

Cooley

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that Jena is not a place that holds back very often. They’ll get rid of you in a heartbeat. I guess I made too many enemies there at the time. But if I had to do it over again I would do the exact same things. I believe you have to hold people accountable for different things. You have to listen and compromise where you have to as long as it doesn’t go against your integrity and beliefs. If you stick with that, you can be successful. I sent two kids to college playing football who had no business playing college football. They were good kids who worked hard. As a matter of fact, both kids starters on their team their senior year. There were a lot of impressive things that happened along the way. We had 20-something kids playing 3A football.”

BACK HOME

LSU trio named to Walter Camp preseason team

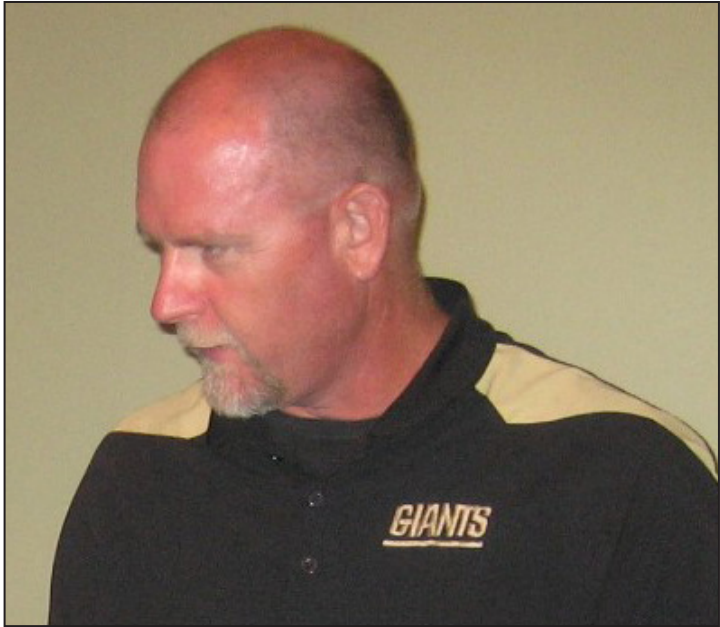
A trio of LSU players, including two-time All-America cornerback Derek Stingley, Jr., have been named to the Walter Camp Preseason All-America Team. Stingley and record-setting place-kicker Cade York were selected first

team preseason All-America by Walter Camp, while sophomore cornerback Eli Ricks earned a spot on the second team. Stingley, a Baton Rouge native who prepped at the Dunham School, goes into the 2021 season looking to join

Tommy Casanova as the only three-time first team All-Americans in LSU history. Casanova, who is a member of the College Football Hall of Fame, earned first team All-America honors as a defensive back from 1969-71. Stingley, who started all 15 games

as a true freshman during LSU’s 2019 national championship season, earned consensus All-America honors that year followed by first team All-America recognition from the AFCA in 2020. Stingley has recorded 65 tackles, six

interceptions and 26 pass breakups. York, a junior from McKinney, Texas, kicked his way into the LSU record books last year when he delivered a 57-yard game-winning field goal with 23 seconds left in the 37-34 victory over sixth-ranked Florida.



BERNIE COOLEY spent four years at Jena High as head football coach.

Cooley finished his four years at Jena with a 10-29 record. “We were winning as much as they were winning up to

that point,” Cooley said. “The third year I was there you could breathe a sigh of relief and everything had calmed down completely. They are rolling

right now. Jay Roark really has them moving forward and he is really doing great there. We had been there for quite a while and still have friends there. My wife still has best friends in that area. There’s good people around there. We had just decided to part ways. The next coach who replaced me lasted a year and it was that way until Coach Roark came in.” Roark is currently 67-32, passing Mack Fowler two years ago as having the most wins at Jena High. Roark replaced former Huntington and Ferriday coach Chad Harkins, who went 5-5 at Jena in 2011. Cooley, who was first-team all-district center in 1985 at Vidalia High, took the job as Viking Junior High football coach in 2012. He has been involved with Vidalia schools ever since.

“This is as long as I have worked anywhere,” he said. Cooley stayed at the junior high for three years before becoming assistant principal at Vidalia High for one year. Cooley just completed his fourth year as principal at Vidalia High. A year in which he had to deal with COVID-19. “A lot of the things I have been through before helped me deal with COVID,” he said. “The only thing with COVID is that you didn’t know what tomorrow would bring. Even with the Jena Six you knew tomorrow was going to bring some turmoil that you did have a bit of a way to control. A lot of times part of my job during the day was the make sure nobody was there who wasn’t supposed to be there. “Even when I started the football program at Pine Prairie I

had to be in court once a month in Lafayette because of the desegregation order,” Cooley said. “But there was some control in that. But with COVID you didn’t know what tomorrow was going to bring. You didn’t know when you were going to bed that night whether you would have school the next day. The COVID stuff has been the most difficult. Looking back at all the experiences over time, sometimes I wish I would not have had them. But it’s helped me be able to handle all the things I handle now.” Cooley said he doesn’t know how much longer he will work. “I don’t want to be that person that sits here and says one more year,” he said. “I think you have to set a plan. I can retire in two years, but I’m probably looking at five. It’s been quite a run. And it’s not over yet.”

