

PROCEEDINGS OF THE NATCHITOCHE PARISH COUNCIL
PARISH OF NATCHITOCHE, STATE OF LOUISIANA
TAKEN A REGULAR MEETING HELD, MONDAY,
September 21, 2015
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, September 21, 2015 for regular Natchitoches Parish Council meeting at five-thirty (5:30) o'clock p.m.

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

The invocation was given by Pastor Steve Harris and the Pledge of Allegiance led by Councilman Rodney Bedgood.

After the roll call there were present Chairman John Salter and Councilmen Rodney Bedgood, Ricky LaCour, and Chris Paige.

There was absent: Aaron Johnson.

Chairman Salter then asked if there were any visitors who would like to have a word and Mrs. Dollie Mahoney tax assessor gave her report on the Total Assessed Value, Total Taxable Value, Total Homestead Exemption, and Public Service for 2014 and 2015. Tax Assessor, Dollie Mahoney also gave a report on Total Dollars Received for the year 2014 and 2015 from Road District #40, General Alimony Inside City and Outside City, Courthouse Maintenance, Library, and Health Unit.

Chairman Salter stated the next agenda item to conduct a public hearing with the Natchitoches Parish Council sitting as a "Board of Review" to hear any and all protests or complaints on values of property for assessment purposes fixed by the Natchitoches Parish Tax Assessor.

On motion by Councilman Ricky LaCour, duly seconded by Councilman Rodney Bedgood, that the Natchitoches Parish Council sitting as a "Board of Review" opened the public hearing to hear any and all protests or complaints on values of property for assessment purposes fixed by the Natchitoches Parish Tax Assessor.

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

Ayes:	Councilman LaCour
Ayes:	Councilman Bedgood
Ayes:	Councilman Paige
Absent:	Councilman Johnson
Ayes :	Councilman Salter

Motion Passed

There were no protests or complaints on values of property for assessment purposes fixed by the Natchitoches Parish Tax Assessor.

On motion by Mr. Councilman Ricky LaCour, duly seconded by Councilman Rodney Bedgood, that the Natchitoches Parish Government, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby close the public hearing

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

Ayes: Councilman LaCour
Ayes: Councilman Bedgood
Ayes: Councilman Paige
Absent: Councilman Johnson
Ayes : Councilman Salter

Motion Passed

Relative to the items discussed during the public hearing, the following action was taken:

On motion by Councilman Rodney Bedgood, duly seconded by Councilman Ricky LaCour, that the Natchitoches Parish Government, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby agreed to uphold the assessed value levied by the Tax Assessor, Dollie C. Mahoney.

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

Ayes: Councilman Bedgood
Ayes: Councilman LaCour
Ayes: Councilman Paige
Absent: Councilman Johnson
Ayes : Councilman Salter

Motion Passed

Chairman Salter then asked were Mr. Danny Von Kanel, Teacher from L.P. Vaughn Elementary were present to talk about L.P. Vaughn Brick Fundraiser, but he wasn't present, but Parish President Rick Nowlin, gave a brief summary of what Mr. Danny Von Kanel was trying to accomplish with this project L.P. Vaughn raised \$10,000 last year and want to do a 5 year fundraiser to reach \$50,000 for the Art program for the school.

Chairman Salter asked were there any other visitors who would like to speak and there was none.

There were many public comments.

Ms. Veronica Hargrove, read a letter of the Infamous Posey Road wanted to give a big fat Thanks to all (individually and collectively) who listened, supported, and subsequently took the necessary action to make Posey Road a safer, more accessible, and much friendlier road to drive. The full article will be in the Editorial section of the Natchitoches Times.

Mr. John Hodgson, from Pardee Road, wanted to express him along with others residents from the Pardee Road didn't want the Pardee road made into a gravel road. He, stated this was told to him and he wanted to hear it from the source. Mr. Verret stated a couple of roads was being considered, but they had to poll the residents to see what they wanted, and for now the Pardee road will not be turned into a gravel road unless the majority of the residents can agree upon it.

