

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

April 15, 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, April 15, 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 John Salter.

There were present Chairman Rodney Bedgood and Councilmen Chris Paige, Ricky LaCour, Aaron Johnson, and John Salter.

There was absent: None.

Chairman Bedgood then asked if there were any visitors who would like to speak. Since there were none, he then asked if anyone had any comments concerning the agenda.

Chairman Bedgood then resume the Public Hearing from 4:30 p.m. concerning adopting an Ordinance approving the exchange of Parish Road #225, the Five Forks Road from its intersection with state route LA 153 located 3.49 miles northwest of the intersection of its south wye leg and state route LA 9 in the community of Creston proceeding southwest and then west approximately 1.68 miles to its intersection with the Five Forks Mine entrance road approximately 120 feet east of the intersection of the parish road Thomas Sanders Road and Five Forks Road with the State of Louisiana for a portion of state route LA 486 from its southeast intersection with concurrent state routes US 71 and US 84 in the Town of Campti proceeding north and west approximately 6.41 miles to its northwest intersection with concurrent state routes US 71 and US 84. Relative to this, the following action was taken:

On motion by Mr. Paige, duly seconded by Mr. Salter, that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby resume the public hearing to hear any and all comments or objections relative to adopt Ordinance #3 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 Salter	<u>x</u>	—	—	—
Councilman Bedgood	<u>x</u>	—	—	—
Councilman Johnson	<u>x</u>	—	—	—
Councilman LaCour	<u>x</u>	—	—	—

Motion Passed

Chairman Bedgood then asked if anyone had any comments or objections concerning the Five Forks Road exchange. Mr. Paige stated that he had a constituent who had some concerns but after he talked with the District Attorney office his concerns were addressed. Mr. Paige then stated that he would like to go on record that Mr. Travis Guin was the person who had some concerns. Chairman Bedgood then asked if anyone else had any comments or objections. Since there was none, the following action was taken:

On motion by Mr. Paige, duly seconded by Mr. LaCour, that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby close the public hearing relative to adopting Ordinance #3 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 LaCour	<u>x</u>	---	---	---
Councilman Bedgood	<u>x</u>	---	---	---
Councilman Johnson	<u>x</u>	---	---	---
Councilman Salter	<u>x</u>	---	---	---

Motion Passed

Chairman Bedgood then asked the Council to amend the agenda to add requesting the approval to transfer the Louisiana Community Water Enrichment Program grant funds in the amount of \$12,122.00 for the Creston Water System to the Ajax Beulah Water System. Relative to this, the following action was taken:

On motion by Mr. Johnson, duly seconded by Mr. LaCour, that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby amend the agenda to add requesting the approval to transfer the Louisiana Community Water Enrichment Program grant funds in the amount of \$12,122.00 for the Creston Water System to the Ajax Beulah Water System.

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

	Aye	Nay	Absent	Abstain
Councilman Johnson	<u>x</u>	---	---	---
Councilman LaCour	<u>x</u>	---	---	---
Councilman Bedgood	<u>x</u>	---	---	---
Councilman Paige	<u>x</u>	---	---	---
Councilman Salter	<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 requesting the approval to transfer the Louisiana Community Water Enrichment Program grant funds in the amount of \$12,122.00 for the Creston Water System to the Ajax Beulah Water System.

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

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

Motion Passed

On motion by Mr. Johnson, duly seconded by Mr. LaCour, that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby adopt a resolution of commendation for Coach Emma Boozman on her retirement.

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

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

Motion Passed

On motion by Mr. Johnson, duly seconded by Mr. LaCour, that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby adopt a resolution of commendation for Coach Mike McConathy.

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

	Aye	Nay	Absent	Abstain
Councilman Johnson	<u>X</u> __	___	__-	___
Councilman LaCour	<u>X</u> __	___	__-	___
Councilman Bedgood	<u>X</u> __	___	__-	___
Councilman Paige	<u>X</u> __	___	__-	___
Councilman Salter	<u>X</u> __	___	__-	___

Motion Passed

On motion by Mr. Johnson, duly seconded by Mr. LaCour, that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby adopt a resolution of commendation for Mr. Anthony S. Catanese on the occasion of his 100th birthday.

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

	Aye	Nay	Absent	Abstain
Councilman Johnson	<u>X</u> —	—	—	—
Councilman LaCour	<u>X</u> —	—	—	—
Councilman Bedgood	<u>X</u> —	—	—	—
Councilman Paige	<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, does hereby adopt an Ordinance #3 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 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. Bedgood, that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby table authorizing the Director of Public Works to issue a Request for Proposals or sealed bid proposals for additional rehabilitation work on Plantation Point Drive, consisting of placement of an approved paving fabric and 2-inch hot mix asphaltic concrete overlay, at an estimated cost of \$100,000.00 and request a written legal opinion from the District Attorney concerning the language in the agreement and what is the legality status of the agreement involving the Parish.