Public Notices

Executive Department
Proclamation Number 109 JBE 2021

SPECIAL ELECTION – Justice of the Peace, Justice of the Peace District 2, Parish of Concordia

WHEREAS, a vacancy will exist in the office of the Justice of the Peace, Justice of the Peace District 2, Parish of Concordia, due to the resignation of the Honorable Kevin “Cajun” Friloux, effective June 30, 2021; and

WHEREAS, Louisiana Revised Statute 18:621 requires the Governor to call a special election to fill a vacancy in the office of a judge when more than twelve (12) months of the term remain unexpired, in accordance with the provisions of La. R.S. 18:621, and/or the dates for elections set forth in La. R.S. 18:402.

NOW THEREFORE, I, JOHN BEL EDWARDS, Governor of the State of Louisiana, by virtue of the authority vested by the Constitution and the laws of the State of Louisiana, do hereby order and direct as follows:

SECTION 1: A special primary and general election for the unexpired term shall be held throughout the jurisdiction of the Justice of the Peace District 2, Parish of Concordia, for the purpose of electing a justice of the peace to fill the vacancy in the office.

SECTION 2: Any qualified person desiring to become a candidate for the office shall file a notice of candidacy, accompanied either by a qualifying fee or a nominating petition, as required or authorized by law, with the appropriate election official in the manner and form, and under the procedures and conditions, provided by La. R.S. 18:461 et seq., and all other applicable provisions of the Louisiana Election Code, La. R.S. 18:1 et seq., during the period commencing Wednesday, July 14, 2021, and ending at 4:30 p.m. Friday, July 16, 2021.

SECTION 3: The special election for the unexpired term shall be held and conducted under the applicable provisions of the Louisiana Election Code, La. R.S. 18:1 et seq.

SECTION 4: The primary election shall be held Saturday, October 9, 2021, and the general election shall be held Saturday, November 13, 2021, at the times and places and in the manner, prescribed by law.

SECTION 5: The Secretary of State, Commissioner of Elections, Parish Board of Election Supervisors, Clerk of Court, Registrar of Voters, and all other persons charged with any power, function, right, duty or responsibility in conducting elections in the jurisdiction of the Justice of the Peace District 2, Parish of Concordia, are hereby authorized, requested, directed and empowered to exercise every lawful function and to do every act necessary to conduct the special election, to cause the returns to be made, to canvass and promulgate the results, and to perform all related and incidental functions.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand officially and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of Louisiana in the City of Baton Rouge, on this 11th day of June, 2021.

GOVERNOR OF LOUISIANA

ATTEST BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE

SECRETARY OF STATE

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Regular meeting of Concordia Waterworks District No. 1, May 18, 2021.

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m., Jean Fairbanks presiding.

INVOCATION: Mike Sanders

ROLL CALL: All Commissioners present

VISITORS: Charles Renfrow, Manager; Randall Butts; Janice Ford

Mike Sanders made a motion to adopt as written the minutes of the April 20, 2021 board meeting. Warren Enterkin seconded and motion carried.

New generator received and will be installed at the Frogmore Booster Station when the weather is better.

Discussion on transfer switch, waiting on a controller.

Waiting on new transformers and parts for the treatment plant

Don Linder made a motion to approve the May 2021 monthly bills and purchase orders. Catherine Cartwright seconded and motion carried.

Warren Enterkin made a motion to adopt the April 2021 budget. Mike Sanders seconded and motion carried.

Plans for the elevated tank overflows have been sent to the Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals for approval.

The Jonesville highway elevated tank will have a new valve installed.

Mrs. Fairbanks, President, declared the meeting over at 7:26 p.m.

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CONCORDIA PARISH FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT #2
REGULAR MEETING
May 11, 2021
5:00 P.M.

The Concordia Parish Fire Protection District #2 Board met this day in regular session convened. There were present the following officers and members to wit:

Chairperson:	Virgil Barnes
Members:	Margie McClure, Harvey Cowan
Fire Chief:	Vick Brown
Assist. Chief:	Robert Walker
Secretary/Treasurer:	Jan Smith
Absent:	Doyle Bryan, Dempsey Hillen

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Virgil Barnes following the roll call.

Motion was made by Ms. Hodge and duly seconded by Mr. Cowan to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held April 13, 2021. Motion unanimously passed.

Next on the agenda was adopting the 2021 millage rate. Mrs. Smith read aloud the resolution and a poll was taken:

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED, that the following millage(s) are hereby levied on the 2021 tax roll on all property subject to taxation by Concordia Fire Protection District #2:

MILLAGE

FIRE DISTRICT MAINTENANCE	6.94 mills
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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the proper administrative officials of the Parish of Concordia, State of Louisiana, be and they are hereby empowered, authorized, and directed to spread said taxes, as hereinabove set forth, upon the assessment roll of said Parish for the year 2021, and to make the collection of the taxes imposed for and on behalf of the taxing authority, according to law, and that the taxes herein levied shall become a permanent lien and privilege on all property subject to taxation as herein set forth, and collection thereof shall be enforceable in the manner provided by law.

The foregoing resolution was read in full, the roll was called on the adoption thereof, and the resolution was adopted by the following votes:

YEAS:	Virgil Barnes, Harvey Cowan, Margie Hodge
NAYS:	None
ABSTAINED:	None
ABSENT:	Doyle Bryan, Dempsey Hillen

CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and exact copy of the resolution adopted at the board meeting held on May 11, 2021, at which meeting a quorum was present and voting.

Vidalia, Louisiana, this 11th day of May, 2021.
(City, Town, Village)

Jan Smith
Secretary/Treasurer

Motion was made by Mr. Cowan and duly seconded by Ms. Hodge to pay the bills as per list presented. Motion unanimously passed.

Chief Brown reported:

1) The department had responded to 3 structure fires, 6 signal 20s, and 1 active shooter.

2) Engine 1 was in the shop.

3) That although many tasks had been addressed, there was still additional needs.

On motion by Mr. Cowan and duly seconded by Ms. Hodge for a letter to be written to the Concordia Parish Police Jury asking for Chief Brown to be put on their next agenda so that he could update the jury board on the tasks completed and the additional needs of the fire district. Motion unanimously passed.

Mrs. Smith presented the April 2021 budget report. After a brief discussion, motion was made by Mr. Cowan, duly seconded by Ms. Hodge, to accept the financial report. Motion unanimously passed.

There was no volunteer's report or correspondence.

There was no public comment.

There being no further business, motion was made by Mr. Cowan and duly seconded by Ms. Hodge to adjourn. Motion unanimously passed and the meeting was adjourned.

Jan Smith
Secretary/Treasurer

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP) FOR SOLID WASTE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL

The Village of Clayton does hereby Request for Proposals and will open same on:

Tuesday, August 3, 2021 at Clayton Town Hall, 101 Shady Lane, Clayton, Louisiana at 7:00 o'clock p.m. in an open meeting. RFP's will be accepted through 12:00 o'clock p.m. on Friday, July 30, 2021.

Qualified firms or companies should consider weekly collection and disposal of solid waste from the households of the Village. Said firm or company will provide and furnish any and all labor, equipment, machinery, transportation, tools, materials, and supplies necessary to perform the services in connection with this RFP. Detailed information regarding the scope of work/services, proposal submission requirements and criteria used to evaluate proposals may be obtained from the Village of Clayton Clerk's office.

Proposal Submission: All proposals must be submitted on forms contained in the RFP, which may be obtained by contacting the Village of Clayton Clerk's office located at 101 Shady Lane, Clayton, LA; by calling 318-757-8540; or by emailing townofclayton@gmail.com. Official RFP packets will be available for distribution by noon, Wednesday, June 16, 2021. Firms or companies desiring to provide services, as described in the RFP Scope of Work, shall submit their SOLID WASTE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL proposal to Sally Lewis, Village Clerk, by 12:00 p.m. (noon) on Friday, July 30, 2021 at via mail to Clayton Town Hall, P.O. Box 277, Clayton, LA 71326 or drop off at 101 Shady Lane, Clayton, LA 71326.

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PUBLIC NOTICE for PUBLIC HEARING
Town of Ferriday, Louisiana

The Town of Ferriday, Louisiana will hold a public hearing at 11 a.m. on Thursday, June 24, 2021 at the Ferriday Town Hall, 1116 2nd Street, Ferriday, LA. The purpose of the meeting is to obtain views on the housing and community development needs of the Town of Ferriday and to discuss the submission of an application for funding under the State of Louisiana FY 2022/2023 Community Development Block Grant (LCDBG) Program. The following items will be discussed at the hearing: A. The amount of funds available for proposed community development and housing activities; B. The range of activities available that may be undertaken, including the estimated amount of funds proposed to be used for activities that will benefit persons of low and moderate incomes; C. The plans of the Town of Ferriday for minimizing displaced persons as a result of activities assisted with such funds and the benefits to be provided by the Town of Ferriday to persons actually displaced as a result of such activities; and, D. The Town of Ferriday's past performance on LCDBG projects funded by the State of Louisiana. All residents, particularly low and moderate income persons and residents of slum and blighted areas of the Town of Ferriday are encouraged to attend this meeting. Accommodations will be made for persons with disabilities and non-English speaking individuals provided that three days notice is received by the Town of Ferriday. Those citizens unable to attend this hearing may submit their views and proposals until Monday, June 21st, 2021 in writing to:

Town of Ferriday, Louisiana
1116 2nd Street
Ferriday, LA 71334

Rydell Turner, Mayor

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MINUTES OF A SPECIAL PUBLIC MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE TOWN OF VIDALIA, LOUISIANA, HELD ON THURSDAY, MAY 20, 2021 AT 5:30 P.M. AT THE VIDALIA CITY HALL MEETING ROOM, 200 VERNON STEVENS BLVD., VIDALIA, LA

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Vidalia, Louisiana, met, in special session, at the Vidalia City Hall meeting room, in Vidalia, Louisiana, on Thursday, May 20, 2021, at 5:30 P.M.