Mr. Willie Valrie, from the Brickyard road, wanted to express his concerns about the Brickyard road. The residents just want the basic upkeep of their road. They need gravel and pot holes needs to be filled. Mr. Valrie, stated, the residents are not asking for anything big just want the general maintenance of the road. He asks if any gravel is left over could it be placed on the Brickyard road. He also wanted for the Parish to come up with another exist from the Brickyard in such cases if the railroad tracks are being worked on, because residents that lives back there need another way out.

Mr. John Alpin, wanted to ask if Mr. Verret have a list of roads they were considering to be scarifying, so he could post on his facebook page to let the residents know. Mr. Verret told him he is waiting on feedback from the residents, to see how they feel about their roads being scarifying. Mr. Verret did ask Mr. Alpin to get a poll of people on the Clark Road (outside of Clarence) and the Union Grove Road (Between Marthaville and Ajax)to see their input on those roads being scarifying.

Ms. Monique Sarpy, from Natchez, wanted to know what will be done about the Sewage System problem in Natchez. She said she have discussed it with Councilman Ricky LaCour. Ms. Sarpy, is concerned about the sewage lines and then the pumps.

Parish President, Rick Nowlin, stated the village of Natchez will be doing their own application through CDBG for funding and he will help in anyway needed to get their application completed.

On motion by Mr. Chris Paige, duly seconded by Mr. Ricky 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, August 17, 2015 and Special Meeting held Thursday August 6, 2015.

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

Ayes:	Councilman Paige
Ayes:	Councilman LaCour
Ayes:	Councilman Bedgood
Absent:	Councilman Johnson
Ayes :	Councilman Salter

Motion Passed

Chairman Salter stated the next item on the agenda was for Council approval of a project to submit for State Capital Outlay funding and CDBG funding.

Parish President Rick Nowlin, passed out a listing of previous Projects application to be resubmitted for balance required for Louisiana Capital Outlay Application. The list included Courthouse Security, Old River Road, OCS Addition, Payne Subdivision, Harmony Road, Goldonna Road, and Fish Hatchery Road.

Councilman Paige ask, Parish President Rick Nowlin, what was the status on Coco Bed and would they lose the money from the project. Both Parish President and Director of Public works said no money would be loss. They have two (2) years from application approval and if that time gets close they can ask for an extension, but Parish President says, he don't think an extension would be asked for, everything should have begun.

Councilman Paige also asked about Payne Subdivision, he wanted to know the status about the starting of Payne. He and the residents of Payne wanted to give the Council a whole heartily Thank you, because they're so excited about finally getting something done to Payne.

Councilman Bedgood wanted to know why Goldonna Road was high on the priority list and now it's at the bottom. He just wanted to know because the residents are asking him about it.

Parish President, Rick Nowlin, stated he have sent in the paperwork just like the Council had voted on the priority of the roads and he had made many calls and letters checking on these projects. He stated once its out of his office he has no control over how they get prioritize down there in Baton Rouge in the Governors office.

Mr. Larry Paige, wanted to know what criteria the Parish uses to prioritize the roads in the Parish. When you submit the roads to the legislature what criteria you use to place a certain road over another road. Do you look at schools?, How many residents on the roads? What is looked at when it comes to the decision making?

Parish President stated, they look at the conditions of the roads. The condition of the roads are the first that are looked at.

Ms. Erica Dupree, from Rex Waterwell road, wanted to know if their road was going to be fixed along with Payne Subdivision road, and she was told no. She then went to express she's a tax payer and wanted something done for her road she have been coming to the meetings and calling for something to be done on her road, she stated her mother was got ill and was needing to be transported by ambulance, and it took the emergency responders a while getting there and leaving there. They asked, How did the residents drive on that road on a daily basis? She wanted it to be known she was not happy about her road not being done with Payne Subdivision. She states they come out every 3 months for patching but its not working for Rex Water Well and Boston Fowler road.

Mr. Bernard Johnson, wanted a specific time line on Payne Subdivision, and Parish President, stated it will take 60-90 days just do hear back from the State with a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement, and we also us In-Kind for part of our match, and the Parish have to have their part of the match money, Parish President states it will be the middle of next year before work will begin in Payne Subdivision.

Randy Stelly spoke on he done a article on The Pain of Payne Subdivision and he wanted to know if the Parish President is working along with the Mayor of the City of Natchitoches to help with other things like the water, street lights, etc.

Parish President, stated the City and the Parish was directly working together to get the water problems taking care of. The Parish was working on trying to get the streets taken care of, he has no concrete plans for street lightening right now.

Mr. Ronald Payne, stated he has been attending all Council meetings and he hear the same thing over and over again. Ms. Donna Isaac and their committee done a detailed observation on the Parish roads and brought back three (3) ways in handling the road problem and Nothing is being done for the people still. He wanted the Council and

President to tell the people what they need to do about getting their roads done, give the people what they want.

Chairman Salter, stated he called Mr. Verret with two roads, that needed work done on them Bellwood, an Kistachie and Mr. Verret sent them to Red Rock Road, where there were no houses. Mr. Verret stated he didn't have any dump trucks or the resources to do those roads, and he was very much aware of the roads.

Parish President tried to say something and Chairman asked him to be quite it wasn't his turn to talk, but Parish President say if you're going to criticize I'm going to respond.

Councilman Bedgood, stated he wasn't criticizing anyone, but he wanted the residents to know, match money is needed for these projects and the Parish doesn't have any money for this, and he don't see any roads being done, unless there are other alternatives.

Ms. Donna Isaac, stood and stated the Road Advisory Commission she was placed on done detailed work and study and gave 3 options for the people to choose and when she was leaving that particular meeting, everyone was saying they didn't want a tax, so she states if you want your roads done, the people will need to vote for a tax. If they don't vote for a tax then they will continue to do choose to do nothing and roads will continue to be the same.

Pastor Steve Harris, just wanted to say, Rex Water Well, Boston Fowler, all those roads will be done, by everyone coming together and because he know what it takes to get it done. He stated that much needed prayer and working together will begin the process. The people just wants something done and for everyone to work together. He thought Councilman Paige was going to be jumping over the table, but he see Councilman Paige knows it's going to get done.

Councilman Paige, stated that his residents don't want another tax, if he wrong please advise him otherwise.

Randy Stelly said, under the old Police Jury people didn't trust passing a tax, but under the new form of government, Home Rule Charter, he's hearing some say they would support a tax, because it's been 18 years since the budget has been balanced under this new government. Councilman Chris Paige, and Chairman John Salter stated the budget is not balance if you owe the Sheriffs Department over \$800,000. Councilman Paige asked Parish President to define a balance budget to him.

Parish President stated through out a physical year if the Parish took in more than spent out you can have a balance budget, the debt is on a balance sheet. The Parish Government has reduce the million dollar deficit from the Police Jury by paying the Sheriff office additional \$5,000 within 30 months, to the current balance of \$804,223.17.

Parish President and Chairman had a very lengthy words for words on this matter.

Ms. Sylvia Morrow, wanted to let the Parish know that Mr. Clarence Hawkins from Rural Development may be able to help with money for roads in the Parish. She stated money is sent back because they didn't use it. She advised the Parish to contact Mr. Hawkins so he can advise them if Rural Development can be of assistant.

Chairman Salter, stated at this time he would like to amend the agenda by adding Resolution 25-2015 Recognition of the Retirement of Mrs. Judie Barnum.

On motion by Mr. Chris Paige, duly seconded by Mr. Ricky LaCour, that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby amend the agenda to add Resolution 25-2015 Recognition of the Retirement of Mrs. Judie Barnum.

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

Ayes: Councilman Paige
Ayes: Councilman LaCour
Ayes: Councilman Bedgood
Absent: Councilman Johnson
Ayes : Councilman Salter

Motion Passed

On motion by Mr. Chris Paige, duly seconded by Mr. Ricky LaCour, that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby adopt Resolution 25-2015 Recognition of the Retirement of Mrs. Judie Barnum.

