

PROCEEDINGS OF THE
NATCHITOCHE PARISH COUNCIL, PARISH OF NATCHITOCHE, STATE OF
LOUISIANA, TAKEN A REGULAR MEETING HELD, MONDAY,

February 11, 2013

5:30 p.m.

The Natchitoches Parish Council met in regular and legal session in the Council Board Room of the Natchitoches Parish Courthouse, on Monday, February 11, 2013 at five-thirty (5:30) o'clock p.m.

The Parish of Natchitoches was then convened as the governing authority by Chairman Rodney Bedgood who stated that the Parish was ready for the transaction of business.

The invocation was given by Councilman Chris Paige and the Pledge of Allegiance led by Councilman Aaron Johnson.

There were present Councilmen: Rodney Bedgood, Aaron Johnson, Chris Paige and John Salter.

There was absent: Councilman Ricky LaCour.

Chairman Bedgood then recognized Mrs. Rita Lott from Chesapeake Energy. Mrs. Lott told the Council she was in attendance to present the Ad Valorem tax paid to the Parish from Chesapeake.

Chairman Bedgood then asked the audience if anyone had any comments concerning the agenda. He then recognized Mr. Randy Stelly of the Real View paper who talked about his support of the new form of government and incidents involving his paper.

Chairman Bedgood then recognized Mr. Leonard Thomasee, who requested assistance from the Council in getting a municipal water supply. He stated everyone in the area has either self done water wells or big time wells. Mr. Thomasee told the Council that he has been talking about this for eight years. He also stated that he had called Mayor Dupree about Provencal Water System running a line in there area and was told no. Councilman Salter told the Council and Mr. Thomasee that Waterworks District #2 would probably be the water system to help them. He also told Mr. Thomasee to talk with Mr. Norman Rachal. President Nowlin told Mr. Salter when he get the information they could apply for the LGAP grant or the Community Water Enrichment grant. Mr. Thomasee concluded his remarks by stating that he was retired and could help in doing the leg work for the grants.

Chairman Bedgood then recognized Councilman Paige who made several comments concerning the Real View papers.

Chairman Bedgood then stated that the next item on the agenda was old business concerning several appointments confirmations. Relative to this, the following action was taken:

On motion by Mr. Paige, duly seconded by Mr. Johnson, that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby confirm and approve the appointment of Mr. David McGraw and Ms. Mary A. Nunley to the Natchitoches Parish Tourist Commission.

On a roll call vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

	Aye	Nay	Absent	Abstain
Councilman Paige	<u> x </u>	—	—	—
Councilman Johnson	<u> x </u>	—	—	—
Councilman Bedgood	<u> x </u>	—	—	—
Councilman LaCour	—	—	<u> x </u>	—
Councilman Salter	<u> x </u>	—	—	—

Motion Passed

On motion by Mr. Paige, duly seconded by Mr. Salter, that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby confirm and approve the appointment of Mr. Travis Guin and Mr. Garland Brown to the Natchitoches Parish Planning Commission.

Motion Passed

On a roll call vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

	Aye	Nay	Absent	Abstain
Councilman Paige	<u> x </u>	—	—	—
Councilman Salter	<u> x </u>	—	—	—
Councilman Bedgood	<u> x </u>	—	—	—
Councilman Johnson	<u> x </u>	—	—	—
Councilman LaCour	—	—	<u> x </u>	—

Motion Passed

On motion by Mr. Salter, duly seconded by Mr. Johnson, that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby confirm and approve the re-appointment of Mrs. Peggy Braxton and Mr. Mike Wilson to the Natchitoches Parish Housing Authority.

On a roll call vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

	Aye	Nay	Absent	Abstain
Councilman Salter	<u> x </u>	—	—	—
Councilman Johnson	<u> x </u>	—	—	—
Councilman Bedgood	<u> x </u>	—	—	—
Councilman LaCour	—	—	<u> x </u>	—
Councilman Paige	<u> x </u>	—	—	—

Motion Passed

On motion by Mr. Johnson, duly seconded by Mr. Salter, that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby adopt the minutes of the regular meeting of the Natchitoches Parish Council held Monday, January 28, 2013.

On a roll call vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

	Aye	Nay	Absent	Abstain
Councilman Johnson	<u>x</u>	---	---	---
Councilman Salter	<u>x</u>	---	---	---
Councilman Bedgood	<u>x</u>	---	---	---
Councilman LaCour	---	---	<u>x</u>	---
Councilman Paige	<u>x</u>	---	---	---

Motion Passed

On motion by Mr. Paige, duly seconded by Mr. Salter, that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby call for volunteer to replace Councilman Ricky LaCour on the Natchitoches Parish Planning Commission.