There were present: Mayor Buz Craft, Aldermen Jon Betts, Brent Smith, Robert Gardner, Tommy Probst, and Alderwoman Rosa I. Demby.

There were absent: NONE.

There were also present: Jay Lasyone, Town Clerk; George C. Murray, Jr., Town Attorney; and Town Accountant, Debra Moak, CPA.

Also attending were several members of the Vidalia Port Commission, including Mr. Steve Weeks; Mr. Brannon Arthur; Mr. David Yates; Mr. Bryant Killen; and Mr. Wyly Gilfoil.

The meeting was opened by the Mayor with the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance by those present, and the invocation was given by Alderman Betts.

A quorum being present, the Mayor declared the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Vidalia, Louisiana, to be duly convened, in special session, as the governing authority of said municipality, and opened the meeting for the conduct of business.

The Mayor then opened the floor for public comments on current agenda items. Noting that there were no persons in attendance representing the public, therefore being no comments, the Mayor closed the floor for comments.

Agenda Item No. 1 was presentation on Vidalia Port including historical background, current developments and road map for achieving near-term and long-term goals. After making opening remarks, the Mayor turned the floor over to Mr. Wyly Gilfoil who ed the time line of Port developments. Mr. Bryant Killen then spoke on the future growth under the plans for the Port. After the Mayor made several comments on the progress of the Port, he turned the floor over to Mrs. Heather Malone who spoke on the development plan for the total Port Project. At the conclusion of those presentations, the Mayor thanked those doing them and made comments on the progress of the Port's development.

Agenda Item No. 2 was Board discussion and vote on approval of Intergovernmental Agreement and Lease of Property between the Town of Vidalia and Vidalia

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Port Commission. The Mayor then asked for a motion to approve the agreement and a motion was made by Alderman Betts to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement and Lease as presented to the Board and as contained in the packet, and the motion was seconded by Alderman Smith. There being no discussion, the Mayor asked for a roll call vote and the vote thereon was as follows: YEAS: Aldermen Betts, Gardner, Probst, Smith and Alderwoman Demby. The Clerk announced that the motion passed by five (5) YEAS, zero (0) NAYS vote. It was then moved by Alderman Gardner, seconded by Alderwoman Demby, to adjourn and the motion carried unanimously. The meeting was declared adjourned.

/s/ Jay LaSyone	/s/ Buz Craft
JAY LASYONE, TOWN CLERK	BUZ CRAFT, MAYOR

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**MINUTES OF A SPECIAL PUBLIC MEETING OF THE
MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN
OF THE TOWN OF VIDALIA, LOUISIANA,
HELD ON THURSDAY, MAY 27, 2021 AT 5:30 P.M.
AT THE VIDALIA CONFERENCE & CONVENTION CENTER,
112 FRONT STREET, VIDALIA, LA**

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Vidalia, Louisiana, met, in special session, at the Vidalia Conference & Convention Center, in Vidalia, Louisiana, on Thursday, May 27, 2021, at 5:30 P.M.

There were present: Mayor Buz Craft, Aldermen Jon Betts, Brent Smith, Robert Gardner, Tommy Probst, and Alderwoman Rosa I. Demby.

There were absent: NONE.

There were also present: Jay Lasyone, Town Clerk; George C. Murray, Jr., Town Attorney; Town Accountant, Debra Moak, CPA; and Pam Middleton, Executive Secretary to the Mayor.

Also attending were Scott McLemore, City Judge; Wyly Gilfoil and Bryant Killen, representing the Vidalia Port Commission; Police Chief Joey Merrill; and Fire Chief Johnnie Evans.

The meeting was opened by the Mayor with the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance by those present and the invocation was given by Alderman Betts.

A quorum being present, the Mayor declared the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Vidalia, Louisiana, to be duly convened, in special session, as the governing authority of said municipality, and opened the meeting for the conduct of business.

The Mayor then opened the floor for public comments on current agenda items. There being no comments, the Mayor closed the floor for comments.

Agenda Item No. 1 was presentation of proposed budget for fiscal year 2021-2022 (Debra Moak, CPA & Municipal Accountant). The Mayor made comments on the proposed budget and turned the floor over to Mrs. Moak for her presentation. Mrs. Moak went over many items in the proposed budget, as presented to the Board and as contained in their packets, and at the conclusion of her presentation, asked for comments and questions and there were no comments or questions. The Mayor thanked her for her thorough presentation.