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

Ayes: Councilman Paige
Ayes: Councilman LaCour
Ayes: Councilman Bedgood
Absent: Councilman Johnson
Ayes : Councilman Salter

Motion Passed

The Natchitoches Parish Council along with Parish President Rick Nowlin, presented a plaque and Resolution to Mrs. Judie Barnum for her 10 year dedicated employment with the Parish of Natchitoches. Pictures were also taken with Mrs. Barnum. Mrs. Barnum thanked everyone for the support that was given to her as Head Start Director.

Councilmen and Parish President, and Director of Public Works exchange comments and discussed the Capital Outlay for 2016 and CDBG for 2016 both application Deadline is for November 1, 2015 so a project(s) have to be chosen at this meeting.

Relatively to all of this lengthy discussion:

On motion by Mr. Chris Paige, duly seconded by Mr. Ricky LaCour, that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby approved the Parish President list of previous projects applications to be resubmitted for required balance with the additional roads of Boston Fowler, Rex Water Well, Bucks Grocery Road, Brickyard Road, and Holden Road and Payne Subdivision to be submitted for the CDBG Sewer System Project to get funded.

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

Ayes: Councilman Paige
Ayes: Councilman LaCour
Ayes: Councilman Bedgood
Absent: Councilman Johnson
Ayes : Councilman Salter

Motion Passed

Chairman Salter stated the next item on the agenda was for Council to approve the Introduction Of Ordinance #10-2015a budget for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2016 and ending December 31, 2016 and making appropriations for each Department, Project, and Account.

Treasurer, Debbie Miley passed out the Parish of Natchitoches 2016 Budget for the Council to view and look over for the adoption of it at next month's meeting.

On motion by Mr. Ricky LaCour, duly seconded by Mr. Chris Paige, that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby approved the Introduction Of Ordinance #10-2015 a budget for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2016 and ending December 31, 2016 and making appropriations for each Department, Project, and Account.

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

Ayes: Councilman LaCour
Ayes: Councilman Paige
Ayes: Councilman Bedgood
Absent: Councilman Johnson
Ayes : Councilman Salter

Motion Passed

Chairman Salter stated the next item on the agenda was Council to discuss the hiring process within the Parish Highway Department. Chairman Salter asked Public Works Director Mr. Nick Verret, why wasn't the position for Supervisor advertised in the paper for others to inquire about it, or those within the Department. Mr. Verret, said the process was approved by the Parish President, and that was all said, by Mr. Verret.

Parish President said everything was done correctly, but Chairman Salter, stated it was not done according the Parish Personnel Policy and he will get with the District Attorney to give an opinion on this procedure, was it done accordingly to the Natchitoches Parish Personnel Manual.

Chairman Salter stated the next item on the agenda was to authorize the Parish President to solicit proposals for the lease of a new dozer to replace the current dozer at the Parish Landfill, as the current lease expires on November 14, 2015.

On motion by Mr. Ricky LaCour, duly seconded by Mr. Rodney Bedgood, that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby approved to authorize the Parish President to solicit proposals for the lease of a new dozer to replace the current dozer at the Parish Landfill, as the current lease expires on November 14, 2015.

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

Ayes: Councilman LaCour
Ayes: Councilman Paige
Ayes: Councilman Bedgood
Absent: Councilman Johnson
Ayes : Councilman Salter

Motion Passed

Chairman Salter stated the next item on the agenda was Council to consider an extension of the parish road variance along Five Forks Road, relative to the mining operation at the Five Forks Mine.

Mr. Verret had the representatives from Five Forks to give a presentation and handouts on this project.

On motion by Mr. Rodney Bedgood, duly seconded by Mr. Chris Paige, that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby approved an extension of the parish road variance along Five Forks Road, relative to the mining operation at the Five Forks Mine.

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

Ayes: Councilman Bedgood
Ayes: Councilman Paige
Ayes: Councilman LaCour
Absent: Councilman Johnson
Ayes : Councilman Salter

Motion Passed

Chairman Salter stated the next item on the agenda was Council to authorize the Parish President to advertise for bids for hot mix asphalt patching and leveling work on the Kisatchie-Mora Road, Parish Road No. 920, utilizing funding from the U.S. Forest Service Secure Roads and Schools grant program, and to award the contract to the lowest responsible bidder, and to execute the contract.

