

BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY
BENTON, LOUISIANA
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The Bossier Parish Police Jury met in regular and legal session on the 4th day of March, 2015, at 2:00 p.m., in the Police Jury Meeting Room, Bossier Parish Courthouse, Benton, Louisiana. The President, Mr. Jack Skaggs, called the meeting to order. The invocation was given by Mr. Jerome Darby, and the pledge of allegiance was led by Mr. Glenn Benton. The Parish Secretary, Ms. Rachel Hauser, called the roll, with all members present, as follows:

Mr. Rick Avery	Mr. Jerome Darby
Ms. Wanda Bennett	Mr. Wayne Hammack
Mr. Glenn Benton	Mr. Mac Plummer
Mr. Bob Brotherton	Mr. Doug Rimmer
Mr. Jimmy Cochran	Mr. Fred Shewmake
Mr. Sonny Cook, Excused	Mr. Jack Skaggs

Others present were Mr. Bill Altimus, Parish Administrator; Mr. Patrick Jackson, Parish Attorney; Mr. Joe E. "Butch" Ford, Jr., Parish Engineer; Ms. Rachel Hauser, Parish Secretary.

Mr. Joe Minter, Corps of Engineers, reported that the 10th Annual Water Resource Festival will be held at the Louisiana Boardwalk on May 8 and 9, 2015. He stated that the purpose of the festival is to teach boat and water safety to children and adults of Caddo and Bossier Parishes. Mr. Minter stated that life jackets are given to the children attending the festival and requested the police jury's assistance in the purchase of life jackets for Bossier Parish students.

Mr. Minter stated that Kent Water Sports is unable to donate free life jackets this year, but has submitted a proposal for a maximum of 300 life jackets at a cost of \$8.00 per life jacket.

Mr. Jackson stated that public funds cannot be used on items to be given away, and requested additional information for his review. After further discussion, Mr. Skaggs recommended that the matter be taken under advisement. The jury concurred.

Motion was made by Mr. Rimmer, seconded by Mr. Plummer, to amend the agenda to consider Agenda Item No. 4 at this time.

The President called for public comment. There being none, **motion carried, with the following vote recorded:**

AYES: Mr. Avery, Ms. Bennett, Mr. Benton, Mr. Brotherton, Mr. Cochran, Mr. Darby, Mr. Hammack, Mr. Plummer, Mr. Rimmer, Mr. Shewmake, Mr. Skaggs
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Mr. Cook

Ms. Hauser announced the public hearing to consider the application of Ratcliff Investments, LLC, to the Bossier City-Parish MPC, for a zoning amendment to change the zoning classification of a 1.46-acre tract of land located on the south side of Curtis Sligo Road in the 1700 block adjacent to Steve's Motors, Bossier Parish, LA, from I-1, Light Industrial District, to B-3, General Business District, for a Dollar General Store. The application received a favorable recommendation from the Bossier City-Parish MPC.

Mr. Ford stated that Ratcliff Investments, LLC, submitted an application to amend the zoning on a portion of Lot 2B, Killen's Farms Subdivision, and has also submitted a proposed plat to subdivide that portion of Lot 2B, Killen's Farms Subdivision. He stated that plat approval is also scheduled for a public hearing today. Mr. Brotherton asked if the approval of 100 percent of the residents of Killen's Farms Subdivision has been received on the requested resubdivision of Lot 2B. Mr. Ford stated that the amended zoning and resubdivision are separate cases that have been heard and approved by the Bossier City-Parish MPC. He further stated that 100 percent approval from the residents of Killen's Farms Subdivision was not requested as several lots within the subdivision currently have mixed use zoning, including residential, commercial and industrial use.

Mr. Sam Marsiglia, Bossier City-Parish MPC, stated that the zoning board determined that the requested B-3 zoning classification is a less restrictive use and prohibits certain types of businesses from building on that lot.

Mr. Ford stated that the proposed resubdivision of Lot 2B, Killen's Farms Subdivision, consists of taking a 1.46-acre tract from the original 7.706-acre tract of land.

Ms. Bennett stated that the requested change in zoning from I-1 to B-3 would benefit the existing residents of Killen's Farms Subdivision by restricting the types of business allowed on this tract of land. Mr. Marsiglia stated that B-3 zoning will allow the proposed Dollar General Store to stay open until 12:00 a.m., if they chose to do so.

Mr. Benton asked if there was any opposition to the requested zoning amendment or to the proposed resubdivision of Lot 2B at the Bossier City-Parish MPC public hearing. Mr. Marsiglia stated that no one was present at the public hearing in opposition.

Mr. Archer Frierson, Vintage Realty Company, stated that he represents the owner of Lot 2B, Killen's Farms Subdivision, advising that the landowner also owns the industrial facility adjacent to this property.

