

The Lincoln Parish Police Jury met in regular session on Tuesday, January 12, 2021 at 7:00 p.m., at the Lincoln Parish Library Events Center, Ruston, Louisiana. Present were Theresa Wyatt, District One; Hazel Hunter, District Two; Richard Durrett, District Three; T.J. Cranford, District Four; Logan Hunt, District Five; Glenn Scriber, District Six; Matt Pullin, District Seven; Skip Russell, District Eight; Joe Henderson, District Nine; Milton Melton, District Ten; Sharyon Mayfield, District Eleven; and Annette Straughter, District Twelve.

Joe Henderson called the meeting to order and Milton Melton delivered the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Annette Straughter offered a motion, seconded by Sharyon Mayfield, to approve the agenda as presented. The motion carried with the following votes:

YEAS: Wyatt, Hunter, Durrett, Cranford, Hunt, Scriber, Pullin, Russell, Henderson, Melton, Mayfield, Straughter

Mr. Henderson called for public comments on the agenda. There were none.

Glenn Scriber offered a motion, seconded by T.J. Cranford, to approve the minutes of the December 8, 2020 regular meeting. The motion carried with the following votes:

YEAS: Wyatt, Hunter, Durrett, Cranford, Hunt, Scriber, Pullin, Russell, Henderson, Melton, Mayfield, Straughter

Annette Straughter offered a motion, seconded by Milton Melton, to approve the minutes of the December 15, 2020 special meeting. The motion carried with the following votes:

YEAS: Wyatt, Hunter, Durrett, Cranford, Hunt, Scriber, Pullin, Russell, Henderson, Melton, Mayfield, Straughter

Next on the agenda was the election of officers. The Honorable John Belton, District Attorney and Parish Legal Counsel, was asked to preside as acting Chairman for the purpose of electing officers for the year 2021. Mr. Belton, acting as Chairman, opened the floor for nominations for President. Theresa Wyatt offered a motion, seconded by Annette Straughter, to nominate Richard Durrett. Joe Henderson offered a motion, seconded by Sharyon Mayfield, to close nominations. The motion carried with the following votes:

YEAS: Wyatt, Hunter, Durrett, Cranford, Hunt, Scriber, Pullin, Russell, Henderson, Melton, Mayfield, Straughter

Acting Chairman Belton declared Richard Durrett as the duly elected President of the Lincoln Parish Police Jury for the year 2021.

Acting Chairman Belton opened the floor for nominations for Vice-President. Skip Russell offered a motion, seconded by Sharyon Mayfield, to nominate Milton Melton. Annette Straughter offered a motion, seconded by Sharyon Mayfield, to close nominations. The motion carried with the following votes:

YEAS: Wyatt, Hunter, Durrett, Cranford, Hunt, Scriber, Pullin, Russell, Henderson, Melton, Mayfield, Straughter

Milton Melton was declared as the duly elected Vice-President of the Lincoln Parish Police Jury for the year 2021.

Acting Chairman Belton opened the floor for nominations for Treasurer. Joe Henderson offered a motion, seconded by Skip Russell, to table the nominations for Treasurer until the next Police Jury meeting. The motion carried with the following votes:

YEAS: Wyatt, Hunter, Durrett, Cranford, Hunt, Scriber, Pullin, Russell, Henderson, Melton, Mayfield, Straughter

Next on the agenda was nominations for Administrator. Annette Straughter offered a motion, seconded by Sharyon Mayfield, to nominate Doug Postel for a 1-year term. The motion carried with the following votes:

YEAS: Wyatt, Hunter, Durrett, Cranford, Hunt, Scriber, Pullin, Russell, Henderson, Melton, Mayfield, Straughter

Annette Straughter offered a motion, seconded by Joe Henderson, to convene a Public Hearing for consideration of ordinances to be adopted. The motion carried with the following votes:

YEAS: Wyatt, Hunter, Durrett, Cranford, Hunt, Scriber, Pullin, Russell, Henderson, Melton, Mayfield, Straughter

Richard Durrett called for any public comments concerning the proposed ordinances. Following public comments, Joe Henderson offered a motion, seconded by Matt Pullin, to close the Public Hearing and reconvene Police Jury meeting. The motion carried with the following votes:

YEAS: Wyatt, Hunter, Durrett, Cranford, Hunt, Scriber, Pullin, Russell, Henderson, Melton, Mayfield, Straughter

Annette Straughter offered a motion, seconded by Joe Henderson, to adopt the 2021 Proposed Lincoln Parish Police Jury budget. The motion carried with the following votes:

YEAS: Wyatt, Hunter, Durrett, Cranford, Hunt, Scriber, Pullin, Russell, Henderson, Melton, Mayfield, Straughter

Joe Henderson offered a motion, seconded by Sharyon Mayfield, to adopt the Lincoln Parish Library 2020 Amended Budget and 2021 Proposed Budget. The motion carried with the following votes:

YEAS: Wyatt, Hunter, Durrett, Cranford, Hunt, Scriber, Pullin, Russell, Henderson, Melton, Mayfield, Straughter

Next on the agenda was the appointment of Mr. Richard Aillet to the Fire District Commission. Skip Russell offered a motion, seconded by Theresa Wyatt, to appoint Mr. Richard Aillet to the Fire District Commission.

**Resolution No. 2021-01**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Police Jury of Lincoln Parish, Louisiana, convened in Regular Session this 12<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2021 that

**Mr. Richard Aillet**

Is hereby and herewith appointed, COMMISSIONER  
Fire District Commission  
Lincoln Parish, Louisiana,

For the term of January 12, 2021 – January 1, 2026

Signed and Sealed this 12<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2021

LINCOLN PARISH POLICE JURY

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/s/Doug Postel  
Doug Postel  
Parish Administrator

/s/Richard I. Durrett  
Richard I. Durrett  
President

The motion carried with the following votes:

YEAS: Wyatt, Hunter, Cranford, Hunt, Scriber, Pullin, Russell, Henderson, Melton, Mayfield, Straughter

ABSTAINED: Durrett

Next on the agenda was to consider and take action if necessary, internal transfer policy. Glenn Scriber offered a motion, seconded Annette Straughter, to approve the internal transfer policy. The motion carried with the following votes:

YEAS: Wyatt, Hunter, Durrett, Cranford, Hunt, Scriber, Pullin, Russell, Henderson, Melton, Mayfield, Straughter

Next on the agenda was the introduction of ordinance for sale of adjudicated property- parcel number 31182000015.

***ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_***

**AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE AN ACT OF SALE BY THE PARISH OF LINCOLN TO SELL ADJUDICATED PROPERTY DESCRIBED AS PARCEL 31182000015: BEG. AT NW/C OF SW OF SE, SEC.31-18-2, L/P. LA. RUN E. 358' TO POB. FROM POB RUN E. 372', S. 00 DEG. 15' E. 468', W. 372', N. 00 DEG. 15' W. TO POB A DIST. OF 468',CONTG. 4 AC. M/L. IN SW OF SE, SEC. 31-18-2, L/P.LA, IN ACCORDANCE WITH LA R.S. 47: 2202 T SEQ. AND TO AUTHORIZE THE LINCOLN PARISH POLICE JURY PRESIDENT TO SIGN ALL NECESSARY DOCUMENTS AND TO ADDRESS THER MATTERS RELATIVE THERETO**

**WHEREAS**, the immovable property described below was adjudicated to the Parish of Lincoln on May 16, 2001, for nonpayment of taxes; and

**WHEREAS**, the three (3) year period for redemption provided by Art. 7, §25 of the Louisiana Constitution has elapsed, as well as the five (5) year period, established by Parish Ordinance No: 337-14-(0) and the owner of record has failed to redeem the adjudicated property; and

**WHEREAS**, LA R.S. 47:2202 *et seq.* provides that the Parish may sell adjudicated property in accordance with law after the expiration of the period for redemption; and

**WHEREAS**, the Parish of Lincoln has declared the property described below surplus and not needed for a public purpose and to dispose of said property in accordance with LA R.S. 47:2202, *et seq.*; and

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with L.A. R.S. 47:2202 the Parish of Lincoln has set a minimum bid for public sale at \$11,431.80 and

**WHEREAS**, the Parish of Lincoln has received a written offer to purchase said property from \_\_\_\_\_ for the consideration of \_\_\_\_\_, at the time of sale and has been accepted by the Lincoln Parish Police Jury; and

**WHEREAS**, the property described herein below was scheduled for public auction on February 3, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.

**NOW BE IT ORDAINED** by the Lincoln Parish Police Jury, that any Act of Sale of the below described property shall contain the following conditions and requirements:

- 1) This property described as Lincoln Parish Parcel #31182000015, having a municipal address of 318 Hickory Street, Ruston, Louisiana, and more fully described as:

BEG. AT NW/C OF SW OF SE, SEC.31-18-2, L/P. LA. RUN E. 358' TO POB. FROM POB RUN E. 372', S. 00 DEG. 15' E. 468', W. 372', N. 00 DEG. 15' W. TO POB A DIST. OF 468',CONTG. 4 AC. M/L. IN SW OF SE, SEC. 31-18-2, L/P.LA.

- 2) This property shall be sold in accordance with LS-R.S. 47:2201 *et seq.*, without any warranty, from either the Parish or Management Company, whatsoever, even as to the return of the purchase price.
- 3) The sale shall be on a form approved by the Parish Attorney and that the sales price is paid by certified funds at the time of the sale.
- 4) The sale shall include a reservation of all mineral rights to the Parish, but shall convey all surface rights.
- 5) The following shall be completed prior to closing of sale:
  - a. E&P Consulting Services, LLC shall certify in writing to the Parish Attorney that they have examined the mortgage records, conveyance records, probate and civil suit records of the Parish of Lincoln and that attached to this certification will be a written list of names and last known addresses of all owners, mortgagees, and any other person who may have a vested or contingent interest in the property, or who has filed a request for notice as provided in the former provisions LS-R.S. 33:4720.17(B), as indicated in those records.

- b. E&P Consulting Services, LLC will provide notice to those persons identified in accordance with LS-R.S. 47:2201 *et. seq.* Proof of said notice will be filed in the conveyance records of Lincoln Parish immediately after the Act of Sale.
- c. At the time of closing, the E&P Consulting Services, LLC will certify in writing to Parish Attorney and Clerk of Court that the number of days mandated by LS-R.S. 47:2201 *et. seq.* has elapsed since the above required notice was made or attempted and that the property has not been redeemed by the payment of the taxes owed.

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED**, by the Lincoln Parish Policy Jury, that the Police Jury President is hereby authorized to execute a Cash Sale of the above described adjudicated property to the highest acceptable bidder. The Cash Sale shall contain all of the above conditions and requirements and shall be executed within the timelines specified. The above ordinance having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS:

NAYS:

ABSTAINED:

ABSENT:

Next on the agenda was a resolution-process verbal and proclamation of the canvass of the votes cast at the special election held in the parish of Lincoln, State of Louisiana, on Saturday, December 5, 2020 Election. After discussion, the following resolution was offered by Logan Hunt and seconded by Joe Henderson:

#### **RESOLUTION**

A resolution providing for canvassing the returns and declaring the results of the special election held in the Parish of Lincoln, State of Louisiana, on Saturday, December 5, 2020, to authorize the levy of a special tax therein.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Police Jury of the Parish of Lincoln, State of Louisiana (the "Governing Authority"), acting as the governing authority of the Parish of Lincoln, State of Louisiana (the "Parish"), that:

SECTION 1. Canvass. This Governing Authority does now proceed in open and public session to examine the official tabulations of votes cast at the special election held in the Parish of Lincoln, State of Louisiana, on SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2020, to authorize the levy of a special tax therein, and said Governing Authority does further proceed to examine and canvass the returns and declare the result of the special election.

SECTION 2. Election Results. According to the official certified tabulation of votes cast at said Election, there was a total of **2,579** votes cast **IN FAVOR OF** the Proposition and a total of **3,459** votes cast **AGAINST** the Proposition, resulting in a majority of **880** votes cast **AGAINST** the Proposition. The Proposition was therefore duly **DEFEATED** by a majority of the votes cast by the qualified electors voting at the Election.

SECTION 3. Promulgation of Election Result. The results of said election shall be promulgated by publication in the manner provided by law, after receipt from the Secretary of State's office of the actual costs of the election, as required by Act 205 of the Regular Session of the Legislature of Louisiana for the year 2019.

SECTION 4. Declaration. The foregoing results of the Election are hereby declared by this Governing Authority and shall be published as required by law.

