

**STATE OF LOUISIANA
PARISH OF WINN
AUGUST 16, 2024**

The Police Jury of the Parish of Winn, State of Louisiana, met for a Road Committee Meeting at its meeting place, the Police Jury meeting Room of the Parish Courthouse, 119 West Main Street, Winnfield, Louisiana, on Friday, August 16, 2024 at 2:00 p.m. (CST) pursuant to the provisions of a written notice given each and every member thereof, and duly posted in a manner required by law.

Committee members present: Chairman Phillip Evans, Mr. Frank McLaren and Mr. Stanley Garrett.

Committee members absent: None.

Jurors present: Mr. Darrell Franks.

Legal Counsel: None.

Chairman Phillip Evans calls the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. Road Superintendent Perry Holmes is present.

Motion by Mr. Frank McLaren to adopt the agenda. Second by Mr. Stanley Garrett. Vote taken: 3 yeas. 0 nays. 0 absent. 0 abstained. Motion carried.

Announcements & Comments:

Mr. Perry Holmes addresses the Committee and states he will give a Forestry update Monday evening at the meeting. He also states that the Sheriff’s office gave a ticket to a trucker that was on Earl Jordan Road without a permit. The guy was driving a David Greer truck. The guy had a suspended driver’s license and the license plate on the truck was suspended. The Sheriff’s office allowed Mr. Greer to come pick up the truck but the driver had to have someone else pick him up.

Business:

Chairman Evans states the first item of business is to discuss bids on Capital Outlay project Eugene Garrett Road. Engineer Mr. Henry Shuler of Shuler Consulting Company is present and addresses the Jury. He notes the bids were opened on August 6, 2024. Amethyst Construction bid \$940,427.75 and Regional Construction bid \$690,561.50. He adds that both bids are over the designer’s estimate. Mr. Shuler states that the Jury can accept the bids, reject the bids as they are over estimate and reapply for the other end of Eugene Garrett as Mr. Stanley Garrett is wanting to do. Mr. Shuler suggests that if this is the route the Jury wants to take, to do soil borings on this end before applying so as to determine how to bid. Discussion was had by the Committee and Mr. Shuler. Mr. Stanley Barrett recommends to reject the bids and reapply for a scope change. Second by Mr. Frank McLaren. Vote taken: 3 yeas. 0 nays. 0 absent. 0 abstained. This motion will be put on the next regular meeting of the Jury.

The next item of business is to discuss the Brownville Road. Mr. Shuler addresses the problems incurred during this job by the contractor. He states that the Jury could implement damages of \$200 a day that this job has been delayed. Discussion was had by the Committee and Mr. Shuler. The Committee will consider the recommendation.

The next item of business is to discuss Old Alexandria Road. There is currently \$180,000 on Capital Outlay for this road and \$63,829 in LGAP funds. Discussion was had by the Committee and Mr. Shuler. The Committee wants to put rock down as soon as possible from Mimosa to the shooting range using LGAP funds. The Committee also wants Mr. Shuler to begin bidding process for the \$180,000 in Capital Outlay funds by overlaying from Hwy 34 to as far as it will go.

Additional Announcements & Comments:

Mr. McLaren states that there is another LGAP project still open and that is to run a gas line to where a generator is for Pleasant Hill Water System. Atmos Energy does not want to do this. One reason is they would have to tap into a pipeline right of way and would not be beneficial for Atmos. Discussion was had by the Committee and Mr. Shuler. The Jury instructs Mr. Shuler to amend the scope of this project to apply for funds for Cole Road which funds were de-obligated since the Jury already has 2 LGAP projects open. This will allow us to be eligible for additional rounds of LGAP once closed out. There are other funds that have been obligated to Pleasant Hill when they get their issue resolved.

Discussion was had concerning purchasing the new lay down machine that was discussed at the last Road Committee Meeting, listing pros and cons. The Committee recommends putting the item on the next regular agenda.

There being no further business at this time, Chairman Evans adjourned the meeting at 3:40 p.m.

MR. PHILLIP EVANS
CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

KAREN TYLER-SECRETARY/TREASURER