On motion by Mr. Chris Paige, duly seconded by Mr. Rodney Bedgood, that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby approved to authorize the Parish President to advertise for bids for hot mix asphalt patching and leveling work on the Kisatchie-Mora Road, Parish Road No. 920, utilizing funding from the U.S. Forest Service Secure Roads and Schools grant program, and to award the contract to the lowest responsible bidder, and to execute the contract.

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

Ayes: Councilman Paige
Ayes: Councilman Bedgood
Ayes: Councilman LaCour
Absent: Councilman Johnson
Ayes : Councilman Salter

Motion Passed

Chairman Salter stated the next item on the agenda was for Council to consider awarding Consultant/Engineer for the LCDBG Program application.

A summary of Evaluations of Submittals Qualifications Statement for Engineering Services was given out and the award was given to Cothren, Graff, Smoak Engineers and the Summary of Evaluations of Submittals Qualifications Statements for Consulting Services was awarded to GNF Management Company, Inc.

On motion by Mr. Ricky LaCour, duly seconded by Mr. Rodney Bedgood, that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby approve the award of Engineering Services to Cothren, Graff, Smoak Engineers, and award of Consulting Services to GNF Management Company, Inc.

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

Ayes: Councilman LaCour
Ayes: Councilman Bedgood
Ayes: Councilman Paige
Absent: Councilman Johnson
Ayes : Councilman Salter

Motion Passed

Chairman Salter stated the next item on the agenda was Council to consider authorizing the Parish President to execute an amended agreement for the transfer of Five Forks Road to LA DOTD, with the Parish to retain the approximately 2,500 linear foot bypassed portion of the existing road in order to provide access to the Friday Road, Parish Road No. 226.

On motion by Mr. Rodney Bedgood, duly seconded by Mr. Chris Paige, that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby approved authorizing the Parish President to execute an amended agreement for the transfer of Five Forks Road to LA DOTD, with the Parish to retain the approximately 2,500 linear foot bypassed portion of the existing road in order to provide access to the Friday Road, Parish Road No. 226.

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

Ayes: Councilman Bedgood
Ayes: Councilman Paige
Ayes: Councilman LaCour
Absent: Councilman Johnson
Ayes : Councilman Salter

Motion Passed

Chairman Salter stated the next item on the agenda was Council to consider introduction of Ordinance 11-2015 authorizing the sale of Parish property (Assessor Parcel 8011015900) to the City of Natchitoches to serve as a future recreation site.

Parish President discussed this with the Council and gave out a current appraisal of the land from which the City of Natchitoches had prepared and other documents on this property.

On motion by Mr. Chris Paige, duly seconded by Mr. Ricky LaCour, that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby approved the introduction of Ordinance 11-2015 authorizing the sale of Parish property (Assessor Parcel 8011015900) to the City of Natchitoches to serve as a future recreation site.

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

Ayes: Councilman Paige
Ayes: Councilman LaCour
Ayes: Councilman Bedgood
Absent: Councilman Johnson
Ayes : Councilman Salter

Motion Passed

Chairman Salter stated the next item on the agenda was Council to consider introduction of Ordinance 12-2015 authorizing an Intergovernmental Agreement between the Parish of Natchitoches and the City of Natchitoches for Replacement of Defective Electrical Service Equipment to the Parish Courthouse.

On motion by Mr. Chris Paige, duly seconded by Mr. Ricky LaCour, that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby approved the introduction of Ordinance 12-2015 authorizing an Intergovernmental Agreement between the Parish of Natchitoches and the City of Natchitoches for Replacement of Defective Electrical Service Equipment to the Parish Courthouse.

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

Ayes: Councilman Paige
Ayes: Councilman LaCour
Ayes: Councilman Bedgood
Absent: Councilman Johnson
Ayes : Councilman Salter

Motion Passed

Chairman Salter stated the next item on the agenda was Council to consider introduction of Ordinance 13 -2015 authorizing the Parish President to enter into an agreement with the City of Natchitoches, the Natchitoches Parish Sheriff's Office and the Office of the Natchitoches Parish District Attorney in connection with the funding of a response vehicle and operating expenses for the use of the Natchitoches Parish Coroner.

On motion by Mr. Chris Paige, duly seconded by Mr. Ricky LaCour, that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby approved the introduction of Ordinance 13 -2015 authorizing the Parish President to enter into an agreement with the City of Natchitoches, the Natchitoches Parish Sheriff's Office and the Office of the Natchitoches Parish District Attorney in connection with the funding of a response vehicle and operating expenses for the use of the Natchitoches Parish Coroner.

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

Ayes: Councilman Paige
Ayes: Councilman LaCour
Ayes: Councilman Bedgood
Absent: Councilman Johnson
Ayes : Councilman Salter

Motion Passed

Chairman Salter stated the next the Council would have to amend the agenda to add several new items that needed to be approved at this meeting.

The first item that needed to be added to the agenda was for Council to consider a Resolution for Unemployment Benefit Insurance to change from TALX to Employers Unity, Inc. (The Parish of Natchitoches is self insured) Employers Unity, Inc. has better reports, training, and cheaper annual fee.

On motion by Mr. Chris Paige, duly seconded by Mr. Rodney Bedgood, that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby amend the agenda to a Resolution for Unemployment Benefit Insurance to change from TALX to Employers Unity, Inc. (The Parish of Natchitoches is self insured) Employers Unity, Inc. has better reports, training, and cheaper annual fee.

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

Ayes: Councilman Paige
Ayes: Councilman Bedgood
Ayes: Councilman LaCour
Absent: Councilman Johnson
Ayes : Councilman Salter

Motion Passed

Ms. Debbie Miley went over the difference between the two and then asked were there any questions or discussion.

On motion by Mr. Ricky LaCour, duly seconded by Mr. Rodney Bedgood, that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby approve a Resolution for Unemployment Benefit Insurance to change from TALX to Employers Unity, Inc. (The Parish of Natchitoches is self insured) Employers Unity, Inc. has better reports, training, and cheaper annual fee.

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

Ayes: Councilman LaCour
Ayes: Councilman Bedgood
Ayes: Councilman Paige
Absent: Councilman Johnson
Ayes : Councilman Salter

Motion Passed

Chairman Salter stated the second items that needed to be added to the agenda was Council to consider adopting a resolution confirming re-appointment/appointments to the following boards/commissions.

- A. Re-Appointment of Ms. Reba Phelps to the Natchitoches Parish Planning and Zoning Commission.
- B. Appointment of Mr. John A. Nicholas to the Natchitoches Parish 911 Communication Commission.

On motion by Mr. Ricky LaCour, duly seconded by Mr. Rodney Bedgood, that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby amend the agenda for Council to consider adopting a resolution confirming re-appointment/appointments to the following boards/commissions.

- A. Re-Appointment of Ms. Reba Phelps to the Natchitoches Parish Planning and Zoning Commission.
- B. Appointment of Mr. John A. Nicholas to the Natchitoches Parish 911 Communication Commission.

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

Ayes: Councilman LaCour
Ayes: Councilman Bedgood
Ayes: Councilman Paige
Absent: Councilman Johnson
Ayes : Councilman Salter

Motion Passed

On motion by Mr. Ricky LaCour, duly seconded by Mr. Rodney Bedgood, that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby approve adopting a resolution confirming re-appointment/appointments to the following boards/commissions.

- A. Re-Appointment of Ms. Reba Phelps to the Natchitoches Parish Planning and Zoning Commission.
- B. Appointment of Mr. John A. Nicholas to the Natchitoches Parish 911 Communication Commission.

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

Ayes: Councilman LaCour
Ayes: Councilman Bedgood
Ayes: Councilman Paige
Absent: Councilman Johnson
Ayes : Councilman Salter

Motion Passed

Chairman Salter stated the third item that needed to be added to the agenda was Council to consider Introducing Ordinance No. 14-2015 of 2015 authorizing the Parish President to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with Campti Field of Dreams, in connection with the use of three (3) parcels of Parish property by Campti Field of Dreams in its Agri-business operations, subject to the receipt of evidence of clear title to all three (3) parcels and approval of the Parish attorney.

On motion by Mr. Chris Paige, duly seconded by Mr. Ricky LaCour, that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby amend the agenda for Introducing Ordinance No. 14-2015 of 2015 authorizing the Parish President to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with Campti Field of Dreams, in connection with the use of three (3) parcels of Parish property by Campti Field of Dreams in its Agri-business operations, subject to the receipt of evidence of clear title to all three (3) parcels and approval of the Parish attorney.

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

Ayes: Councilman Paige
Ayes: Councilman LaCour
Ayes: Councilman Bedgood
Absent: Councilman Johnson
Ayes : Councilman Salter

Motion Passed

On motion by Mr. Ricky LaCour, duly seconded by Mr. Chris Paige, that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby approve Introducing Ordinance No. 14-2015 of 2015 authorizing the Parish President to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with Campti Field of Dreams, in connection with the use of three (3) parcels of Parish property by Campti Field of Dreams in its Agri-business operations, subject to the receipt of evidence of clear title to all three (3) parcels and approval of the Parish attorney.

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

Ayes: Councilman LaCour
Ayes: Councilman Paige
Ayes: Councilman Bedgood
Absent: Councilman Johnson
Ayes : Councilman Salter

Motion Passed

Chairman Salter stated the fourth item that needed to be added to the agenda was Council to consider a Proclamation for Head Start Awareness Month.

On motion by Mr. Chris Paige, duly seconded by Mr. Ricky LaCour, that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby amend the agenda for Council to consider a Proclamation for Head Start Awareness Month.

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

Ayes: Councilman LaCour
Ayes: Councilman Paige
Ayes: Councilman Bedgood
Absent: Councilman Johnson
Ayes : Councilman Salter

Motion Passed

Ms. Gilen Norwood discussed this Proclamation and read it for the Council.

On motion by Mr. Ricky LaCour, duly seconded by Mr. Rodney Bedgood that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby approve a Proclamation for Head Start Awareness Month.

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

Ayes: Councilman LaCour
Ayes: Councilman Bedgood
Ayes: Councilman Paige
Absent: Councilman Johnson
Ayes : Councilman Salter

Motion Passed

Chairman Salter stated the six item that needed to be added to the agenda was to consider authorizing Parish President to submit an application for the Louisiana Local Road Safety Program to add a barrier along Hampton Road in the vicinity of Bayou Poisson.

On motion by Mr. Ricky LaCour, duly seconded by Mr. Rodney Bedgood, that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby amend the agenda for Council to consider authorizing

Parish President to submit an application for the Louisiana Local Road Safety Program to add a barrier along Hampton Road in the vicinity of Bayou Poisson.

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

Ayes: Councilman LaCour
Ayes: Councilman Bedgood
Ayes: Councilman Paige
Absent: Councilman Johnson
Ayes : Councilman Salter

Motion Passed

On motion by Mr. Ricky LaCour, duly seconded by Mr. Chris Paige, that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby approve authorizing Parish President to submit an application for the Louisiana Local Road Safety Program to add a barrier along Hampton Road in the vicinity of Bayou Poisson.

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

Ayes: Councilman LaCour
Ayes: Councilman Paige
Ayes: Councilman Bedgood
Absent: Councilman Johnson
Ayes : Councilman Salter

Motion Passed

Chairman Salter then recognized Mr. Nick Verret, Director of Public Works, who presented his report.

The remaining repairs to the bridges on Shady Grove South Road were completed on August 18, allowing the bridges to carry loads up to 40 tons.

Extensive ditching work was recently completed on Eight Mile Loop. Due to the volume of grass and excess material on the shoulders and in the ditches, this work took seven (7) workdays to complete. Extensive shoulder work was also recently performed on Hampton Road, which took five (5) workdays to complete.

Equipment breakdowns over the past several weeks has limited roadside mowing, as well as shoulder and ditching operations [limited trucks to haul away spoil material].

Another recent constraint has been the extensive amount of work spent by office personnel and by the Director in providing documentation to FEMA for road repairs resulting from the recent Red River flood event, and also for the closeout of the road repair work that was performed back in 2008 and 2009 resulting from Hurricanes Gustav and Ike. This has necessitated the use of the receptionist/clerk/operator in the office instead of in the field as was done last summer. It is critical that all requested documentation be furnished for the completed repair work in a timely manner, otherwise the result will be the de-obligation of tens of thousands of dollars that have already been reimbursed to the Parish, meaning that the Parish will be forced to re-pay these amounts to FEMA.

1. **Scarifying Deteriorated Paved Roads** - Utilizing one of the new graders for which the lease began in mid-August and a rented self-propelled "sheepsfoot" roller, scarifying work has been completed on sections of the following deteriorated paved roads: Posey, Sylvest, Mora-Gorum, and Sisson. Additional work is planned on Union Grove Road and Clark Road. In general, the results have been positive, except for isolated areas where soil cement base or hot mix asphalt surfacing are present. Converting these roads to aggregate surfacing will allow the Parish Highway Department to maintain them with the equipment that is on hand, and will also eliminate the cost of repetitive cold-mix patching.
2. **Solid Waste** - Proposals have been solicited for the required fencing and concrete slab for conversion of the Readhimer bin site to a mini-compact station. Enclosure of the bin site at the intersection of LA-117 and LA-478 is pending disposal of the timber from the clearing operation.
3. **Johnson Chute Bridge Abutment Repairs** - Five proposals were received and, after evaluation, Uretek USA was selected to perform this work. A start date for this work has not yet been established.

Chairman Salter then recognizes Ms. Sharon Harris, OCS/Head Start Executive Director, she gave her 2014 year report with other reports:

Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program(LIHEAP)

Provided utility assistance to 86 households totaling \$33,100.00

Call for an appointment on October 7, 2015.

*2014 DHHS Carryover: September 18, 2015--\$25,640.81

Food for Seniors which provided 40-pound box to individuals 60 years or older.

August: 218 individuals.

Next distribution date September 24, 2015

Commodity provided food items to:

August: 122 families.

Next distribution date September 24, 2015

HEADSTART:

1. Enrollment as of today, 309 children
2. Waiting List 11 include all centers
3. Operating Days: 11
4. Attendance 87.5%

CHILD AND ADULT CARE FOOD PROGRAM (CACFP):

- Number of days meals served-11
- Average Daily Participation (ADA)
- Meals: Breakfast-2,195-ADA =200
- Lunch 2,196-ADA=200
- Snack 2,197-ADA=200
- Total Reimbursement Request \$12,752.45

SENIOR COMPANION PROGRAM (SCP)

- 42 SCP volunteers
- 6,030.50 volunteer hours - \$15,980.83
- 7,524.50 miles
- 50 clients
- 4 waiting for background checks

Chairman Salter then recognizes Ms. Debbie Miley, Parish Treasurer, Ms. Miley had to leave early due to medical condition but Mrs. Lynda Vance then went on to discuss her reports giving status updates on the 2015 Active Bookings for Inmates & Outstanding Coroners/Inmate Expenses.

Mrs. Vance asked the Council did they have any questions for her and there was none.

Chairman Salter then recognizes Parish President, Rick Nowlin who gave his report:

OCS/HEAD START:

HS Director Search: The director search committee has received two applications from existing program employees and interviews with the two candidates have been conducted. The committee recommended that the search be expanded to include potential candidates outside of the present program staff. The position advertisement was published and a number of additional applications have been received. The committee will interview and evaluate the candidates and report their findings.

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

On motion by Mr. Rodney Bedgood, duly seconded by Mr. Ricky 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:

Ayes:	Councilman Bedgood
Ayes:	Councilman LaCour
Absent:	Councilman Johnson
Ayes:	Councilman Paige
Ayes:	Councilman Salter

Motion Passed

Attest:

John Salter, Chairman

Sheryl Frederick,
Council Clerk