SECTION 5. Procès Verbal. A *Procès Verbal* of the canvass of the returns of said election shall be made and a certified copy thereof shall be forwarded to the Secretary of State, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, who shall record the same in his office; another certified copy thereof shall be forwarded to the Clerk of Court and *Ex-Officio* Recorder of Mortgages in and for the Parish of Lincoln, who shall record the same in the Mortgage Records of said Parish; and another copy thereof shall be retained in the archives of this Governing Authority.

This resolution having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

MEMBERS:	YEAS:	NAYS:	ABSENT:	ABSTAINING:
Theresa Wyatt	<b>X</b>	_____	_____	_____
Hazel D. Hunter	<b>X</b>	_____	_____	_____
Richard Durrett	<b>X</b>	_____	_____	_____
T.J. Cranford	<b>X</b>	_____	_____	_____
Logan Hunt	<b>X</b>	_____	_____	_____
Glenn Scriber	<b>X</b>	_____	_____	_____
Matt Pullin	<b>X</b>	_____	_____	_____
Skip Russell	<b>X</b>	_____	_____	_____
Joe Henderson	<b>X</b>	_____	_____	_____
Milton Melton	<b>X</b>	_____	_____	_____
Sharyon Mayfield	<b>X</b>	_____	_____	_____
Annette Straughter	<b>X</b>	_____	_____	_____

And the resolution was declared adopted on this, the 12<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2021.

/s/ Doug Postel  
 Doug Postel  
 Parish Administrator

/s/ Richard I. Durrett  
 Richard I. Durrett  
 Parish President

PROCÈS VERBAL OF THE CANVASS OF THE VOTES CAST AT THE SPECIAL ELECTION HELD IN THE PARISH OF LINCOLN, STATE OF LOUISIANA, ON SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2020.

BE IT KNOWN AND REMEMBERED that on Tuesday, January 12, 2021, at 7:00 p.m., at its regular meeting place, the Police Jury Meeting Room, Third Floor, 100 West Texas Avenue, Ruston, Louisiana, the Police Jury of the Parish of Lincoln, State of Louisiana (the "Governing Authority"), acting as the governing authority of the Parish of Lincoln, State of Louisiana (the "Parish"), and being the authority ordering the special election held therein on Saturday, December 5, 2020, with a quorum being present, did examine the official certified tabulations of votes cast at the said election, and did examine and canvass the returns of said election, there having been submitted at said election the following proposition to wit:

PROPOSITION  
 (MILLAGE  
 RENEWAL)

Shall the Parish of Lincoln, State of Louisiana (the "Parish"), be authorized to levy and collect a special tax of five and eighty-five hundredths (5.85) mills on all property subject to taxation in Lincoln Parish (an estimated \$2,808,000 reasonably expected at this time to be collected from the levy of the tax for an entire year), for a period of ten (10) years, beginning with the year 2021 and ending with the year 2030, for the purpose of providing funds for equipment, supplies, maintenance, operation, construction and support of a public library and its branch or branches in the Parish?

The canvass of the results of the election showed that there was a total of **2,579** votes cast **IN FAVOR OF** the Proposition and a total of **3,459** votes cast **AGAINST** the Proposition, and that there was a majority of **880** votes cast **AGAINST** the Proposition as hereinabove set forth.

Therefore, the Governing Authority did declare and proclaim and does hereby declare and proclaim in open and public session that the Proposition as hereinabove set forth was duly **DEFEATED** by a majority of the votes cast by the qualified electors voting at the said special election.

Results by precinct are available from the Parish Administrator of this Governing Authority during regular business hours or via the Louisiana Secretary of State's website (voterportal.sos.la.gov).

THUS DONE AND SIGNED at Ruston, Louisiana, on this, the 12<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2021.

ATTEST:

/s/ Doug Postel  
Doug Postel  
Parish Administrator

/s/ Richard I. Durrett  
Richard I. Durrett  
Parish President

Next on the agenda was to consider and take action on CWEF Application. After discussion, Logan Hunt offered a motion, seconded by Annette Straughter, to authorize a resolution on CWEF Application.