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

	Aye	Nay	Absent	Abstain
Councilman Paige	<u>X</u> __	___	__	___
Councilman Bedgood	<u>X</u> __	___	__	___
Councilman LaCour	<u>X</u> __	___	__	___
Councilman Johnson	<u>X</u> __	___	__	___
Councilman Salter	<u>X</u> __	___	__	___

Motion Passed

On motion by Mr. Salter, duly seconded by Mr. LaCour, that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby adopt the minutes of the regular meeting of the Natchitoches Parish Council held Monday, March 18, 2013.

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

	Aye	Nay	Absent	Abstain
Councilman Salter	<u>X</u> __	___	__	___
Councilman LaCour	<u>X</u> __	___	__	___
Councilman Bedgood	<u>X</u> __	___	__	___
Councilman Johnson	<u>X</u> __	___	__	___
Councilman Paige	<u>X</u> __	___	__	___

Motion Passed

On motion by Mr. LaCour, duly seconded by Mr. Johnson, that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby adopt a resolution confirming Mr. Roger Williams' re-appointment to the Natchitoches Parish Hospital Board of Directors.

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

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

Motion Passed

On motion by Mr. Johnson, duly seconded by Mr. Paige, that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby adopt a resolution confirming Dr. Richard H. Galloway's reappointment to the Natchitoches Parish Housing Authority Board of Commissioners.

	Aye	Nay	Absent	Abstain
Councilman Johnson	<u>  x  </u>	—	—	—
Councilman Paige	<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. LaCour, that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby adopt a resolution revising the Federal Bridge Replacement Prioritization to add the Clark Road Bridge in replacement of the Jim's River Road Bridge.

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

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

Motion Passed

On motion by Mr. LaCour, duly seconded by Mr. Salter, that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby table adopting a resolution confirming the appointing a Councilman or a representative to the Parish of Natchitoches Office of Community Services/Head Start Policy Board.  
On a roll call vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

	Aye	Nay	Absent	Abstain
Councilman LaCour	<u>X</u> __	___	___	___
Councilman Salter	<u>X</u> __	___	___	___
Councilman Bedgood	<u>X</u> __	___	___	___
Councilman Johnson	<u>X</u> __	___	___	___
Councilman Paige	<u>X</u> __	___	___	___

Motion Passed

On motion by Mr. Salter, duly seconded by Mr. LaCour, that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby authorize the Parish President to award the bids to be received on Thursday, April 23, 2013 for Liquid Asphalt to the lowest responsible bidder.

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

	Aye	Nay	Absent	Abstain
Councilman Salter	<u>X</u> __	___	___	___
Councilman LaCour	<u>X</u> __	___	___	___
Councilman Bedgood	<u>X</u> __	___	___	___
Councilman Johnson	<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, does hereby approve to keep the millage taxes as is for the year 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. Johnson, duly seconded by Mr. Salter, that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby approve to conduct a public hearing to adopt an ordinance to levy millage taxes as is for the year 2013 on Monday, May 20, 2013, at four thirty (4:30) p.m.

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. Salter, duly seconded by Mr. Bedgood, that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby adopt a resolution appointing Mr. Aaron Johnson to the Natchitoches Parish Hospital Board of Directors to replace Mr. John Salter.

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

	Aye	Nay	Absent	Abstain
Councilman Salter	<u>X</u> __	___	__-	___
Councilman Bedgood	<u>X</u> __	___	__-	___
Councilman Johnson	__-	___	__-	<u>X</u> __
Councilman LaCour	<u>X</u> __	___	__-	___
Councilman Paige	__-	___	__-	<u>X</u> __

Motion Passed

On motion by Mr. Johnson, duly seconded by Mr. Paige, that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby authorize the Parish President to concur with DOTD's bid review and contract award for the Parish Local Road Safety Program signing project, with an allowance of up to 20% above the estimate of \$131,500.00.

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

	Aye	Nay	Absent	Abstain
Councilman Johnson	<u>X</u> —	—	—	—
Councilman Paige	<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 updated the Parish Council on the activities and accomplishments of the Highway Department. He then presented reports of emergency expenditures and a summary of what had been done in each Council District.

Chairman Bedgood then recognized Ms. Sharon Harris, OCS/Head Start Executive Director, who updated the Parish Council on the status of the different grant programs under her Department. She also told the Council that she had been asked if the Parish wanted to continue the RSVP Program. A brief discussion was ensued concerning this matter but no action was taken:

Chairman Bedgood then recognized Ms. Debbie Miley, Parish Treasurer, who presented to the Council reports on the March, 2013 Active Bookings for Inmates & Outstanding Coroner's/Inmate Expenses and a Quarterly Budget Report.

Chairman Bedgood also recognized Parish President Rick Nowlin who presented the Parish First Quarter of 2013 report. He spoke briefly on several highlights listed on the report.

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

On motion by Mr. Paige, duly seconded by Mr. LaCour, 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 Paige	<u>  x  </u>	—	—	—
Councilman LaCour	<u>  x  </u>	—	—	—
Councilman Bedgood	<u>  x  </u>	—	—	—
Councilman Johnson	<u>  x  </u>	—	—	—
Councilman Salter	<u>  x  </u>	—	—	—

Motion Passed

Attest:

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Rodney Bedgood, Chairman

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Catherine Hamilton,  
Interim Council Clerk