico for several years, greatly extending the BP Oil spill induced economic crisis for our state; and

WHEREAS, it is unlikely that deep-water work in the Gulf would resume quickly even after the moratorium is lifted, given the time and expense involved in relocating rigs; and

WHEREAS, several of the safety recommendations set forth in the Department of Interior's May 27, 2010 Increased Safety Measures for Energy Development on the Outer Continental Shelf can be implemented immediately with the next thirty (30) days including MMS verification of the safety of the (1) MMS certification of the safety of the BOP stacks, (2) MMS verification of BOP equipment compatibility (3) development and implementation of new inspection procedures and reporting requirements, (4) establishment of new fluid displacement procedures, and (5) verification of compliance with existing regulations and National Safety Alert requirements; and

WHEREAS, other measures set forth in the Department of Interior's May 27, 2010 Increased Safety Measures for Energy Development on the Outer Continental Shelf such as those requiring emergency rule making along with the National Commission on the BP Deep-water Horizon Spill and Offshore Drilling investigation can be conducted simultaneously with the continued operations of offshore deep-water drilling; and

WHEREAS, MMS could and should, maintain a full-time presence on all ongoing deep-water drilling locations, with a 7-10 day rotation schedule and enforce that strict compliance with API standards be maintained on all equipment used in well construction, and

WHEREAS, any failure in compliance should mandate immediate closure of the offending rig, rather a complete shut down of all deep-water drilling operations which would h unjustly punish those companies that have provided this country's energy needs while operating safely and in compliance with all regulation, as well as those coastal communities already facing an economic crisis as a result of this being the most challenging economic periods in decades coupled with the devastating economic impacts of the BP oil spill on the fishing, tourism and ancillary industries; and

WHEREAS, the last thing the Gulf Coast area needs is a public policy that will certainly destroy thousands of existing jobs while preventing the creation of thousands more; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Assumption Parish Police Jury:

SECTION 1. A resolution urging President Obama to lift the six-month moratorium on deep-water drilling, and instead conduct a thorough review of all deep-water drilling facilities, implement and enforce strict safety measures to ensure compliance with safety mandates.

SECTION 2. Further, let it be resolved that, while we support efforts to make the offshore deep-water drilling industry safer, we urge President Obama to reduce the six-month moratorium on deep-water drilling in the Gulf to no more than thirty (30) days, and during that time task Minerals Management Service (MMS) with conduction through inspections of all deep-water drilling facilities in the Gulf as well as implement strict safety measures and take enforcement actions to ensure compliance with safety mandates, thus greatly reducing the job loss and negative economic impact felt by our region while ensuring a safer industry.

SECTION 3. That the Assumption Parish Police Jury President, Martin Triche forward a copy of said resolution to President Barack Obama, Louisiana Governor Bobby Jindal, Louisiana congressional Delegation, and NACo.

Upon being placed to a vote, the above resolution was adopted on this 23rd day of June, 2010 as follows:

Yeas: 9
Nays: 0
Absent: 0

CERTIFICATE

I, Kim M. Torres, Secretary-Treasurer of the Assumption Parish Police Jury, do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted by said Police Jury during a regular meeting held on the 23rd day of June, 2010. In accordance with the laws of The State of Louisiana and the Parish of Assumption. GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL OF OFFICE on this the 24th day June, 20 10.

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Secretary-Treasurer