**RESOLUTION 21-03**

**WHEREAS**, the Lincoln Parish Police Jury has been afforded the opportunity to participate in the FY 2020-2021 Community Water Enrichment Fund (CWEF) Program administered by the State of Louisiana, Division of Administration, Office of Community Development; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Lincoln Parish Police Jury desires to submit an application for funding to the CWEF Program; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Mt. Calm Water System is proposing to merge and consolidate with the Wesley Chapel Water System once sufficient improvements including an interconnection of the two water systems is made; and,

**WHEREAS**, merging and consolidating the Mt. Calm Water System with the Wesley Chapel Water System will provide a more sustainable water system for customers of both water systems.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Lincoln Parish Police Jury does hereby support the CWEF application for funding for the proposed water system improvements associated with the merger of the Mt. Calm Water System and the Wesley Chapel Water System. Further, the President is authorized and empowered to execute the application and do any and all things necessary and proper to carry out the Resolution and to fulfill its objects and purposes.

/s/Doug Postel  
Doug Postel  
Parish Administrator

/s/Richard I. Durrett  
Richard I. Durrett  
Parish President

The motion carried with the following votes:

YEAS: Wyatt, Hunter, Cranford, Hunt, Scriber, Pullin, Russell, Henderson, Melton, Mayfield, Straughter

ABSTAIN: Durrett

Next on the agenda was to consider a resolution authorizing submittal of LGAP Application. After discussion, Joe Henderson offered a motion, seconded by Annette Straughter, to authorize a resolution to submit LGAP Application.

**RESOLUTION**

**LINCOLN PARISH POLICE JURY**

The following Resolution was offered by Joe Henderson, who moved for its adoption at the normally scheduled council meeting of the Lincoln Parish Police Jury this date, January 12, 2021.

**"WHEREAS,** the Lincoln Parish Police Jury has need for rehabilitation/repairs to the exterior coatings of the North Chatham Road Area Sewage District Wastewater Treatment Plant and the Blueberry Hills Sewage District Wastewater Treatment Plant; and

**WHEREAS,** neither the Lincoln Parish Police Jury, nor the North Chatham Road Area Sewage District and Blueberry Hills Sewage District have sufficient unappropriated funds on hand for the required capital improvement project, and

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** in accordance with the requirements of the Louisiana Government Assistance Program, the Lincoln Parish Police Jury does hereby support and cordially request grant authorization to execute and submit an application for the 2020-2021 Louisiana Government Assistance Program funding.

FURTHER, that Richard I. Durrett, as Jury President, be and he is hereby authorized to sign the application, contract, and all Requests for Payment or other documents required by the Louisiana Government Assistance Program (LGAP); and

FURTHER, that Doug Postel, Administrator, be and he is hereby authorized to serve as the Certifying Officer to attest to the signature of Richard I Durrett as authorized signatory."

The motion for adoption of this Resolution was seconded by Annette Straughter and by affirmative vote of 12 to 0 was declared adopted by the Lincoln Parish Police Jury this 12<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2021.

/s/Richard I. Durrett  
President

The motion carried with the following votes:

YEAS: Wyatt, Hunter, Durrett, Cranford, Hunt, Scriber, Pullin, Russell, Henderson, Melton, Mayfield, Straughter

Next on the agenda, Mr. Christopher Hyde gave the budget to actual report on the General Fund and additional major funds.

Next on the agenda was committee reports. Glenn Scriber stated that the Park and Recreation Committee met on this day, at 5:15 p.m. and the committee recommends:

1. Consider building a 3-D archery course.

Glenn Scriber offered a motion, seconded by Matt Pullin, to approve the minutes of the Park and Recreation Committee. The motion carried with the following votes:

YEAS: Wyatt, Hunter, Durrett, Cranford, Hunt, Scriber, Pullin, Russell, Henderson, Melton, Mayfield, Straughter

Annette Straughter stated that the Health and Welfare Committee on this day, at 6:00 p.m. and the committee recommends:

1. Viewed presentation by Deputy Rob Sasser of Animal Control
2. Allow Administrator and Deputy Sasser to come up with a comprehensive animal control plan.

Annette Straughter offered a motion, seconded by Sharyon Mayfield, to approve the minutes of the Health and Welfare Committee. The motion carried with the following votes:

YEAS: Wyatt, Hunter, Durrett, Cranford, Hunt, Scriber, Pullin, Russell, Henderson, Melton, Mayfield, Straughter

Under other business, it was announced that the Police Jury Association of Louisiana Convention will be held May 12-14, 2021, in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

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After various other department reports and there being no other business to come before the Jury, the meeting was adjourned.

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Doug Postel  
Parish Administrator

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Richard I Durrett  
Parish President