On a roll call vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

	Aye	Nay	Absent	Abstain
Councilman Paige	<u>x</u>	---	---	---
Councilman Salter	<u>x</u>	---	---	---
Councilman Bedgood	<u>x</u>	---	---	---
Councilman Johnson	<u>x</u>	---	---	---
Councilman LaCour	---	---	<u>x</u>	---

Motion Passed

On motion by Mr. Paige, duly seconded by Mr. Johnson, that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby adopt Resolution No. 7 of 2013, exchanging P. R. #225, the Five Forks Road, to the State of Louisiana for a portion of LA 486.

On a roll call vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

	Aye	Nay	Absent	Abstain
Councilman Paige	<u>x</u>	---	---	---
Councilman Johnson	<u>x</u>	---	---	---
Councilman Bedgood	<u>x</u>	---	---	---
Councilman LaCour	---	---	<u>x</u>	---
Councilman Salter	<u>x</u>	---	---	---

Motion Passed

On motion by Mr. Salter, duly seconded by Mr. Paige, that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby authorize the Parish President to sign the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between the State of Louisiana and the Parish of Natchitoches relative to the replacement of the Old River Bridge.

On a roll call vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

	Aye	Nay	Absent	Abstain
Councilman Salter	<u> x </u>	—	—	—
Councilman Paige	<u> x </u>	—	—	—
Councilman Bedgood	<u> x </u>	—	—	—
Councilman Johnson	<u> x </u>	—	—	—
Councilman LaCour	—	—	<u> x </u>	—

Motion Passed

On motion by Mr. Salter, duly seconded by Mr. Johnson, that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby approve the change order to the construction contract for Plantation Point road project.

On a roll call vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

	Aye	Nay	Absent	Abstain
Councilman Salter	<u> x </u>	—	—	—
Councilman Johnson	<u> x </u>	—	—	—
Councilman Bedgood	<u> x </u>	—	—	—
Councilman LaCour	—	—	<u> x </u>	—
Councilman Paige	<u> x </u>	—	—	—

Motion Passed

On motion by Mr. Johnson, duly seconded by Mr. Salter, that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby amend the agenda to add adoption of a resolution to authorize the President to enter into an agreement with the Plantation Point Homeowner Association who would waive any claims against the Parish in connection with the reconstruction of the roads to be reconstructed in Plantation Point Subdivision, following the reconstruction of the roads and the acceptance of the work by the Parish.

On a roll call vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

	Aye	Nay	Absent	Abstain
Councilman Johnson	<u> x </u>	—	—	—
Councilman Salter	<u> x </u>	—	—	—
Councilman Bedgood	<u> x </u>	—	—	—
Councilman LaCour	—	—	<u> x </u>	—
Councilman Paige	<u> x </u>	—	—	—

Motion Passed

On motion by Mr. Johnson, duly seconded by Mr. Salter, that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby adopt a resolution to authorize the President to enter into an agreement with the Plantation Point Homeowner Association who would waive any claims against the Parish in connection with the reconstruction of the roads to be reconstructed in Plantation Point Subdivision, following the reconstruction of the roads and the acceptance of the work by the Parish.

On a roll call vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

	Aye	Nay	Absent	Abstain
Councilman Johnson	<u> x </u>	—	—	—
Councilman Salter	<u> x </u>	—	—	—
Councilman Bedgood	<u> x </u>	—	—	—
Councilman LaCour	—	—	<u> x </u>	—
Councilman Paige	<u> x </u>	—	—	—

Motion Passed

The above and foregoing resolution was declared duly adopted on this the 11th day of February, 2013.

ATTEST:

Rodney Bedgood, Chairman,
Parish of Natchitoches

Catherine Hamilton, Interim Clerk
Natchitoches Parish Council

On motion by Mr. Salter, duly seconded by Mr. Paige, that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby adopt Resolution No. 8 of 2013, to adopt the plans and policies, appointments and authorization of individuals for compliance with the LCDBG regulations.

On a roll call vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

	Aye	Nay	Absent	Abstain
Councilman Salter	<u> x </u>	—	—	—
Councilman Paige	<u> x </u>	—	—	—
Councilman Bedgood	<u> x </u>	—	—	—
Councilman Johnson	<u> x </u>	—	—	—
Councilman LaCour	—	—	<u> x </u>	—

Motion Passed

On motion by Mr. Salter, duly seconded by Mr. Johnson, that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby postpone until the next regular meeting the confirmation of three advisory commissions and approval of members.

On a roll call vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

	Aye	Nay	Absent	Abstain
Councilman Salter	<u> x </u>	—	—	—
Councilman Johnson	<u> x </u>	—	—	—
Councilman Bedgood	<u> x </u>	—	—	—
Councilman LaCour	—	—	<u> x </u>	—
Councilman Paige	<u> x </u>	—	—	—

Motion Passed

On motion by Mr. Salter, duly seconded by Mr. Johnson, that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby postpone until the next regular meeting the approval of a job description for a Council Clerk.

On a roll call vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

	Aye	Nay	Absent	Abstain
Councilman Salter	<u> x </u>	—	—	—
Councilman Johnson	<u> x </u>	—	—	—
Councilman Bedgood	<u> x </u>	—	—	—
Councilman LaCour	—	—	<u> x </u>	—
Councilman Paige	<u> x </u>	—	—	—

Motion Passed

On motion by Mr. Salter, duly seconded by Mr. Paige, that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby postpone until the next regular meeting starting the process to hire a Clerk of the Council.

On a roll call vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

	Aye	Nay	Absent	Abstain
Councilman Salter	<u> x </u>	—	—	—
Councilman Paige	<u> x </u>	—	—	—
Councilman Bedgood	<u> x </u>	—	—	—
Councilman Johnson	<u> x </u>	—	—	—
Councilman LaCour	—	—	<u> x </u>	—

Motion Passed

On motion by Mr. Salter, duly seconded by Mr. Paige, that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby appoint Mr. Chris Paige and Mr. Aaron Johnson to the Board of Directors of the Coordinating and Development.

On a roll call vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

	Aye	Nay	Absent	Abstain
Councilman Salter	<u>x</u>	---	---	---
Councilman Paige	<u>x</u>	---	---	---
Councilman Bedgood	<u>x</u>	---	---	---
Councilman Johnson	<u>x</u>	---	---	---
Councilman LaCour	---	---	<u>x</u>	---

Motion Passed

On motion by Mr. Salter, duly seconded by Mr. Johnson, that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby award the bids received Tuesday, December 4, 2012 for oils and greases to the overall low bidder Lott Oil Company.

On a roll call vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

	Aye	Nay	Absent	Abstain
Councilman Salter	<u>x</u>	---	---	---
Councilman Johnson	<u>x</u>	---	---	---
Councilman Bedgood	<u>x</u>	---	---	---
Councilman LaCour	---	---	<u>x</u>	---
Councilman Paige	<u>x</u>	---	---	---

Motion Passed

On motion by Mr. Paige, duly seconded by Mr. Johnson, that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby authorize the Director of Public Works to solicit proposals up to a maximum of \$50,000.00 for grouting of void around existing cross drain pipe under White Oak Lane, at its junction with LA Highway 1 and authorize the Parish President to award the lowest proposal.

On a roll call vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

	Aye	Nay	Absent	Abstain
Councilman Paige	<u>x</u>	---	---	---
Councilman Salter	<u>x</u>	---	---	---
Councilman Bedgood	<u>x</u>	---	---	---
Councilman Johnson	<u>x</u>	---	---	---
Councilman LaCour	---	---	<u>x</u>	---

Motion Passed

On motion by Mr. Paige, duly seconded by Mr. Johnson, that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby adopt and issue a proclamation declaring that a vacancy exists in the office of Parish Coroner and setting the dates for holding of said special election, due to the untimely death of Dr. Charles A. Curtis, Jr.

On a roll call vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

	Aye	Nay	Absent	Abstain
Councilman Paige	<u> x </u>	—	—	—
Councilman Johnson	<u> x </u>	—	—	—
Councilman Bedgood	<u> x </u>	—	—	—
Councilman LaCour	—	—	<u> x </u>	—
Councilman Salter	<u> x </u>	—	—	—

Motion Passed

Chairman Bedgood then recognized Mr. Nick Verret, Director of Public Works who gave a brief report on the Highway Department and Ms. Miley who read a report from the OCS/Head Start Executive Director and gave a report of the Parish financial status.

Chairman Bedgood then recognized Parish President Nowlin who gave a brief report to the Council concerning the Parish Courthouse maintenance.

Since there was no other business, the following action was taken:

On motion by Mr. Salter, duly seconded by Mr. Paige, that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby adjourn until the next regular or called meeting of the Natchitoches Parish Council.

On a roll call vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

	Aye	Nay	Absent	Abstain
Councilman Salter	<u> x </u>	—	—	—
Councilman Paige	<u> x </u>	—	—	—
Councilman Bedgood	<u> x </u>	—	—	—
Councilman Johnson	<u> x </u>	—	—	—
Councilman LaCour	—	—	<u> x </u>	—

Motion Passed

Attest:

Rodney Bedgood, Chairman

Catherine Hamilton,
Interim Council Clerk