

BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY
BENTON, LOUISIANA
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The Bossier Parish Police Jury met in regular and legal session on the 20th day of March, 2024, at 2:00 p.m., in the Police Jury Meeting Room, Bossier Parish Courthouse, Benton, Louisiana. The President, Mr. Philip Rodgers, called the meeting to order. The invocation was given by Mr. Keith Sutton, and the pledge of allegiance was led by Mr. Tom Salzer. Ms. Megan Ramos, Interim Parish Secretary, called the roll, with the following members present:

Mr. Glenn Benton	Mr. Chris Marsiglia, absent
Mr. Bob Brotherton	Ms. Julianna Parks
Mr. Jimmy Cochran	Mr. Doug Rimmer
Mr. Julian Darby	Mr. Philip Rodgers
Ms. Pam Glorioso	Mr. Tom Salzer
Mr. John Ed Jordan	Mr. Keith Sutton

Others present were Mr. Joe E. "Butch" Ford, Jr., Parish Administrator; Mr. Patrick Jackson, Parish Attorney; Mr. Eric Hudson, Parish Engineer; Ms. Megan Ramos, Interim Parish Secretary; Ms. Stacie Fernandez, Parish Treasurer.

Motion was made by Mr. Rimmer, seconded by Ms. Glorioso, to adopt the minutes of January 10, 2024 Regular Meeting and Finance Committee Meeting; February 7, 2024 Regular Meeting, Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting, and Policy and Procedures Committee Meeting; February 21, 2024 Regular Meeting, Finance Committee Meeting, and Road/Subdivision Regulations Committee Meeting; and March 6, 2024 Regular Meeting, Policy and Procedures Committee Meeting, and Road/Subdivision Regulations Committee Meeting, as published.

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

YEAS: Mr. Benton, Mr. Brotherton, Mr. Cochran, Mr. Darby, Ms. Glorioso, Mr. Jordan, Ms. Parks, Mr. Rimmer, Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Salzer, Mr. Sutton

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Mr. Marsiglia

ABSTAIN: None

Judge Michael Craig and Court Administrator, Melissa Fox, expressed thanks and appreciation for the recent technology upgrades in the courtrooms located in the Bossier Parish Courthouse. He commended Brian Loftin, Information Technology, advising that Mr. Loftin has been invaluable in providing his expertise in addressing any technology issues or problems that arise. He further stated that Heath Lyles and Jim Firth are each a tremendous asset in ensuring that the technological equipment in the Bossier Parish Courthouse is running smoothly.

Ms. Parks presented the following resolution to members of the Cope Youth Legislature Team who recently competed in a two-day, mock legislative session on March 6th and 7th, 2024, at the Old State Capitol in Baton Rouge, LA.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Cope Middle School Youth Legislature Team participated in a two-day mock legislative session on March 6th and 7th, 2024 at the Old State Capitol in Baton Rouge; and

WHEREAS, Youth Legislature introduces students to the legislative process in a fun and exciting way; and

WHEREAS, the following members of the Cope Middle School Legislature Team were elected from over 250 middle school students from six different schools:

Cooper Fontaine – Lt. Governor

Alex Perez – Secretary of Senate

Addalyn Allen – House of Representatives Chaplain

WHEREAS, the Cope Legislature Team had two bills passed and signed by the Governor; “Eliminating Giant Salvinia” by Sponsor Zach Kolniak and Co-Sponsor Connor Jackson and “Lowering Teen Suicide” by Sponsor Rebecca Williams and Co-Sponsor Kaylee Cooper; and

WHEREAS, the Cope Legislature Team had ten members make the Legislative Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, Roslyn Dabkowski was honored with the Ripple Effect Award, given to those whose small actions can make a big difference.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Bossier Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session on this 20th day of March, 2024, that it does hereby congratulate the Cope Middle School Youth Legislature Team on their hard work writing, submitting and presenting bills and commends the Legislature Team on their desire to learn more about the process of government.

MEGAN C. RAMOS
INTERIM PARISH SECRETARY

PHILIP RODGERS, PRESIDENT
BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY

Mr. Rodgers addressed the audience asking if there is anyone who would like to address the jury on a matter not on today's agenda.

Motion was made by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mr. Darby, to authorize the advertising for bids for LGAP FY2021-2022 – Scada Controls for Sewer Lift Station, Consolidated Waterworks/Sewerage District No. 2, bid date to be determined.

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

YEAS: Mr. Benton, Mr. Brotherton, Mr. Cochran, Mr. Darby, Ms. Glorioso, Mr. Jordan, Ms. Parks, Mr. Rimmer, Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Salzer, Mr. Sutton

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Mr. Marsiglia

ABSTAIN: None

Motion was made by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mr. Brotherton, to authorize the advertising for a Request for Proposals, Project No. 2024-116, Potable Water Treatment Chemicals, bid date to be determined.

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

YEAS: Mr. Benton, Mr. Brotherton, Mr. Cochran, Mr. Darby, Ms. Glorioso, Mr. Jordan, Ms. Parks, Mr. Rimmer, Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Salzer, Mr. Sutton

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Mr. Marsiglia

ABSTAIN: None

Mr. Eric Hudson, Parish Engineer, stated that two bids were received for Water Sector Program – Consolidated Waterworks/Sewerage District No. 1 of the Parish of Bossier – Subrecipient LA WSP10905 for the Bossier Parish Police Jury Project No. 2023-127, Contract I, New Water Well(s) and Water Test Well(s), and recommended that the bid of Continental Drilling and Service be accepted.

Mr. Nguyen Kha, Public Utilities Director, stated that even though the bid of Continental Drilling and Service is higher than the cost estimation for the project, the project is still within budget for the grant.

Motion was made by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mr. Cochran, to accept the bid of Continental Drilling and Service in the amount of \$302,882.00, for Water Sector Program – Consolidated Waterworks/Sewerage District No. 1 of the Parish of Bossier – Subrecipient LA WSP10905 for the Bossier Parish Police Jury Project No. 2023-127, Contract I, New Water Well(s) and Water Test Well(s), in accordance with bids received on March 14, 2024, and to authorize the execution of documents.

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

- YEAS:** Mr. Benton, Mr. Brotherton, Mr. Cochran, Mr. Darby, Ms. Glorioso, Mr. Jordan, Mr. Marsiglia, Ms. Parks, Mr. Rimmer, Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Salzer, Mr. Sutton
- NAYS:** None
- ABSENT:** Mr. Marsiglia
- ABSTAIN:** None

Bid results are as follows:

Bidder:	Bid Amount:
Continental Drilling and Service	\$302,882.00
Watson Well Drilling and Construction	\$335,348.94

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED by the Bossier Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session on this 20th day of March, 2024, that it does hereby accept the bid of Continental Drilling and Service, in the amount of \$302,882.00, for Water Sector Program – Consolidated Waterworks/Sewerage District No. 1 of the Parish of Bossier – Subrecipient LA WSP10905 for the Bossier Parish Police Jury Project No. 2023-127, Contract I, New Water Well(s) and Water Test Well(s), in accordance with bids received on March 14, 2024.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Parish Administrator and/or Parish President be and is hereby authorized to execute on behalf of the Bossier Parish Police Jury, any and all documents in connection with said bid.

The resolution was offered by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mr. Cochran. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 20th day of March, 2024.

MEGAN C. RAMOS
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Mr. Eric Hudson, Parish Engineer, stated that two bids were received for Project No. 2024-110, Covington Road Extension, Phase I, and recommended that the Base and Alternate Number 1 bid of Specialty Trackhoe and Dozer Service, Inc., be accepted.

Motion was made by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mr. Rimmer, to accept the base bid of Specialty Trackhoe and Dozer Service Inc., in the amount of \$536,430.25, and bid Alternate No. 1, in the amount of \$145,652.85, for a total bid amount of \$682,083.10, for Project No. 2024-110, Covington Road Extension, Phase I, in accordance with bids received on March 14, 2024, and to authorize the execution of documents.

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

YEAS: Mr. Benton, Mr. Brotherton, Mr. Cochran, Mr. Darby, Ms. Glorioso, Mr. Jordan, Ms. Parks, Mr. Rimmer, Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Salzer, Mr. Sutton

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Mr. Marsiglia

ABSTAIN: None

Bid results are as follows:

Bidder:	Bid Amount:	Alternate:
Benton and Brown, LLC	\$644,675.00	\$181,862.00
Specialty Trackhoe and Dozer Service, LLC	\$536,430.25	\$145,652.85

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED by the Bossier Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session on this 20th day of March, 2024, that it does hereby accept the base bid of Specialty Trackhoe and Dozer Service Inc., in the amount of \$536,430.25, and bid Alternate No. 1, in the amount of \$145,652.85, for a total bid amount of \$682,083.10, for Project No. 2024-110, Covington Road Extension, Phase I, in accordance with bids received on March 14, 2024.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Parish Administrator and/or Parish President be and hereby authorized to execute on behalf of the Bossier Parish Police Jury, any and all documents in connection with said bid.

The resolution was offered by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mr. Rimmer. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 20th day of March, 2024.

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Motion was made by Mr. Jorden, seconded by Mr. Cochran, to schedule a public hearing on April 17, 2024, to consider approval of the plat of the proposed development of Ace Acres, Unit 1B, being a re-subdivision of Ace Acres 1A, Lot 2, located on a certain tract of land being 7.884 acres, more or less, located in Section 24, Township 20 North, Range 13 West, Bossier Parish, LA. (Case BP-5-24 – Favorable recommendation by the Benton MPC)

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

YEAS: Mr. Benton, Mr. Brotherton, Mr. Cochran, Mr. Darby, Ms. Glorioso, Mr. Jorden, Ms. Parks, Mr. Rimmer, Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Salzer, Mr. Sutton

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Mr. Marsiglia

ABSTAIN: None

Motion was made by Mr. Cochran, seconded by Mr. Darby, to schedule a public hearing on April 17, 2024, to consider approval of the Minor Plat for Lisa Greer, located in Section 24, Township 20 North, Range 13 West, Bossier Parish, LA (Case BP-6-24 – Favorable recommendation by the Benton MPC)

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

YEAS: Mr. Benton, Mr. Brotherton, Mr. Cochran, Mr. Darby, Ms. Glorioso, Mr. Jorden, Ms. Parks, Mr. Rimmer, Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Salzer, Mr. Sutton

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Mr. Marsiglia

ABSTAIN: None

Mr. Benton, Chairman of the Fire District Committee, reported on a meeting of that committee held today at 11:30 a.m. He stated that Benton Fire District No. 4 Chief, J.T. Wallace, was in attendance to discuss the possibility of the parish creating a new Fire Prevention Bureau for the area of Benton Fire District No. 4. Mr. Benton explained that the creation of a Fire Prevention Bureau will ensure that businesses are in compliance with all fire safety regulations and ADA. He further stated that the scheduling of a public hearing is necessary to consider amendments to the Bossier Parish Code of Ordinances to establish the proposed Fire Prevention Bureau for Benton Fire District No. 4.

Motion was made by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mr. Cochran, to schedule a public hearing on April 30, 2024, to consider amendments to Chapter 50 of the Bossier Parish Code of Ordinances, “Fire Prevention and Protection”, to add/amend certain sections or subsections pertaining to the Fire Prevention Code.

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

YEAS: Mr. Benton, Mr. Brotherton, Mr. Cochran, Mr. Darby, Ms. Glorioso, Mr. Jorden, Ms. Parks, Mr. Rimmer, Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Salzer, Mr. Sutton

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Mr. Marsiglia

ABSTAIN: None

Motion was made by Mr. Sutton, seconded by Mr. Salzer, to approve a request from Robin Dickson, for a letter of no objection to the selling of beer and liquor at Countryside

Exxon, 7980 Barksdale Boulevard, Bossier City, LA, at a special Easter Sunday event, March 31, 2024, from 7:00 a.m. until 10:00 p.m.

There was discussion on the motion. Mr. Sutton stated that the parish is losing tax revenues by not allowing businesses to sell liquor on Sunday, as citizens go to nearby Caddo Parish to purchase it. Mr. Patrick Jackson, Parish Attorney, stated that current blue laws within the parish only allow liquor to be sold on Sundays for on-premises consumption. He stated that the police jury has issued waivers in the past to allow certain businesses to sell liquor on special occasions. He further stated that this is a growing policy issue and many parishes and local governments have done away with blue laws.

Mr. Cochran and Mr. Benton each expressed concern, stating that it is unfair to other businesses if one business is allowed to sell liquor on a Sunday. Ms. Parks stated that if the police jury approves the selling of liquor on Sunday at this store, then it should be allowed for all other businesses. Mr. Salzer recommended that this matter be further discussed in a committee meeting.

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

- YEAS: Ms. Glorioso, Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Salzer, Mr. Sutton**
- NAYS: Mr. Brotherton, Mr. Cochran, Mr. Jorden, Mr. Benton, Mr. Rimmer, Mr. Darby, Ms. Parks**
- ABSENT: Mr. Marsiglia**
- ABSTAIN: None**

Motion was made by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mr. Jorden, to adopt a resolution proclaiming April 20, 2024, as The Arc Caddo–Bossier Day.

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

- YEAS: Mr. Benton, Mr. Brotherton, Mr. Cochran, Mr. Darby, Ms. Glorioso, Mr. Jorden, Ms. Parks, Mr. Rimmer, Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Salzer, Mr. Sutton**
- NAYS: None**
- ABSENT: Mr. Marsiglia**
- ABSTAIN: None**

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The Arc Caddo-Bossier, established in 1954, exists to build unlimited opportunities for people with disabilities through various programs and services, following 70 years in existence; and

WHEREAS, the organization was founded by a small group of families united by the common bond of providing quality education and opportunities for their children with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, the organization has expanded over the decades developing an array of services and support programs to address the needs of everyone in the community impacted by intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD) from infancy throughout every stage of adulthood; and

WHEREAS, The Arc Caddo-Bossier employs more than 500 people in the community throughout its many divisions; and

WHEREAS, The Arc Caddo-Bossier's Employment Services and Frost Industries provides full-time and part-time work and job training for more than 100 men and women with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD); and

WHEREAS, the founding program, The Arc Caddo-Bossier's Goldman School and Childhood Development Center has expanded to a second location, providing childcare and early education/intervention for children with and without disabilities, allowing them to learn and grow alongside one another in an inclusive environment; and

WHEREAS, The Arc Caddo-Bossier's Goldman School is the only child development center of its kind that remained open following budget cuts thanks in part to the generous support of the community; and

WHEREAS, The Arc Caddo-Bossier set a precedent with the first residential home of its kind in the state of Louisiana and currently provides services for up to 56 men and women with disabilities with eight community homes throughout Northwest Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, The Arc Caddo-Bossier provides supported independent living and respite care services to area families based on the needs of each person to maximize their abilities and to promote balance and wellness in their lives; and

WHEREAS, The Arc Caddo-Bossier's Conly Day Program currently serves 125 participants daily and is licensed by the state of Louisiana to provide activities and skills training to adults with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, The Arc Caddo-Bossier's GREAT Program offers state-of-the-art therapeutic horseback riding and Equine Assisted Learning (EAL) to children and adults with developmental disabilities and an inclusive experience called Camp Victory each summer; and

WHEREAS, The Arc Caddo-Bossier has a 21-member, all volunteer Board of Directors comprised of community leaders, parents, family members, self-advocates, and related professionals; and

WHEREAS, The Arc Caddo-Bossier Foundation Board of Trustees exists to maximize the mission and ensure the financial stability of the organization; and

WHEREAS, The Arc Caddo-Bossier looks forward to 70 more years and beyond of serving citizens with disabilities and promoting inclusion in our community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Bossier Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session on this 20th day of March 2024, that it does hereby honor The Arc Caddo – Bossier of having 70 years of service to the community, and does hereby proclaim Saturday, April 20, 2024, as:

“The Arc Caddo - Bossier Day”

in the Parish of Bossier and urges everyone to celebrate this wonderful day.

MEGAN C. RAMOS
INTERIM PARISH SECRETARY

PHILIP RODGERS, PRESIDENT
BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY

Motion was made by Mr. Salzer, seconded by Ms. Glorioso, to consider approval of a Service Agreement between the Bossier Parish Police Jury and Cornerstone Government Affairs, Inc., for consulting and advocacy services, effective February 1, 2024, with said contract set to expire January 31, 2025.

There was discussion on the motion. Mr. Rimmer inquired about the types of services offered by Cornerstone Government Affairs, Inc. Mr. Benton stated that Cornerstone Government Affairs, Inc., consists of a group of Washington, D.C., lobbyists used by the Cyber Innovation Center.

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

YEAS: Mr. Benton, Mr. Brotherton, Mr. Cochran, Mr. Darby, Ms. Glorioso, Mr. Jordan, Ms. Parks, Mr. Rimmer, Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Salzer, Mr. Sutton

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Mr. Marsiglia

ABSTAIN: None

Motion was made by Mr. Brotherton, seconded by Mr. Jordan, to approve the application of Cody Williams, for renewal of a 2024 Bossier Parish beer/liquor license at Swamp Daddy’s, 104 Bill’s Lane, Haughton, LA. The application has been approved by the Bossier Parish Sheriff’s Department and the Health Department.

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

YEAS: Mr. Benton, Mr. Brotherton, Mr. Cochran, Mr. Darby, Ms. Glorioso, Mr. Jordan, Ms. Parks, Mr. Rimmer, Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Salzer, Mr. Sutton

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Mr. Marsiglia

ABSTAIN: None

Mr. Eric Hudson, Parish Engineer, discussed the proposed acceptance of the streets and drainage in Cane’s Landing, Unit No. 3, into the parish road system for permanent maintenance.

He stated that Unit Number 2 is close to being built out and the streets for Unit Number 3 are constructed per parish standards. Mr. Hudson stated that the pavement sections have crushed aggregate underneath the asphalt and concrete intersections and advised that the roads are constructed with concrete bump-out sections that will allow wide vehicles to make and a turn.

Motion was made by Mr. Cochran, seconded by Ms. Glorioso, to adopt an ordinance to officially accept the streets and drainage in Cane’s Landing, Unit No. 3, into the parish road system for permanent maintenance.

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

YEAS: Mr. Benton, Mr. Brotherton, Mr. Cochran, Mr. Darby, Ms. Glorioso, Mr. Jordan, Ms. Parks, Mr. Rimmer, Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Salzer, Mr. Sutton

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Mr. Marsiglia

ABSTAIN: None

ORDINANCE NO. 5008

WHEREAS, the Bossier Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session convened on the 20th day of March, 2024, has received a request from Cross Keys Construction, LLC, that the parish accept into its system for permanent maintenance, the streets and drainage in Cane's Landing Subdivision, Unit No. 3; and

WHEREAS, the said streets and drainage have been completed in accordance with the specifications of the Bossier Parish Police Jury; and

WHEREAS, a two-year maintenance bond has been executed in favor of the Bossier Parish Police Jury to guarantee against failure of said streets and drainage as to material and workmanship as required by Chapter 110, Section 110-201 of the Bossier Parish Code of Ordinance.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Bossier Parish Police Jury that it does accept the two-year maintenance bond of Cross Keys Construction, LLC, including labor and materials, for the above captioned streets and drainage.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Bossier Parish Police Jury does hereby accept into the parish maintenance system for continuous maintenance, streets and drainage located in Cane's Landing Subdivision, Unit No. 3, Bossier Parish, Louisiana:

- Barclay Boulevard – 0.070 miles
- Blanchard Loop – 0.360 miles
- St. Edmunds Way – 0.064 miles

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this ordinance be recorded in the Office of the Clerk of Court, Bossier Parish, Louisiana, together with the maintenance bond.

The ordinance was offered by Mr. Cochran, seconded by Ms. Glorioso. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 20th day of March, 2024.

MEGAN C. RAMOS
INTERIM PARISH SECRETARY

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Mr. Butch Ford, Parish Administrator, reported that the swearing-in ceremony for the new Bossier Parish Coroner, Dr. Mike Williams, is being held on Monday, March 25, 2024 at 10:00 a.m., at the Bossier Parish Courthouse in the Police Jury Meeting Room

Mr. Ford stated that CIC Director, Kevin Nolton, has invited jurors to attend a groundbreaking ceremony at the Louisiana Tech Research Institute on Monday, March 25, 2024, at 11:00 am. He stated that this new program will provide digital literacy training for Barksdale Airforce Base.

Mr. Ford reported that registration for the PJAL Legislative Day is now open, and asked jurors to let Ms. Ramos know as soon as possible if they plan to attend.

Mr. Ford stated that he and several jurors attended Bossier Day at the Louisiana State Capitol. He said that he met with the DOTD Secretary to discuss the I-20 construction project and advised that DOTD is doing everything they can to keep I-20 open. Mr. Ford further stated that he spoke to Richard Nelson, Revenue Secretary, and discussed auto insurance rates. He also stated that he attended a meeting regarding the current statewide nursing shortage.

Mr. Ford informed jurors that the South Bossier Water System will be shut down for a day and a half in order to clean the water tanks. He stated that tentative dates for the shut-down are being discussed and advised that ample time will be provided to notify customers. Mr. Ford stated that it has been requested that the police jury provide 250 cases of water to assist the citizens during this time.

Mr. Rimmer asked what the estimated completion date for the Airline Drive project is. Ms. Parks responded advising that she has recently been in contact with the contractor regarding this issue. She stated that the contractor advised that the completion date is dependent on the weather, but they would like to have the project completed within 90 days.

Mr. Warren Saucier, Parks and Recreation, provided video of the Fast Track dog program being offered at South Bossier Park. He stated this program travels around the country and is designed to give the dog a grade that will benefit its pedigree in the breeding process.

Mr. Saucier stated that baseball season at the Lawson Bo Brandon Park begins on April 1, 2024, advising that the fields are open and being utilized for team practices.

Mr. Saucier stated that the fencing project at Tall Timbers Park will start next week.

Mr. Saucier reported that the Lacrosse League, the Adult Football League and the Hispanic Soccer League are currently playing at the South Bossier Park.

Mr. Saucier reported that construction at Parish Camp is continuing, advising that curbs are being poured and the road is being widened. He stated that the estimated completion date for the project is April 19, 2024.

Mr. Brotherton asked the status of recent damages at Parish Camp. Mr. Saucier reported that through the use of security cameras, they were able to identify the person responsible. He stated that restitution will be made, and the park will be cleaned up by the juvenile's father.

Mr. Eric Hudson, Parish Engineer, stated that he has been advised by the State that the bridge closure for the Caplis Sligo Road Bridge project will likely be at the end of this school year.

Mr. Hudson stated that he is still awaiting completion of the environmental study process for the Smith Road Bridge project and should be ready to start in April.

Mr. Hudson stated that he will keep jurors updated on the Covington Road Extension, Phase I project, and advised that the contractor has expressed that he is ready to start the job.

Mr. Hudson stated that he has a conference call regarding Espanita Drive drainage project. He stated that it appears that the Espanita Drive project is funded for the Louisiana Watershed Initiative, Round 2 Grant. The preapplication was approved and more information needs to be provided to see if funding will be approved. If approved, the funding will provide 2 million dollars for the project.

Mr. Hudson stated that the crews are getting ready to begin the road overlay program.

Mr. Hudson reported that the engineering contract for the East West Corridor project is still at the state Contract's Office and hopes to be able to start soon on this project.

Mr. Kevin Gay stated that highway department crews have completed Jennifer Lane and are currently working on Chandler Road. He reported that crews are currently cutting out and backfilling holes with hot mix on Koran–Doyline Road, Allenwood Drive, Gray Lake Drive and Robinson Lane. Mr. Gay stated that the boom-axe crew has been working on Mott Oilfield Road, Smith Trail, Whittington Road, Walker Road, Johnson Road, Louis Road, Bodcau Dam Road, Bratton Road and Mott Road.

Mr. Gay stated that crews have spread rock on Potter Road, Ford Road, McCall Road, Ivan Lake Road and Abe Martin Road. He stated that ditching crews have been cleaning ditches on Ross Road, Clearbrook Way, Clay Circle, Lawndale Drive, Twin Point Drive, Still House Road, Wise Road, Log Ferry Road, North Cloverleaf, Dogwood Trail and Bellevue Road. Mr. Gay stated that crews have patched 23 roads since the last police jury meeting. He stated that mosquito control has begun spraying due to complaints received.

Ms. Felesha Sweeney, Public Library Director, requested that the agenda be amended to consider approval of the last Library Board of Control Meeting.

Motion was made by Mr. Brotherton, seconded by Mr. Cochran, to amend the agenda to approve the minutes of the February 21, 2024, meeting of the Library Board of Control.

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

YEAS: Mr. Benton, Mr. Brotherton, Mr. Cochran, Mr. Darby, Ms. Glorioso, Mr. Jorden, Ms. Parks, Mr. Rimmer, Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Salzer, Mr. Sutton

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Mr. Marsiglia

ABSTAIN: None

Motion was made by Mr. Sutton, seconded by Ms. Glorioso, to approve the minutes of the February 21, 2024, meeting of the Library Board of Control.

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

YEAS: Mr. Benton, Mr. Brotherton, Mr. Cochran, Mr. Darby, Ms. Glorioso, Mr. Jorden, Ms. Parks, Mr. Rimmer, Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Salzer, Mr. Sutton

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Mr. Marsiglia

ABSTAIN: None

Ms. Sweeney reported that the new Central Library has been open for a week. She stated that the study rooms and computer labs have been used frequently. Ms. Sweeney reported that the acoustic panels have been installed and they are looking forward to the grand opening on April 16, 2024.

Ms. Sweeney reported that three of the librarians are testing for head librarian certification in Vidalia, LA. She advised that two new employees have been hired, one at the Aulds Branch and a part-time employee at the Central Branch. Ms. Sweeney reported that the outreach department won an award from United Way for their work within the community.

Mr. Salzer asked the status of punch list items for the new library. Mr. Eric Hudson, Parish Engineer, reported that they are still working on those items.

Mr. Nguyen Kha, Public Utilities Director, reported that bids have been awarded for the final project on the Water Sector Grant, advising that the projects are two thirds complete. He reported that right of way has been obtained and Contract B, Turtle Creek Tie In, is set to be scheduled for a pre-conference meeting.

Mr. Jimmy Cochran stated that he attended Bossier Day. He stated that he believes that the new administration has a great attitude and is trying to work together. Mr. Cochran expressed appreciation to Senator Adam Bass for being helpful and well educated on the issues. He stated that Senator Bass has carried himself very well and deserves recognition.

Ms. Julianna Parks reported that she attended Bossier Day, and it was good to have the people from Bossier Parish together to work on important issues.

Mr. Tom Salzer stated that he attended Bossier Day and agreed that there is a positive energy in the Capitol right now and he hopes it continues. He reported that he attended several breakout sessions and found them to be very informative.

Mr. Rimmer reported that Bossier Day was well attended and there was a lot of optimism about this session. He stated that he believes there will be a lot less battling and more people working together.

Mr. Rimmer reported that he recently attended a meeting regarding a proposed new development off Stockwell Road. He stated that luxury townhomes are planned, which will be a large investment for the area.

Mr. Philip Rodgers stated that there were a lot of good ideas discussed at Bossier Day. He stated that he hopes they will determine ways to reduce spending in certain areas in order to fund those ideas, and also expressed appreciation to Senator Adam Bass.

Mr. Rodgers reported that the North Bossier lunch group will have a luncheon on March 27, 2024, at Bossier Parish School of Technology and Innovative Learning (BPSTIL). He stated that Bossier Parish Schools Superintendent, Jason Rowland, will be speaking at the luncheon.

There being no further business to come before the Bossier Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session on this 20th day of March, 2024, the meeting was adjourned by the President at 3:29 p.m.

MEGAN C. RAMOS
INTERIM PARISH SECRETARY

PHILIP RODGERS, PRESIDENT
BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY