

BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY
ROAD/SUBDIVISION REGULATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES

Mr. Philip Rodgers, Chairman
Mr. Bob Brotherton, Co-Chairman
April 3, 2024

The Road/Subdivision Regulations Committee of the Bossier Parish Police Jury met on this 3rd day of April, 2024, at 11:00 a.m., in the Police Jury Conference Room, Bossier Parish Courthouse, Benton, Louisiana. Mr. Philip Rodgers, Chairman, called the meeting to order, with the following members present:

Mr. Philip Rodgers, Chairman, Mr. Bob Brotherton Co-Chairman, Mr. Glenn Benton, Ms. Pam Glorioso, Mr. John Ed Jordan, Mr. Chris Marsiglia, Ms. Julianna Parks, Mr. Doug Rimmer.

Others present for the meeting:

Mr. Julian Darby	Mr. Patrick Jackson
Ms. Ashley Ezell	Mr. Sam Marsiglia
Ms. Stacie Fernandez	Ms. Megan Ramos
Mr. Butch Ford	Mr. Matt Redmon
Ms. Julie Gill	Mr. Tom Salzer
Ms. Monica Grappe	Mr. Keith Sutton
Ms. Rachael Graves	Mr. Rod White
Mr. Eric Hudson	

Mr. Eric Hudson, Parish Engineer, discussed the matter of four adjudicated properties on Hedge Drive identified as Bossier Parish assessment nos. 105.964; 104.163; 103.917; 103.528. He advised that Ms. Saxton is interested in submitting a bid for the purchase of these four adjudicated properties and if successful, she plans to clean up the properties and bring them into compliance with parish property standards.

Mr. Patrick Jackson, Parish Attorney, explained the process for the auction of adjudicated property. He stated that the police jury can declare the properties surplus, advertise for bids for the sale of the property and accept any bids received. Mr. Jackson further stated that the parish can also declare the property surplus and it can go out to auction. He stated that if an adjacent property owner has been maintaining the property for one year, there is a process for that as well. Mr. Jackson stated that once bids are received and accepted, the parish will prepare a Quitclaim Deed for the highest bidder. He advised the Quitclaim Deed does not guarantee that the parish owns anything, but it will transfer any ownership the parish has. There was discussion of placing an item on the April 17, 2024, regular meeting agenda to declare the four adjudicated properties on Hedge Drive as surplus and set a date to receive bids.

Mr. Doug Rimmer stated that there are three properties in his district that he understands are adjudicated to the parish. Mr. Rimmer stated that he understands there is a home located on

each, and the homes may be inhabited. He also advised that the Homeowners Association is having difficulty collecting dues. Mr. Jackson advised that it may be possible for the parish to proceed with declaring the properties surplus, but some additional research would be needed. He stated that he will review the current list of adjudicated properties to determine if another auction is warranted and asked Ms. Grappe to provide a list of all adjudicated properties to his office for review.

Mr. Hudson advised that he has prepared a document with a list of plats recently approved administratively through his office. He stated that these are generally minor plats which have already been approved by the MPC offices, which he can approve without the need for an agenda item for a regular meeting of the police jury. Mr. Hudson stated he prefers to provide plats of this nature in committee meetings to keep the jurors aware of development in their districts and so there is a record in the minutes. The following plats have been approved administratively:

1. Moore Estates
2. J&A Subdivision
3. James Neil Subdivision
4. Cypress Bay Unit No. VI
5. Youngblood Subdivision Unit No. 1
6. Williams Subdivision Unit No. 4
7. Lori McHughes Minor Plat
8. J.S. Staton Subdivision Unit No. 1
9. Karen Brock Minor Plat
10. Michael Wayne Driggers Minor Plat
11. Wesley Phillips Minor Plat
12. Travis & Christopher Beaty Minor Plat

Mr. Ford presented information regarding a military gravesite containing approximately 400 graves that was moved many years ago from Barksdale Air Force Base by the Corps of Engineers due to the need for additional land space for the commissary. He stated that the graves were moved in the 1950's by the Corps of Engineers to Stonewall Baptist Church. Mr. Ford stated that the church contacted him last year concerning the graves with reports that the graves are sunken in, and the graveyard is in disarray with broken monuments and fallen trees causing damage. He further stated that he has contacted the sheriff's office to request aid in the cleaning

of the graveyard, and he also plans to ask Barksdale Air Force Base as well as the church for additional manpower. Mr. Ford stated that this project will require some special equipment to remove the trees. Mr. Jackson inquired as to whether the cemetery had been declared a historical site. Mr. Ford stated that in his initial research he has not found a historical designation. He stated he has spoken with Mr. Cliff Cardin, Bossier Parish historian, and Mr. Cardin believes it to be a historical site. He further stated that he will do some additional research on that matter. Mr. Jackson advised that the parish has certain rules that allow for this type of work on historical sites, but we need to verify that designation before work can begin. He further stated that his request would be that the owner of the property, as well as a historian, be on site during the work to ensure that all work is done properly and to be certain that sensitive areas are handled properly to avoid causing damage. Mr. Ford stated that he will research the graveyard historical status and report back to the committee with more information.

Mr. Ford provided an update on the AT&T matter, advising that a meeting has been scheduled for Wednesday, April 10, 2024, in the police jury conference room.

Mr. Ford stated that the Independence Day fireworks event will be coming up soon, and advised that he has received a request for an additional fireworks event to be held in the Cypress Black Bayou area. Mr. Ford stated that he has a meeting with Jan Elkins from KTBS on Tuesday, April 9, 2024, to discuss the South Bossier event, as well as the potential of adding another on the north end of the parish. He stated that he would keep the committee updated as to the developments.

Mr. Ford provided an update on the Red River lock and dam study that began approximately two years ago. He stated that the process has begun, and this study could bring river activity through Bossier Parish to Arkansas. He further stated that once the lock and dams are built, the flooding issues of the past could be controllable in the future. Mr. Ford added that he would keep the committee updated as he receives more information.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:35 a.m. by the Chairman.

MEGAN C. RAMOS
INTERIM PARISH SECRETARY

PHILIP RODGERS, CHAIRMAN
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