Agenda Item No. 2 was Departmental reports. The Mayor first called on Mr. Lee Staggs to report on the Street & Sanitation Department. Mr. Staggs spoke to the Board and gave a summary of the significant items in the budget which are being requested by the Street & Sanitation Department. Those items included a back-hoe; a pick-up truck; a portable pressure washer; a device to re-claim the Freon from air the newer air conditioning systems which the old device will not re-claim; and a sand blaster. Following his presentation, Alderman Betts asked whether the sweeper needs replacing or will it be used for another year. Mr. Staggs replied that the head has been re-built and he plans to use it another year. Alderman Gardner then questioned the status of the 24 foot by 24 foot building for the employees. He was advised that it had been delivered that day and cost about \$11,000.00 less than anticipated. Alderman Gardner then asked about employee incentive increases based on the amount of work they do and Alderman Probst had questions about the status of street repairs and following replies to his questions, he stated that he was still concerned and wants to see action. He also indicated that he is still getting phone calls about sidewalks needing repaired. Next, the Mayor called on Richard Roth, head of the Electrical Department, and he spoke to the Board on the items in the budget for the Electrical Department, including an air compressor, a skid steer with attachments, which he wants to lease; the installation of several shut-off valves for the water system which would allow shutting off sections of the Town without having to shut off the whole Town for repairs; four (4) aerators and an additional lift station. There were no questions of Mr. Roth. Next, the Mayor called on Fire Chief, Johnnie Evans, who indicated that he has asked for a service truck to replace a 2003 vehicle; some oxygen equipment; a light bar for one of the vehicles; and to make repairs on their training building. There were no questions of Fire Chief Evans. Then the Mayor called on Regina Fleming who discussed the items in the budget for the Convention Center, including new LED lights; repairs to the roof; repairing the amphitheater; upgrades on the visual equipment; the audio equipment was done last year; and the need for an additional maintenance person. Next, the Mayor called on Mr. Bobby Paul, who discussed the needs of the IT Department. Then the Mayor called on Mr. Joe Dallalio to talk about the Recreation District, who indicated that they need a new mower. Following him, Chief Merrill spoke to the Board and indicated that he needs to order nine (9) vehicles to replace those that are aging out and reminded the Board that, these days, you have to ask for vehicles many more months ahead of time than in the past. He also indicated that he is talking to several persons in an attempt to find one who would manage the Police Department's fleet. He also discussed the need for new facilities at the training center. Chief Merrill was followed by Judge Scott McLemore, who gave an overview of the present situation at City Court. Lastly, Mr. Gilfoil gave a brief report on the conditions at the Port, as the Board had heard a much longer presentation at the Special Meeting of May 20.

Agenda Item No. 3 was public hearing on an Ordinance adopting the Operating Budget of Revenues and Expenses for the Town of Vidalia, Louisiana, for the fiscal year 2021-2022. The Mayor asked for a motion to open the public hearing. A motion was made by Alderman Betts, seconded by Alderwoman Demby, to open the public hearing and the motion passed unanimously. There were no questions or comments and the Mayor asked for a motion to close the public hearing. A motion was made by Alderman Gardner, seconded by Alderman Smith, to close the public hearing and the motion carried unanimously.

Agenda Item No.4 was Board discussion and vote on an Ordinance adopting the Operating Budget of Revenues and Expenses for the Town of Vidalia, Louisiana, for the fiscal year 2021-2022. The Mayor then asked for a motion to open the discussion of the Board and the motion was made by Alderman Betts, seconded by Alderman Smith, and unanimously carried. The Mayor then opened the floor for discussion by the Board members. Alderman Gardner spoke first and had a question concerning whether or not the salary for the Economic Development Director being in this budget. The Mayor advised that it was in this budget. Alderman Gardner then asked about the vehicle for the Code Enforcement Officer and the Mayor responded that they are looking at several sources to obtain a vehicle for him. Alderman Gardner then asked that research be done on insurance for the employees and their families. The Mayor indicated that the Administration searches each year for the best deal for the employees. Next, Alderman Gardner inquired about the status of the pumping station over by the levee. The Mayor stated that plans are in progress and that he understands that

there may be State Funds to pay for that project and that it would be much better to have the State pay for it than the Town. Alderman Gardner then stated that he wants to be notified when approval is given for the project. Alderman Gardner next stated that in the last budget there was \$150,000.00 for playgrounds and the Mayor reported that the Administration is in discussions with the School Board and the Recreation District to build a playground. Then, Alderman Gardner stated that he would like another \$150,000.00 be put in the budget for sidewalk repairs and new sidewalks. He then brought up his wish that \$10,000.00 be placed in the budget to remove the old swimming pool that used to be behind the Upper Elementary School. After some back and forth discussion, the Mayor advised him that he should request that of the School Board since he believes that they own the property. Finally, Alderman Gardner requested that the Hydro rebates be made twice a year instead of once a year. The Mayor explained to him that that is not possible, because the Ordinance requires that the total amount of the refund be calculated at the end of each year before the refund can be made. Alderman Gardner then made a motion that an additional \$150,000.00 be put in this year's budget for sidewalk repair and new sidewalks. Alderman Probst seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. The Mayor then advised that it was time to vote on the Ordinance adopting the Operating Budget of Revenues and Expenses for the fiscal year 2021-2022. A motion was made by Alderman Betts to adopt the budget, as presented, and as amended by Alderman Gardner concerning the sidewalks, and it was seconded by Alderman Smith. The vote thereon was as follows: YEAS: Aldermen Betts, Gardner, Probst, Smith and Alderwoman Demby. NAYS: NONE. The Clerk announced that the budget was adopted by a unanimous vote.

Agenda Item No. 5 was adjournment. The Mayor announced that there was no further business and asked for a motion to adjourn. A motion to adjourn was made by Alderman Gardner, seconded by Alderman Probst and unanimously carried. The meeting was declared adjourned.

s/ Jay LaSyone	/s/ Buz Craft
JAY LASYONE, TOWN CLERK	BUZ CRAFT, MAYOR

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**REGULAR MEETING OF THE VIDALIA PORT COMMISSION
HELD ON MARCH 9, 2021**

The Vidalia Port Commission met in regular session on Tuesday, 9 March 2021 at 8:30 A.M. in the Port Commission office at 1401 Carter Street.

Commissioners Randy Maxwell, President, Freddy Marks, Secretary-Treasurer, Brannon Arthur, Richard Young and Steve Weeks were present. Commissioner Catherine Cartwright was present via telephone, and David Yates, Vice President was absent. Wyly Gilfoil, port director, and Bryant Killen, deputy port director, were also present.

Mr. Maxwell called the meeting to order. The minutes from the February meeting were approved on a motion by Mr. Marks and second by Mr. Arthur.

Mr. Killen presented a report on construction projects. Ninety-five per cent of the Bulk Loading Facility Project has been billed through Pay Estimate 24, \$152,902.11 with a cumulative of \$8,124,959.67 of a current contract total of \$8,589,889.03. A Notice of Substantial Completion was filed 23 Oct 2020. All Punch List Items have been completed at this time. Slip & Bulk Pad-Public Notice Comment Period ended 3 Nov, but LA Wildlife & Fisheries requested an extension for further review. Pending comments and responses, and proof of wetland credits purchased, the Permit will be issued. It was further stated that we are waiting on the USACOE to submit their reviewed decision document to us to proceed. Expanded discussion was made involving USACOE or 5th Levee District's loss of our 408 permit application which was submitted in June of 2020. The Commission approved the Project Report on a motion by Mr. Arthur and second by Mr. Marks.

In other business, we discussed how the port commission would lease the port property from the TOV, and sublease to a terminal operator. This would be the case for the life of the Capital Outlay bond which was used to build the facility. An automatic trigger transferring the property from TOV to VPC would take place when the bond is exhausted. Further talks regarding terminal operator negotiations were made about Capex requirements (surge tank and pit). We are currently waiting on Greenfield's quote to come back in order for us to explore prepaid rent term options to ultimately have ownership of both. From there we were also awaiting a minimum tonnage guarantee that Greenfield estimates for year one with the addition of the tank and pit. A motion was made by Mr. Arthur and a second by Mr. Marks to approve Other Business.

The meeting adjourned on a motion by Mr. Weeks and a second my Mr. Young.

	Randy Maxwell President
Attest:	
Freddy Marks Secretary Treasurer	
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**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE VIDALIA PORT COMMISSION
HELD ON APRIL 5, 2021**

The Vidalia Port Commission met in special session on Monday, 5 April 2021 at 9:00 A.M. in the Port Commission office at 1401 Carter Street.

Commissioners Randy Maxwell, President, David Yates, Vice President, Brannon Arthur, Richard Young and Steve Weeks were present. Commissioner Catherine Cartwright and Freddy Marks, Secretary-Treasurer were absent. Wyly Gilfoil, port director, and Bryant Killen, deputy port director, were also present.

Mr. Maxwell called the meeting to order. Other Business item that was the primary focus in calling the special meeting was discussions of terminal operator negotiations. Mr. Gilfoil and Mr. Killen expressed that Watco-Greenfield negotiations had stalled, and that the rebate for the capex they are wanting vs. minimum guarantee tonnage would put our balance in a deficit. The port directors further stated that they had reached out to TRS (Terral River Service) and had met with them regarding interest in running the facility. They were very perceptive and had asked to attend the next regularly scheduled board meeting, which would be on 4/13/21. Several questions were fielded by the directors, as all commissioners were on the same page of, get the facility open and running. A motion was made by Mr. Arthur and a second by Mr. Yates to approve Other Business.

The meeting adjourned on a motion by Mr. Weeks and a second my Mr. Young.

	Randy Maxwell President
Attest:	
Freddy Marks Secretary Treasurer	
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IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

**Concordia Waterworks District 1 Failed to Take Corrective Action
Following Identification of a Significant Deficiency**

On October 29, 2019, the Louisiana Department of Health (LDH) performed a detailed inspection and engineering evaluation of our water system called a sanitary survey. During this sanitary survey, they identified one or more (2) significant deficiencies in our system. As our customers, you have a right to know what happened and what we are doing to correct this situation. According to EPA's Ground Water Rule, we were required to correct the deficiency (or deficiencies) or work with the State to develop a plan to correct the deficiency (or deficiencies). However, we failed to correct the deficiency or contact the State before the established deadline and have therefore violated a requirement of the Ground Water Rule.

What should I do?

There is nothing you need to do. The water remains safe to drink. You do not need to boil your water or take other corrective action. If a situation arises where the water is no longer safe to drink, you will be notified within 24 hours.

What does this mean?

This is not an emergency. If it had been an emergency, you would have been notified within 24 hours. This significant deficiency has the potential to result in lack of proper treatment and oversight of the water system. Inadequately treated or inadequately protected water may contain disease-causing organisms. These organisms can cause symptoms such as diarrhea, nausea, cramps, and associated headaches. While we have not detected any evidence of contamination or other health threats related to our source water, we are still committed to correcting the deficiency to eliminate the threat of contamination.

What was done?

The quality of the drinking water has not been compromised. This is a design issue on the overflows of the elevated tanks. The engineers have redesigned the overflows to correct the issues; Concordia Waterworks 1 will be taking construction bids to have the issues resolved.

Please share this information with all the other people who drink this water, especially those who may not have received this notice directly(for example people in apartments, nursing homes, schools, and businesses). You can do this by posting this notice in a public place or distributing copies by hand or mail.

For more information, please contact Concordia Waterworks 1 at 318-757-4353 or by mail at PO Box 768; Ferriday, LA 71334.

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INVITATION TO BIDDERS

**CPA PARKING LOT ADDITION
CONCORDIA PARISH SCHOOL BOARD**

Sealed bids and proposals CPA PARKING LOT ADDITION, will be received by the Concordia Parish School Board at their Central Office, 4358 HWY 84 West, Vidalia, LA, 71373 **until 6:00 P.M. local time on the 22nd day of July, 2021.** At that time, they will be opened and read aloud

CONTRACT TIME:		45 CALENDAR DAYS	
The work involves the installation of:			
Mobilization	Lump Sum	Lump Sum	
Clearing & Grubbing	Lump Sum	Lump Sum	
Removal of Asphalt (All Depths)	438.0	Square Yards	
Removal of Gravel	1,080.0	Square Yards	
Removal of Pipe (All Sizes)	34.0	Linear Feet	
Unclassified Excavation (PM)	172.0	Cubic Yards	
Excess Excavation(PM)	474.0	Cubic Yards	
Solid Sodding	1,820.0	Square Yards	
5" Thick Concrete Paving	1,458.0	Square Yards	
7" Thick Concrete Paving	1,645.0	Cubic Yards	
6" x 6" Concrete Header Curb	325.0	Linear Feet	
Crushed Stone, Size 610	460.0	Tons	
Concrete Sidewalk	28.0	Square Yards	
4" Wide Traffic Stripe (White)	1,061.0	Linear Feet	
Traffic Stripe (Blue)	150.0	Linear Feet	
Legend, Handicap Symbol (Blue)	2.0	Each	
Standard Road Sign, R7-8			
"Reserved Parking"	2.0	Each	
Loose Riprap (Size 200 Lb.)	4.4	Tons	
Geotextile Under Riprap (Type V)(AOS .21 - .43)	8.0	Square Yards	

Plans and specifications may be examined without charge www.jksllc.com or at the office of the Consulting Civil Engineers: Jordan, Kaiser & Sessions, LLC, 279 Lower Woodville Road, Natchez, Mississippi 39120, Telephone: 601-442-3628. Sets of plans, specifications, and contract documents which are required in order to submit a bid, may be obtained from the Consulting Civil Engineers upon receipt of \$50.00, non-refundable.

Proposal form will be furnished with the Specifications. In order to be considered, proposal shall be submitted on the proposal form and shall be properly marked and addressed as directed in the Specifications.

Each proposal shall be accompanied by a bid bond or certified check in the amount of Five Percent (5%) of the bidder's total proposal.

The successful bidder will be required to furnish a performance bond in the amount of One Hundred Percent (100%) of the bidder's contract price.

Only bids of Contractors licensed in the State of Louisiana will be considered.

The award, if made, will be made to the lowest and best bidder on the basis of published quantities, who is considered qualified by the Adams County Board of Supervisors. The Owner reserves the right to waive informalities in or to reject any or all bids.

	Tom O'Neal Concordia Parish School Board
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**LASALLE COMMUNITY ACTION
PUBLIC NOTICE**

Public Notice is hereby given that LaSalle Community Action Association Inc., provides services and benefits in a non-discriminatory manner. It is the legal and moral responsibility of this agency that no individual on the ground of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, disability, political affiliation or belief, and for beneficiaries only, citizenship or participation in CSBG, be excluded from participation in denied employment in the administration of or in connection with any CSBG funded program or activity.

Any questions relative to Equal Opportunity matters can be addressed to Martha Thomas at LaSalle Community Action Association, Inc., 825 Hwy 8, Sicily Island, Louisiana 71368, by calling (318)389-4810 or by calling Louisiana Relay Service at (1(800) 846-4277, email icaa@gmail.com.

An Equal Opportunity Employer/Program. Auxiliary aids and service are available upor request to individuals with disabilities.

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**INVITATION FOR ELECTRONIC BID PROPOSALS
06/23/2021**

The Concordia Waterworks will receive Electronic Bid Proposals for the construction of the project described as follows:

**CONCORDIA WATERWORKS
ELEVATED TANK IMPROVEMENTS**

Notice is hereby given that electronic bid proposals will be received for the Concordia Waterworks (Owner), by medwards@bha-engineers.com and kcapedpon@bha-engineers.com, or mailed to the office of the Engineer at Bryant Hammett & Associates, LLC, 6885 Hwy. 84, Ferriday, Louisiana 71334, **until 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, July 22, 2021** for the project described below:

The Project consists of elevated tank overflow improvements for two (2) elevated tanks.

All bids must be submitted on the proper form. The contractor must display his contractor's license number prominently on the outside of the envelope. Any bids received after the specified time and date will not be considered. Due to the Restrictions for COVID-19, bids will not be publicly opened. **Bids will be read aloud via conference call at 2:30 p.m. by calling (712)770-5505 ID: 630-738-215.**

To address the requirements for electronic bids, the bids must be submitted as follows:

A copy of the bid bond must be attached to bid document submitted electronically. The original bid package and bid bond documents must be received no later than 48 hours after the bid opening date and time (Mailed to the Engineer at 6885 Hwy. 84, Ferriday, LA 71334).

The Concordia Waterworks will not be responsible if the bidder cannot complete and submit a bid due to failure or incomplete delivery of the files submitted via the internet.

Prospective Bidders must be registered with the Engineer and obtain electronic Bid Documents from the Engineer in order to submit a bid. The Bidding Documents may be requested via email at bhallc@bha-engineers.com. Contractors desiring to bid shall provide evidence that they hold a State License of proper classification and in full force and effect. For contractor information, this project is classified as Highway Street & Bridge Construction. Hard copies of the Construction Documents are available upon payment of \$200.00 per set made payable to BH&A. Refunds will be given on the first set of documents furnished to bona fide prime bidders upon return of the clean, unmarked documents no later than ten days after receipt of bids.

In accordance with RS 38:2212 G(2) plans and specifications shall be available to bidders until twenty-four hours before bid opening date.

The Corporate Resolution must be signed and sealed. The Owner cannot waive any informalities on the bid form. The Owner reserves the right to reject any and all bids for just cause; such actions will be in accordance with title 38 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes.

Each bidder must deposit with his/her bid, security in the amount, form, and subject to the conditions provided in the Instructions to Bidders. Bid bonds shall be written by a surety or insurance company currently on the U.S. Department of the Treasury Financial Management Service list of approved bonding companies which is published annually in the Federal Register, or by a Louisiana domiciled insurance company with at least an A-rating in the latest printing of the A.M. Best's Key Rating Guide

to write individual bonds up to ten percent of policyholders' surplus as shown in the A.M. Best's Key Rating Guide or by an insurance company in good standing licensed to write bid bonds which is either domiciled in Louisiana or owned by Louisiana Residents.

The contractor may withdraw a bid by affidavit within 48 hours of the bid opening in accordance with LA R.S. 38§2214.C; for patently obvious, unintentional and substantial mechanical, clerical or mathematical errors. The Bids will remain subject to acceptance for Ninety (90) days after the Bid opening, or for such longer period of time that Bidder may agree to in writing upon request of Owner.

The successful bidder will be required to execute the Owner's Standard Form of Agreement/Contract for construction together with the Performance and Payment Bonds within ten (10) working days after issuance of the Notice of Award. Sureties used for obtaining bonds must appear as acceptable on the U.S. Department of Treasury Circular 570.

The Owner hereby notifies all offerors that in regard to any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, that Minority Business Enterprises will be afforded equal opportunity to submit offers in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, sex, national origin or disability in consideration for an award.

	Concordia Waterworks Jean Fairbanks, President
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Friday Noon
Notices accepted by mail or email
P.O. Box 1485
Ferriday, La 71334
legals@concordiasentinel.com
318-757-3646

Please note - confirmations for all public notices are always made by phone or email. Please include contact name and number on all correspondence and contact our office immediately if such confirmation is not received.

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