Mr. Avery asked if the proposed Dollar General Store will be required to meet the proposed architectural standard regulations being considered by the Bossier City-Parish MPC. Mr. Marsiglia stated that the architectural design of the proposed Dollar General Store meets and exceeds the current architectural standards of the Bossier City-Parish MPC, and that the proposed architectural standards have not yet been adopted. Mr. Avery asked if brick is required on the side of the proposed store. Mr. Marsiglia stated that brick on the front of the building is proposed with the sides being prefinished metal siding. Mr. Avery recommended that the building meet future architectural standards. Mr. Marsiglia stated that it is anticipated that the new architectural standards will be adopted in June of 2015.

Mr. Jackson stated that the police jury has full discretion to approve or not approve a change to an existing subdivision with or without 100 percent approval of co-owners in the subdivision. He stated that the police jury also has

the discretion to approve the requested zoning change with the stipulation that the proposed building must meet the proposed new architectural standards to be adopted in the near future.

Mr. Ray Feazell, 1599 Sligo Road, Killen's Farms Subdivision, stated that he, as well as other residents in this area, are opposed to the rezoning and proposed Dollar General Store. He stated that no additional industries should be allowed in Killen's Farms Subdivision. He expressed concern regarding the proposed hours of operation of the Dollar General Store, increased traffic and the possible negative impact this could have on property values in the area. Mr. Hammack stated that it has been parish policy that the police jury does not allow resubdivision of a lot within an existing, approved subdivision without 100 percent approval from all owners of property within that subdivision. Ms. Bennett stated that the proposed zoning change from I-1 to B-3 will prohibit certain types of businesses from locating on this piece of property which will benefit the citizens in this area.

Mr. Marsiglia stated that the requested rezoning of the tract of land should be considered upon approval of the proposed resubdivision of Lot 2B, Killen's Farms Subdivision, and until all issues are resolved with resubdivision of Lot 2B, there is no need to consider the requested rezoning.

Mr. Feazell stated that Killen's Farms Subdivision is primarily a residential subdivision and there are other residents opposed to the rezoning of this tract of land who were unable to attend today's meeting. He stated that there are issues with some of the existing businesses located in Killen's Farms Subdivision that are conducting business all night and disturbing the residents. Mr. Feazell stated that the hours of operation for the proposed dollar store is a concern. Mr. Rimmer asked what hours of operation are allowed in the B-3 zoning classification. Mr. Marsiglia stated that a business can stay open until 10:00 p.m. with B-3 zoning, but under the current zoning of I-1, a business can remain open 24 hours a day.

Mr. Benton asked why only a portion of Lot 2B is being rezoned, and recommended that the entire lot be rezoned.

Mr. Paul Maxwell, Ratcliff Development, LLC, stated that the proposed rezoning of a portion of Lot 2B is being requested in an effort to bring a service to the community in the form of a Dollar General Store. Mr. Skaggs stated that Killen's Farms Subdivision was originally developed as a residential subdivision, but over time, has been zoned for several different uses, including commercial and industrial. He asked why rezoning is requested on only a portion of Lot 2B. Mr. Maxwell stated that Ratcliff Development is only interested in the 1.46-acre tract, and does not need the full 7.706-acre tract of land for this development. He stated that the request for rezoning only applies to the needed 1.46-acres for the Dollar General Store.

Mr. Avery recommended that the entire 7.706-acre tract of land be rezoned from I-1 to B-3 to resolve the issue of resubdividing a lot in an existing subdivision. It was also recommended that a meeting be scheduled between the residents of Killen's Farms Subdivision and the developer of the Dollar General Store to try and reach an amicable resolution to this matter.

Mr. Ford advised that there is an existing business located on a portion of the 7.706-acre tract of land. Mr. Jackson stated that when this subdivision was platted and lots sold, the citizens making an investment in this subdivision by purchasing lots believed that the character, density and nature of the subdivision was for residential purposes. He stated that it has been the police jury's policy that when there is a request to make the density of an exiting subdivision greater or to subdivide a lot within an existing subdivision, 100 percent approval from those owning lots within the subdivision is required.

Mr. Maxwell stated that the requested rezoning from I-1 to B-3 will benefit the neighborhood, advising that the location of a Dollar General Store has been well accepted in all areas where these businesses have opened. He stated that this type of business does not affect property values. Mr. Maxwell stated that he does not know the landowner's intentions for use of the remaining portion of Lot 2B.

Mr. Cochran asked if the proposed Dollar General Store is seeking to have different business hours than normal Dollar General Store hours. Mr. Maxwell stated that they do not have any control over the hours of operation for the proposed Dollar General Store, but in accordance with the requested B-3 zoning, they will be required to close by 10:00 p.m. He stated that Ratcliff Investments is only leasing the property to the Dollar General Store and has no control over the business operation. Mr. Cochran recommended that all parties meet to discuss this matter in further detail before the police jury makes its decision.

After further discussion, **motion was made by Brotherton, seconded by Mr. Darby, to table the public hearing to consider the application of Ratcliff Investments, LLC, to the Bossier City-Parish MPC, for a zoning amendment to change the zoning classification of a 1.46-acre tract of land located on the south side of Curtis Sligo Road in the 1700 block adjacent to Steve's Motors, Bossier Parish, LA, from I-1, Light Industrial District, to B-3, General Business District, for a Dollar General Store, and to table the public hearing to consider approval of the plat of the proposed development of Killen's Farms Subdivision, Unit No. 1A, Lots 2C and 2D, being a resubdivision of Lot 2B, Killen's Farms Subdivision, located in Section 21, Township 17 North, Range 12 West, Bossier Parish, LA; to be considered at the March 18, 2015, regular meeting.**

The President called for public comment. There being none, **votes were cast and the motion carried unanimously.**

Ms. Hauser announced the public hearing to consider approval of the plat of the proposed development of The Crossing at Wemple Subdivision, Unit No. 2A, a Planned Unit Development, being a resubdivision of Lots 48-51, The Crossing at Wemple Subdivision, Unit No. 2, and an adjacent tract of land located in Section 32, Township 19 North, Range 13 West, Bossier Parish, LA.

There being no objection, **motion was made by Mr. Avery, seconded by Mr. Shewmake, to approve the plat of the proposed development of The Crossing at Wemple Subdivision, Unit No. 2A, a Planned Unit Development, being a resubdivision of Lots 48-51, The Crossing at Wemple Subdivision, Unit No. 2, and an adjacent tract of land located in Section 32, Township 19 North, Range 13 West, Bossier Parish, LA.**

The President called for public comment. There being none, **votes were cast and the motion carried unanimously.**

Ms. Hauser announced the public hearing to consider approval of the plat of the proposed development of Kingston Plantation Subdivision, Unit No. 3D, being a resubdivision of Lots 95 and 96, Kingston Plantation Subdivision, Unit No. 3, located in Section 17, Township 19 North, Range 13 West, Bossier Parish, LA.

There being no objection, **motion was made by Ms. Bennett, seconded by Mr. Cochran, to approve the plat of the proposed development of Kingston Plantation Subdivision, Unit No. 3D, being a resubdivision of Lots 95 and 96, Kingston Plantation Subdivision, Unit No. 3, located in Section 17, Township 19 North, Range 13 West, Bossier Parish, LA.**

The President called for public comment. There being none, **votes were cast and the motion carried unanimously.**

Ms. Hauser announced the public hearing to consider the application of Ronnie J. Burns and Sweet Sisters Farms, LLC, to the Bossier City-Parish MPC, for a zoning amendment to change the zoning classification of a 13-acre tract of land described as Oak Hill Estates, Lots 2A, 2B, 3, 4, 5, and 6, located at the northwest corner of Mayflower Road and Curtis Sligo Road, from R-LD, Residential Low Density District, to R-A, Residential Agriculture District, to comply with current covenants, allowing horses to be kept on the property. The application received a favorable recommendation from the Bossier City-Parish MPC.

Mr. Preston DeLaune, Sweet Sisters Farms, LLC, 2359 Jeremy Lane, Haughton, LA, stated that the subdivision covenants for Oak Hill Estates Subdivision provide that horses are allowed on a lot in excess of six contiguous acres. He stated that the current zoning of R-LD on Lots 2A, 2B, 3, 4, 5, and 6 prohibits the location of horses on these lots, and requested that the current zoning be amended to R-A to be consistent with the regulations of Oak Hill Estates Subdivision covenants which allow horses on lots in excess of six contiguous acres. Mr. DeLaune stated that he does not plan to own more than two horses on his property.

There being no opposition, **motion was made by Mr. Plummer, seconded by Mr. Brotherton, to approve the application of Ronnie J. Burns and Sweet Sisters Farms, LLC, to the Bossier City-Parish MPC, for a zoning amendment to change the zoning classification of a 13-acre tract of land described as Oak Hill Estates, Lots 2A, 2B, 3, 4, 5, and 6, located at the northwest corner of Mayflower Road and Curtis Sligo Road, from R-LD, Residential Low Density District, to R-A, Residential Agriculture District, to comply with current covenants, allowing horses to be kept on the property.**

The President called for public comment. There being none, **votes were cast and the motion carried unanimously.**

ORDINANCE NO. 4569

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND BOSSIER PARISH ORDINANCE NO. 3908 OF 2003, WHICH ADOPTED A UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT CODE FOR THE BOSSIER CITY-PARISH METROPOLITAN PLANNING COMMISSION AND THE PARISH OF BOSSIER, LOUISIANA, BY CHANGING THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF A 13-ACRE TRACT OF LAND DESCRIBED AS OAK HILL ESTATES, LOTS 2A, 2B, 3, 4, 5, AND 6, LOCATED AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF MAYFLOWER ROAD AND CURTIS SLIGO ROAD, FROM R-LD, RESIDENTIAL LOW DENSITY DISTRICT, TO R-A, RESIDENTIAL AGRICULTURE DISTRICT, TO COMPLY WITH CURRENT COVENANTS, ALLOWING HORSES TO BE KEPT ON THE PROPERTY

BE IT ORDAINED by the Bossier Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session convened on this 4th day of March, 2015, that Ordinance No. 3908 of 2003 (Unified Development Code) of the Police Jury of Bossier Parish, is hereby amended to change the zoning classification of a 13-acre tract of land described as Oak Hill Estates, Lots 2A, 2B, 3, 4, 5, and 6, located at the northwest corner of Mayflower Road and Curtis Sligo Road, from R-LD, Residential Low Density District, to R-A, Residential Agriculture District, to comply with current covenants, allowing horses to be kept on the property, being more particularly described as follows:

Lots 2-6, inclusively of Oak Hill Estates; Less and except the following tract of land:

Beginning at the Southeast Corner of Lot 1, Oak Hill Estates; run thence South 07°30'42" East along the Westerly right of way of Mayflower Road a distance of 399.14' to a point on the Northerly right of way line of Sligo Road; run thence South 85°00'14" West along the Northerly right of way of Sligo Road a distance of 329.91'; run thence North 07°30'42" West a distance of 384.84'; run thence North 82°29'18" East a distance of 121.02' to the Southwest corner of Lot 1, Oak Hill Estates; run thence North 82°29'18" East a distance of 204.48' along the South line of Lot 1, Oak Hill Estates to the Point of Beginning.

Said tract containing 3.0 acres more or less.

Applicant: Ronnie J. Burns and Sweet Sisters Farms, LLC

Purpose: To comply with current subdivision covenants and allow horses on the property

The ordinance was offered by Mr. Plummer, seconded by Mr. Brotherton. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 4th day of March, 2015.

RACHEL D. HAUSER
PARISH SECRETARY

JACKSKAGGS, PRESIDENT
BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY

Ms. Hauser announced the hearing to consider condemnation of property at 10503 Highway 3, Plain Dealing, LA. Mr. David Ghormley, Property Standards Officer, presented current photographs of the property advising that there has been no change in the condition of the property. He stated that the property does present an imminent threat to public health and safety.

Motion was made by Ms. Bennett, seconded by Mr. Avery, to proceed with condemnation of property at 10503 Highway 3, Plain Dealing, LA, in accordance with property standards regulations.

The President called for public comment. There being none, **votes were cast and the motion carried unanimously.**

Mr. Ghormley reported on a meeting of the Property Standards Board of Review, advising that it is recommended that a condemnation hearing be scheduled to consider condemnation of property at Lot 124 and 125, Carstarphen Heights Subdivision, Plain Dealing, LA. Mr. Jackson recommended that it be determined if the dilapidated homes located on these lots are asbestos laden, and if not, he recommended that the dilapidated homes be used as training exercises by the fire department.

Motion was made by Ms. Bennett, seconded by Mr. Benton, to schedule a condemnation hearing on March 18, 2015, to consider condemnation of property at Lot 124 and 125, Carstarphen Heights Subdivision.

The President called for public comment. There being none, **votes were cast and the motion carried unanimously.**

Motion was made by Ms. Bennett, seconded by Mr. Benton, to schedule a condemnation hearing on March 18, 2015, to consider condemnation of property at 235 Silver Leaf Drive, Benton, LA.

The President called for public comment. There being none, **votes were cast and the motion carried unanimously.**

Motion was made by Mr. Plummer, seconded by Mr. Rimmer, to adopt a resolution to authorize the Bossier Parish Police Jury to acquire and/or expropriate all parcels, tracts, properties or servitudes required for construction and completion of the Bossier North/South Corridor, I-220/Swan Lake Road, Interchange to Crouch Road Improvement, State Project No. H.003854, Bossier Parish, Louisiana, located in Section 2, Township 18 North, Range 13 West, and to authorize the Parish Administrator to execute any and all documents, instruments, pleadings or affidavits that may be necessary or convenient to the acquisition or expropriation of said properties or servitudes.

The President called for public comment. There being none, **votes were cast and the motion carried unanimously.**

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED by the Bossier Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session on this 4th day of March, 2015, that the Bossier Parish Police Jury is hereby authorized to acquire and/or expropriate all parcels, tracts, properties or servitudes required for construction and completion of the Bossier North/South Corridor, 1-220/Swan Lake Road, Interchange to Crouch Road Improvement, State Project No. H.003854, Bossier Parish, Louisiana, located in Section 2, Township 18 North, Range 13 West.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Parish Administrator is hereby authorized to execute any and all documents, instruments, pleadings or affidavits that may be necessary or convenient to the acquisition or expropriation of said properties or servitudes.

The resolution was offered by Mr. Plummer, seconded by Mr. Rimmer. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 4th day of March, 2015.

RACHEL D. HAUSER
PARISH SECRETARY

JACK SKAGGS, PRESIDENT
BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY

Motion was made by Ms. Bennett, seconded by Mr. Avery, to approve the reappointment of Dr. Michael Acurio to the Benton-Parish MPC Board of Appeals (Adjustment) for a five-year term, term to expire April 1, 2020.

The President called for public comment. There being none, **votes were cast and the motion carried unanimously.**

Motion was made by Ms. Bennett, seconded by Mr. Shewmake, to accept the resignation of Mr. Bob Sykes from the Benton-Parish MPC Board of Appeals (Adjustment).

The President called for public comment. There being none, **votes were cast and the motion carried unanimously.**

Motion was made by Ms. Bennett, seconded by Mr. Plummer, to appoint Ms. Nancy Penwell to the Benton-Parish MPC Board of Appeals (Adjustment) to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Mr. Bob Sykes, term to expire April 1, 2020.

The President called for public comment. There being none, **votes were cast and the motion carried unanimously.**

Motion was made by Mr. Plummer, seconded by Mr. Rimmer, to ratify and accept the recommendation of the Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Unit Board of Appeals on February 18, 2015, to uphold the findings of the Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Unit, in the matter of Louisiana Services Corp., Report No. 981, issued on December 3, 2014.

The President called for public comment. There being none, **votes were cast and the motion carried unanimously.**

Motion was made by Ms. Bennett, seconded by Mr. Avery, to declare adjudicated property described as Lot 5, Caddo Heights Subdivision, Benton, LA, Tax Assessment No. 101911, as surplus, and to authorize the advertising for bids for the sale of said property.

The President called for public comment. There being none, **votes were cast and the motion carried unanimously.**

Motion was made by Ms. Bennett, seconded by Mr. Rimmer, to authorize obtaining proposals for appraisal of a parcel of land for location of a lift station site for the FY2014 LCDBG Sewer Improvements Project for sewer improvements in East Benton Subdivision.

The President called for public comment. There being none, **votes were cast and the motion carried unanimously.**

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED by the Bossier Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session on this 4th day of March, 2015, that Jack Skaggs, President, be and is hereby authorized to execute on behalf of the Bossier Parish Police Jury, any and all documents in connection with the hiring of an appraiser for the appraisal of a parcel of land for location of a lift station site for the FY2014 LCDBG Sewer Improvements Project for sewer improvements in East Benton Subdivision.

The resolution was offered by Ms. Bennett, seconded by Mr. Rimmer. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 4th day of March, 2015.

RACHEL D. HAUSER
PARISH SECRETARY

JACK SKAGGS, PRESIDENT
BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY

Motion was made by Ms. Bennett, seconded by Mr. Avery, to adopt a resolution authorizing the acquisition and/or expropriation of all parcels, tracts or properties required for the FY2014 LCDBG Sewer Improvements Project for sewer improvements in East Benton Subdivision, and to authorize the Parish Administrator to execute any and all documents, instruments, pleadings or affidavits that may be necessary or convenient to the acquisition or expropriation of said properties.

The President called for public comment. There being none, **votes were cast and the motion carried unanimously.**

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED by the Bossier Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session on this 4th day of March, 2015, that the Bossier Parish Police Jury is hereby authorized to acquire and/or expropriate all parcels, tracts or properties required for the FY2014 LCDBG Sewer Improvements Project for sewer improvements in East Benton Subdivision.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Parish Administrator is hereby authorized to execute any and all documents, instruments, pleadings or affidavits that may be necessary or convenient to the acquisition or expropriation of said properties.

The resolution was offered by Ms. Bennett, seconded by Mr. Avery. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 4th day of March, 2015.

RACHEL D. HAUSER
PARISH SECRETARY

JACK SKAGGS, PRESIDENT
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Motion was made by Mr. Plummer, seconded by Mr. Cochran, to adopt a resolution authorizing the Bossier Parish Police Jury to consent to BHP Billiton Petroleum Properties (N.A.), LP assigning certain of its right, title and interest in that certain "Oil, Gas and Other Liquid or Gaseous Minerals" State Agency Lease No. 18227 dated August 11, 2004, by and between the State Mineral Board and Bossier Parish Police Jury (the "Lease") to J-W Operating Company, and to authorize the Parish Administrator to execute any and all documents, instruments, pleadings or affidavits that may be necessary or convenient to evidence said consent.

The President called for public comment. There being none, **votes were cast and the motion carried unanimously.**

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Bossier Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session on this 4th day of March, 2015, hereby consents to BHP Billiton Petroleum Properties (N.A.), LP assigning certain of its right, title and interest in that certain "Oil, Gas and Other Liquid or Gaseous Minerals" State Agency Lease No. 18227 dated August 11, 2004, by and between the State Mineral Board and Bossier Parish Police Jury (the "Lease") to J-W Operating Company.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Parish Administrator is hereby authorized to execute any and all documents, instruments, pleadings or affidavits that may be necessary or convenient to evidence said consent.

The resolution was offered by Mr. Plummer, seconded by Mr. Cochran. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 4th day of March, 2015.

RACHEL D. HAUSER
PARISH SECRETARY

JACK SKAGGS, PRESIDENT
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Motion was made by Mr. Brotherton, seconded by Mr. Cochran, to adopt a resolution authorizing the Bossier Parish Police Jury to consent to Cohort Energy Company assigning certain of its right, title and interest in that certain "Oil, Gas and Other Liquid or Gaseous Minerals" State Agency Lease No. 17773 dated March 17, 2003, and recorded in the records of Bossier Parish as Instrument No. 772728 and State Agency Tract 35355 (collectively the "Lease") to West Port Oil & Gas Company, L.P., and to authorize the Parish Administrator to execute any and all documents, instruments, pleadings or affidavits that may be necessary or convenient to evidence said consent.

The President called for public comment. There being none, **votes were cast and the motion carried unanimously.**

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Bossier Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session on this 4th day of March,

2015, hereby consents to Cohort Energy Company assigning certain of its right, title and interest in that certain "Oil, Gas and Other Liquid or Gaseous Minerals" State Agency Lease No. 17773 dated March 17, 2003, and recorded in the records of Bossier Parish as Instrument No. 772728 and State Agency Tract 35355 (collectively the "Lease") to West Port Oil & Gas Company, L.P.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Parish Administrator is hereby authorized to execute any and all documents, instruments, pleadings or affidavits that may be necessary or convenient to evidence said consent.

The resolution was offered by Mr. Brotherton, seconded by Mr. Cochran. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 4th day of March, 2015.

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Mr. Altimus reported that according to the LSU AgCenter Department of Agriculture Economics and Agribusiness and Dr. Troy C. Blanchard from the LSU Department of Sociology, the estimated population of Bossier Parish as of July 1, 2014, is 126,345.

Mr. Altimus reported on the NACo Legislative Conference held in Washington, D.C., advising that he briefed members of Congress and staff on the Federal Transportation MAP-21 Program. He stated that this program has been extended to May, 2015, due to unresolved funding issues for that program.

Ms. Bennett congratulated Mr. Altimus for being 1 of 27 nationally to be chosen to travel to California to assist with the Federal Transportation Road Program.

Mr. Altimus reported that NACo has requested that he co-chair some standing committees at the upcoming Annual NACo Conference for transportation.

Mr. Ford reported that due to inclement weather conditions, all parish construction projects have been shut down.

Mr. Ford reported on a meeting last Monday with the Department of Transportation and Development to discuss Bossier Parish bridges. He stated that police jury staff is working to gather all information pertaining to Bossier Parish bridges that have been replaced over the last several years.

Mr. Ford stated that DOTD closed the Koran Doyline Road Bridge on February 28, 2015, and it is anticipated that the bridge will remain closed for 11 months for repairs. He stated that DOTD has required that the load limit on five additional bridges in Bossier Parish be lowered. Mr. Ford stated that parish bridge information has been updated on the Bossier Parish Police Jury website.

Mr. Rimmer requested an update on the Highway 157 Bridge. Mr. Ford reported that the load limit on the Highway 157 Bridge has been lowered to five tons. He stated that a meeting was held on February 20, 2015, with DOTD, and it is anticipated that once the bridge is closed for repairs, it will be closed for approximately 30 days.

Mr. Ford stated that a meeting was held with representatives of Bossier Parish EMS and fire districts to discuss emergency response delays due to the future closing of the Highway 157 Bridge. He stated that it is planned that EMS units will be staged on both sides of the Highway 157 Bridge in order to respond to emergencies in a timely manner.

Mr. Ford stated that there is a private dirt road that may be available as a detour route for emergency personnel and vehicles only during an emergency event, and reported that negotiations are being discussed at this time.

Mr. Mark Coutee, Public Works Director, presented an update on activities of the highway department and on several road projects in the parish.

Mr. Coutee stated that repairs to Log Ferry Road Bridge are complete, and it is anticipated that repairs to the Stillhouse Road Bridge will be complete this week.

Mr. Skaggs expressed appreciation to the Bossier Parish Highway Department and police jury employees for their work in keeping the citizens of Bossier Parish safe on parish roads during the inclement weather event last week.

Mr. Rimmer reported that a ribbon cutting ceremony is scheduled for the First Baptist Bossier Freedom Fields on Sunday, March 15, 2015, at 12:30 p.m.

Mr. Avery stated that he has received complaints regarding the drainage issue in River Bluff Subdivision. He stated that excess water from North Beach Drive and Bevely Lake Drive is draining to the riverbank, which has resulted in a considerable amount of erosion on adjacent property in River Bluff Subdivision. Mr. Avery stated that the owner of the property has been notified of the erosion and has failed to reply. He expressed concern that the erosion on this property is a safety issue and there is a possibility that the erosion will eventually affect the parish roadway in this area.

Mr. Jackson stated that if the parish engineer determines that the erosion is a threat to public health and safety, the parish has full authority to do what is necessary to protect the public. Mr. Avery stated that the erosion is approximately 60 to 70 feet away from the public roadway, with an approximate 30-foot drop to the Red River. Mr. Jackson asked for clarification as to the cause of the erosion. Mr. Avery stated that the river, as well as drainage from the subdivision, is causing the erosion. Mr. Ford stated that he has requested pictures of this area, but he has not received them.

Ms. Bennett recommended that the Corps of Engineers be contacted to assess the erosion issue. Mr. Ford stated that the existing drainage pipe can be extended to run directly into the river. Mr. Jackson expressed concern that if the

erosion on this tract of land is currently not a public issue, and public resources are used to make any improvements in this area, the public will assume that the erosion is now a public problem and the parish will be held accountable for any future issues in this area. He recommended that an interim drainage alignment be done to prevent any future erosion.

Mr. Ford stated that he will contact the property owner where the erosion is occurring and will continue to monitor the situation. He stated that Raley and Associates, Inc., originally designed the drainage for this subdivision, and he will request their assistance in reaching a resolution to the drainage problem.

Mr. Avery submitted a request from residents of The Colony Subdivision for a southbound left hand turn lane. He stated that he requested that they contact their local legislative delegation, and asked that the police jury submit a letter to DOTD regarding the request. Mr. Ford is to submit a letter to DOTD regarding this request.

Mr. Benton submitted a request from a senior at Haughton High School for approval to host a dog show at Tall Timbers Park for a senior project. He stated that the dog show is planned for March 28, 2015, or April 4, 2015, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Mr. Benton stated that according to parish regulations, dogs are not allowed in Tall Timbers Park. Mr. Jackson recommended the police jury authorize a temporary waiver of parish regulations to allow for a dog show in Tall Timbers Park on the dates requested.

Motion was made by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mr. Darby, to amend the agenda to consider a request from Ms. Savannah Feeback for a temporary waiver of parish regulations to allow dogs in Tall Timbers Park for a dog show to be held on March 28, 2015, or April 4, 2015, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., for a Haughton High School senior project.

The President called for public comment. There being none, **motion carried, with the following vote recorded:**

AYES: Mr. Avery, Ms. Bennett, Mr. Benton, Mr. Brotherton, Mr. Cochran, Mr. Darby, Mr. Hammack, Mr. Plummer, Mr. Rimmer, Mr. Shewmake, Mr. Skaggs
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Mr. Cook

Motion was made by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mr. Darby, to approve a request from Ms. Savannah Feeback for a temporary waiver of parish regulations to allow dogs in Tall Timbers Park for a dog show to be held on March 28, 2015, or April 4, 2015, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., for a Haughton High School senior project.

The President called for public comment. There being none, **votes were cast and the motion carried unanimously.**

Mr. Rimmer expressed congratulations to wrestlers from Airline High School and Parkway High School on winning state championship divisions.

Mr. Skaggs requested shoulders and patching on Courtney Lane.

Mr. Jackson submitted an amended resolution for consideration to refinance the balance owed on the bond issue for construction of the Cyber Innovation Center building. He stated that the police jury approved a resolution at the February 18, 2015, Finance Committee Meeting, but the Underwriter or Placement Agent in connection with the Bonds has been changed.

Motion was made by Mr. Avery, seconded by Mr. Benton, to amend the agenda to consider adoption of an amended resolution declaring the intention of the Parish of Bossier, State of Louisiana, to proceed with a financing in an amount not to exceed \$11,750,000 for the purpose of refunding certain maturities of the Louisiana Local Government Environmental Facilities and Community Development Authority Revenue Bonds (Bossier Parish Public Improvement Projects) Series 2007; and otherwise providing with respect thereto.

The President called for public comment. There being none, **motion carried, with the following vote recorded:**

AYES: Mr. Avery, Ms. Bennett, Mr. Benton, Mr. Brotherton, Mr. Cochran, Mr. Darby, Mr. Hammack, Mr. Plummer, Mr. Rimmer, Mr. Shewmake, Mr. Skaggs
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Mr. Cook

Motion was made by Mr. Rimmer, seconded by Mr. Cochran, to adopt an amended resolution declaring the intention of the Parish of Bossier, State of Louisiana, to proceed with a financing in an amount not to exceed \$11,750,000 for the purpose of refunding certain maturities of the Louisiana Local Government Environmental Facilities and Community Development Authority Revenue Bonds (Bossier Parish Public Improvement Projects) Series 2007; and otherwise providing with respect thereto.

The President called for public comment. There being none, **votes were cast and the motion carried unanimously.**

RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE INTENTION OF THE PARISH OF BOSSIER, STATE OF LOUISIANA TO PROCEED WITH A FINANCING IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$11,750,000 FOR THE PURPOSE OF REFUNDING CERTAIN MATURITIES OF THE LOUISIANA LOCAL GOVERNMENT ENVIRONMENTAL FACILITIES AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY REVENUE BONDS (BOSSIER PARISH

PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS) SERIES 2007; AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, the Parish of Bossier, State of Louisiana (the "Parish"), a parochial government and political subdivision of the State of Louisiana (the "State") after examining available data, has determined that the Parish can realize substantial interest rate savings by refunding certain outstanding maturities of the Louisiana Local Government Environmental Facilities and Community Development Authority Revenue Bonds (Parish of Bossier Public Improvement Projects), Series 2007, (the "Prior Bonds") in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 14-A of Title 39 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended; and

WHEREAS, Prior Bonds were issued on behalf of the Parish by the Louisiana Local Government Environmental Facilities and Community Development Authority (the "Authority"); and

WHEREAS, the issuance by the Authority of its revenue refunding bonds on behalf of the Parish will assist in alleviating such need, and deliver to the Parish positive net present value debt service savings, to the Parish's benefit;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Police Jury of the Parish of Bossier (the "Police Jury"), acting as the governing authority of the Parish of Bossier, State of Louisiana, in a regularly convened session resolves as follows:

SECTION 1. The Parish is authorized and requests the Authority to proceed with a financing through the Authority for the purpose of refunding all or a portion of the Prior Bonds and requests that the Authority issue not exceeding Eleven Million Seven Hundred Fifty Thousand and No/100 Dollars (\$11,750,000) of its Revenue Refunding Bonds (Bossier Parish Public Improvement Projects), in one or more series 2015, taxable or tax-exempt, or both, (the "Bonds"), to fund reserves, if necessary, and to pay costs of issuance of the Bonds, such Bonds to mature on or before December 1, 2027, at a rate or rates not exceeding 5% per annum, to be secured by and payable from Lawfully Available Funds of the Parish, including funds, income, revenue, fees, receipts or charges of any nature from any source whatsoever on deposit with or accruing from time to time to the Parish, provided that no such funds, income, revenue, fees, receipts or charges shall be so included which have been or are in the future legally dedicated and required for other purposes by the electorate, by the terms of specific grants, by the terms of particular obligations issued or to be issued (to the extent pledged or budgeted to pay debt service on such other obligations) or by operation of law.

SECTION 2. The Parish hereby finds and determines that a real necessity exists for employment of special bond counsel in connection with the issuance of the Bonds, and accordingly, Dunlap Fiore, LLC, a limited liability company ("Bond Counsel"), of Baton Rouge, Louisiana, is hereby employed (such employment to be by the Authority) to do and perform comprehensive legal and coordinate professional work with respect to the issuance of the Bonds. Said Bond Counsel shall prepare and submit such officials of the Parish for adoption of all proceedings incidental to, and shall counsel and advise the Police Jury on the issuance and sale of the Bonds by the Authority. The fee of Bond Counsel is contingent upon issuance, sale and delivery of the Bonds, and shall in accordance with the Attorney General's then current Bond Counsel Fee Schedule and other guidelines, as negotiated for comprehensive legal and coordinate professional work in the issuance of revenue bonds applied to the actual aggregate principal amount issued, sold, delivered and paid for at the time such Bonds are delivered, together with reimbursement of out-of-pocket expenses incurred and advanced in connection with issuance of the Bonds, said fee to be subject to the Attorney General's written approval of said employment and fee to be paid with Bond proceeds.

SECTION 3. The employment of Stifel, Nicolaus & Company, Inc., Baton Rouge, Louisiana, as Underwriter or Placement Agent in connection with the Bonds is hereby approved. The compensation of the Underwriter shall be payable from the proceeds of the Bonds and shall be subject to the approval of the Issuer and the Louisiana State Bond Commission.

SECTION 4. Government Consultants, Inc., Baton Rouge, Louisiana, is hereby appointed as Financial Advisor to the Parish in connection with issuance, sale and delivery of the Bonds.

SECTION 5. By virtue of the Parish's application for, acceptance and utilization of the benefits of the Louisiana Bond Commission's approval(s) resolved and set forth herein, it resolves that it understands and agrees that such approval(s) are expressly conditioned upon, and it further resolves that it understands, agrees and binds itself, its successors and assigns to, full and continuing compliance with the "State Bond Commission Policy of Approval of Proposed Use of Swaps, or other forms of Derivative Products Hedges, Etc." adopted by the Commission on July 20, 2006, as to the borrowing(s) and other matter(s) subject to the approval(s), including subsequent application and approval under said Policy of the implementation or use of any swap(s) or other product(s) or enhancement(s) covered thereby.

SECTION 6. The Police Jury hereby authorizes and directs its President, Secretary of the Parish, Administrator of the Parish and such other officials of the Parish as may be appropriate to do any and all things necessary and incidental to carry out the provisions of this resolution.

SECTION 7. A copy of this Resolution shall be forwarded to the Authority and published immediately after its adoption in the official journal of the Parish, The Bossier Parish Tribune.

The resolution was offered by Mr. Rimmer, seconded by Mr. Cochran. It was duly adopted on this 4th day of March, 2015, with the following vote recorded:

- AYES: Mr. Avery, Ms. Bennett, Mr. Benton, Mr. Brotherton, Mr. Cochran, Mr. Darby, Mr. Hammack, Mr. Plummer, Mr. Rimmer, Shewmake, Mr. Skaggs
- NAYS: None
- ABSENT: Mr. Cook
- ABSTAIN: None

RACHEL D. HAUSER
PARISH SECRETARY

JACK SKAGGS, PRESIDENT
BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY

Mr. Jackson reported that recently one of the parish's subservient boards conducted a public hearing where there was a great deal of public interest in a particular subdivision. He stated that the public hearing lasted several hours with the board failing to take any action on the matter. Mr. Jackson stated that he will be meeting with board members to

educate them on their statutory duties. He stated that a public hearing will be rescheduled immediately for the board to render a decision.

There being no further business to come before the Bossier Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session on this 4th day of March, 2015, the meeting was adjourned by the President at 3:25 p.m.

RACHEL D. HAUSER
PARISH SECRETARY

JACK SKAGGS, PRESIDENT
BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY