

Lady Demons add catcher

Experience behind the plate is a huge asset for any team and Northwestern State added just that on Thursday with the addition of North Texas catcher Ashlyn Walker.

The two-year backstop with more than 70 starts under her belt, batted .259 with 11 doubles and a .366 on-base percentage for UNT.

She also helped manage Conference USA's second-best pitching staff that produced a pair of all-conference pitchers, propelling the Mean Green to a conference championship and

NCAA Regional Final appearance this past season.

Walker cut down eight potential base stealers in 2022, fourth most in CUSA, and had a .985 fielding percentage. She committed just three errors, throwing or otherwise, in her two seasons and 81 games played at UNT.

As a freshman, Walker caught then teammate Hope Trautwein's perfect game where she struck out all 21 batters faced in a row against Arkansas-Pine Bluff.



VIDALIA HIGH FOOTBALL PLAYERS hit the weights Tuesday morning. (Phoyo by Joey Martin)

Former Lady Tiger now coaching

Former LSU Women's Basketball star Elaine Powell has been hired as an assistant coach at Georgia Southern.

Powell joins Tameka Johnson, who was recently hired at Western Kentucky, as the second former Tiger to land a college coaching job this off-season. Powell previously was the head coach at Langston

who LSU hosted in an exhibition game last season.

In her two seasons at LSU, Powell led the Tigers in scoring, scoring 20.1 points per game during the 1995-96 season and averaging 17.9 point the following season. She eclipsed 30 points in five games, including a career-high 33 points at SMU in 1996.

LSU hires diving coach

Drew Livingston, who led the Virginia diving program during the Cavaliers' back-to-back Women's NCAA titles, has been named the head diving coach at LSU, head swimming coach Rick Bishop announced.

"We are excited to have Drew return to LSU," Bishop said. "Over the past several years, Drew has developed great divers at Princeton and as part of a National Championship Team with UVA. He brings great technical and teaching skill that will help carry on the leg-

acy of success that Doug Shaffer established. Drew will be a great partner as we continue to develop the LSU Men's & Women's Swimming and Diving programs."

"I want to thank Rick Bishop and the administration for this opportunity to return to Baton Rouge and lead the LSU Diving program," Livingston said. "Rick has an exciting vision for the future of LSU Swimming and Diving, and I can't wait to join Rick and the rest of the coaching staff."

Allen writes way into Hall of Fame

By SCOOTER HOBBS
Written for the LSWA

It's a long-lost and forgotten ritual in these times, another innocent victim of the internet and Twitter and instant news, let alone online E-editions.

But back in the day, back when newspapers cost a quarter and you had to spend one if you wanted the news, it was quite the late-night thing for a select few. A few hours after an LSU football road game — after a frantic but well-orchestrated beer run to beat the closing laws — a gaggle of sports writers from the LSU beat, from all corners of the state, would belly up in one of their hotel rooms to reflect on the night.

The idle chatter wouldn't really be about the game — that was for fans — but rather their own prose and wit related to it.

And soon enough it would be time for a spirited game of Pass the Laptop. Join in at your own risk. It was, you see,

place for the faint-hearted, nor the self-conscious. Any praise usually came with the sarcasm font.

Basically, each of the writers would open their laptops, their night's finished work, and they'd get passed around the room from one to another for approval or ridicule.

Inevitably, as the old Radio Shacks — high tech for their day — made the rounds, the comments would start:

"It was working for Teddy tonight."

"Teddy's got it going here."

"It was happening for him."

"Good one, Teddy."

"I might as well quit and get a real job."

There would be touchdowns on that screen, maybe the odd interception or bad call and probably a final score somewhere. But there was a whole lot more — the emotions of the contest, the color and sounds and smells, probably something funny or offbeat, all of it tied together in an easy, flowing style.

Teddy Allen, with his deft touch for making those words dance to his own tune, was dang-near undefeated in Pass the Laptop, the envy of this strange fraternity.

In fact, "It's happening for ..." became a catch phrase in press boxes around the state and beyond.

That's probably as good a testament as any to why Teddy Allen is being inducted into the Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame, but certainly not the only reason.

Receiving the Louisiana Sports Writers Association's Distinguished Service Award in Sports Journalism, the former Mr. West Monroe High School is among the 12-person Class of 2022 being honored June 23-25 in Natchitoches. For participation information, visit LaSportsHall.com or call 318-238-4255.

This is a classic five-tool "media personality" we're dealing with here.

Teddy — it's easy to forget he has a last name — will always be a sportswriter. He keeps gravitating back to it. It was what he was always meant to be and, at heart, what he always will be.

But he's probably just as well known for his news- fea-

ture/humor columns that keep jumping from publication to publication in North Louisiana.

Or for his home-spun color commentary on Louisiana Tech sports radio broadcasts.

Or firing off Tech news bureau releases that people actually want to read.

Or as a much-in-demand speaker and master of ceremonies, such as his annual gig entertaining at the Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame induction ceremonies, where he has to tuck in his shirttail but still makes it look far too natural and easy (it's not).

This is a man who, in a pinch, can even bolt a face mask onto a football helmet for you.

Unassuming Renaissance Man. No, that's way too pretentious for Teddy. Man for All Seasons. Jack of all trades, maybe.

At any rate, the total package.

And all the while this Mayberry-esque son of a preacherman — outskirts of Mayberry, he says of his early upbringing in Lake View, S.C. — has been lifting self-deprecation to a high art form, laced with Olympic-quality aw-shucks-ing.

Don't be fooled, no matter how many times he calls somebody 20 years his junior "Mr. Dave" or "Miss Patty" or his references to just about anybody as "a beautiful human being."

He ain't no Gomer. This is a guy who cares deeply for his craft, whatever it is that chosen day. Works hard at it, with a lot of pride that he desperately tries to hide.

First Teddy had to give up a promising career digging ditches or cracking rocks or some such at the far end of the oil patch for Beacon Oil, up there near Homer.

A semester's worth of paid-up education didn't really take like an academic scholarship should — "Liked my friends, didn't like school," he says — so that's where he ended up, generally very disheveled out in the middle of nowhere among a "bunch of valves."

"If I'd kept working there," he says, "I'd have fallen on a crucial handle and blown up three parishes by mistake."

Most days his contribution to the oil and gas business finished up with him covered with

grass and the dust and chips from the native concrete and red dirt.

That was exactly the scenario when his future changed, there cleaning off his personal grit and grime outside the homeplace in Claiborne Parish where his father was by then preaching. Out of nowhere the local sheriff pulled up and apprehended him.

Teddy wasn't in any trouble. Sheriff J.R. "Snap" Oakes was also chairman of the deacons at dad's church.

But next thing Teddy knew, he was in the squad car and they were hell-bent speeding toward Ruston, finally rambling to a stop at the Louisiana Tech football field house.

Sheriff Snap declared sentence on Teddy, explaining to him that this was going to be his new home for a good while, and that he was going to work as a football manager on scholarship and that this time he was going to go to class most every day.

Soon enough he was learning to properly affix face masks to Tech helmets — equipment manager and future Tech athletic director Jim Oakes was Snap's son — along with whatever else he was told to do.

Mainly, "They told me to be available but not obvious, and also to out-dumb people. Just be regular," he says.

See, there's that self-deprecation gene kicking in again. Pay it no mind. It's a thing with him.

But when you're Teddy Allen, it's hard not to stick out in a crowd, no matter the unassuming posture.


Soon enough, word got out about his knack for words in that theme-writing class and legendary journalism professor Wiley Hilburn suggested he get himself on the school newspaper covering sports.

Teddy told the professor, "I don't know how to do that."

He got a quick lesson right there in the George T. Madison Hall parking lot from Hilburn.

"Write what you know," Hilburn told him.

Marshall was sports editor of the Tech Talk at the time. "It didn't take long for Teddy to figure it all out and when he did, it was obvious that he had — and has — a style all his own," he says.




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PROCES VERBAL

I Sally B. Lewis, Tax Collector for the Village of Clayton, Louisiana, do hereby certify that the foregoing and attached pages hereto and made a part hereof, is a true and correct list of delinquent taxpayers who have failed to pay their taxes for the 2021 showing their names, post office addresses and a brief description of their properties on which the taxes are due, and the amount of taxes; that the parties have failed to pay the taxes assessed to them on the property described in this list and a printed and written notice has been mailed to each of them by certified mail and signed by me officially notifying them that the property would be sold according to law; that each of the notices showed the amount the taxes due.

In faith whereof, I have closed the Proces Verbal this 11th day of May, 2022, in presence of the undersigned witnesses over the age of 14 years.

s/s Sally B. Lewis
Tax Collector

WITNESSES:

UNPAID TAXES FOR THE VILLAGE OF CLAYTON
May 11, 2022

ASSESSMENT NO.

0540009000 Forman, James Dewayne & Forman, Kendall Marie McClure
P.O. Box 304
Clayton, LA 71326
Lot 17, Bingham-McClure Addn.
\$5.06 Plus Cost

0540037300 Nettles, Rita Mechelle
136 Dianne St.
Clayton, LA 71326
Lot out of 1, Lazarus-Bingham Addn.
\$11.40 Plus Cost

0540038600 Walker, Willie
P.O. Box 333
Clayton, LA 71326
Lot 50 X 96 out of 4-acre Tract of Lula Keel Property
\$4.15 Plus Cost

5/18,25 6/1,6,15,22

REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATION STATEMENTS FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES

The Concordia Parish Police Jury is seeking assistance for engineering services related to the American Rescue Plan Act ("ARPA") funding for the purpose of sewer and potable water improvements. The procedures for the selection of this firm will be in accordance with the procurement requirements of ARPA funding. All responses received will be evaluated in accordance with the selection criteria and corresponding point system that is identified in the request for qualification statements package. That package also identifies the scope of services to be performed by the selected firm. The Concordia Parish Police Jury will award the contract to the respondent that is most advantageous to the Parish through the evaluation process.

Interested parties are invited to secure a package from Collin Edwards, President, or Sandi Burley, Secretary / Treasurer, Concordia Parish Police Jury, 4001 Carter Street, Room 1, Vidalia, LA 71373 or by phone at (318) 336-7151. The response to this request must be received by the Police Jury no later than 3:00 p.m. on June 23, 2022.

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The Concordia Parish Police Jury is an Equal Opportunity Employer. We encourage all small and minority-owned firms and women's business enterprises to apply.

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CONCORDIA PARISH FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT #2 REGULAR MEETING May 10, 2022 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:

Vice Chairman: Doyle Bryan

Members: Dempsey Hillen, Harvey Cowan
Fire Chief: Vick Brown
Secretary/Treasurer: Jan Smith
Absent: Margie McClure, Virgil Barnes

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chairman Doyle Bryan following the roll call.

There was no meeting for the month of April as there was no quorum.

Motion was made by Mr. Cowan and duly seconded by Mr. Hillen to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held March 12, 2022. Motion unanimously passed.

Mrs. Smith read the Resolution for the millage to be levied on the 2022 tax roll and the roll was called for verbal vote (see attached). The millage was unanimously approved at 6.94 mills.

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED, that the following millage(s) are hereby levied on the 2022 tax roll on all property subject to taxation by Concordia Fire Protection District #2:

MILLAGE

Fire District Maintenance	6.94 mills
(Tax for: e.g. General Alimony, Library, Maintenance)	

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 2022, 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:	Doyle Bryan, Harvey Cowan, Dempsey Hillen
NAYS:	NONE
ABSTAINED:	NONE
ABSENT:	Virgil Barnes, Margie McClure

CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and exact copy of the resolution adopted at the board meeting held on May 10, 2022, at which meeting a quorum was present and voting.

Vidalia, Louisiana, this 10th day of May, 2022.

Motion was made by Mr. Cowan and duly seconded by Mr. Hillen to pay the bills for the months of April and May as per lists presented. Motion unanimously passed.

Chief Brown reported:

1)The department had responded to 8 structure fires, 3 car fires, 4 Signal 20s, 1 kitchen fire, 2 medical calls and 3 grass fires.

Mrs. Smith presented the March and April Financial Reports for approval. Motion was made by Mr. Cowan and duly seconded by Mr. Hillen to approve the reports. Motion unanimously passed.

There was no correspondence.

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

Jan Smith
Secretary/Treasurer

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Concordia Parish School Board Committee Reports Educational/Personnel Policy Committee May 16, 2022

I. ACTION ON ITEMS INVOLVING SPENDING OF MONEY

1.0

II. ITEMS DISCUSSED

2.0 Resignations, Appointments, Requests for Leave>Returns from Leave, and Transfers

A. New Hires
•FHS Principal
•Resignations
•Retirees
•Request for Additional Pay for 12-Month Employees for
•Additional Responsibilities for Summer Learning
•Processing Additional Timesheets
•Assisting with School Cleaning
•Organizing and Monitoring Additional Bus Routes
•IDEA Service Expansions
•Monitoring of Instructional Programs
•Timesheets and Attendance Review

2.1 Redistricting Discussion

Concordia Parish School Board Committee Reports Finance Committee May 16, 2022

I. ACTION ON ITEMS INVOLVING SPENDING OF MONEY

1.0

II. ITEMS DISCUSSED

2.0 JKS Engineers Service for Additional Asphalt Work at CEC and FJH2.1 Expenditures and Revenue Discussion for the Month of April 20222.2 Mr. Worthy - Discussion of Merit Health Athletic Trainer Cost and Role in the District2.3 MOU for School Resource Officer

2.4 Request for Additional Pay for 12-Month Employees for Additional Responsibilities for Summer Learning
A. Processing Additional Timesheets
B. Assisting with School Cleaning
C. Organizing and Monitoring Additional Bus Routes
D. IDEA Service Expansions
E. Monitoring of Instructional Programs
F. Timesheets and Attendance Review

2.5 Redistricting

Concordia Parish School Board Committee Reports Building and Grounds Committee May 16, 2022

I. ACTION ON ITEMS INVOLVING SPENDING OF MONEY

1.0

II. ITEMS DISCUSSED

2.0 Review of Maintenance Budget
2.1 Local broadcasting company2.2 Summer work2.3 Information From Other Committees

A. JKS Engineers Service for Additional Asphalt Work at CEC and FJH
B. Monthly Expenditures for April 2022
C. Mr. Worthy - Discussion of Merit Health Athletic Trainer Cost and Role in the District
D. MOU for School Resource Officer
E. Request for Additional Pay for 12-Month Employees for Additional Responsibilities for Summer Learning
1. Processing Additional Timesheets
2. Assisting With School Cleaning
3. Organizing and Monitoring Additional Bus Routes
4. IDEA Service Expansions
5. Monitoring of Instructional Programs
6. Timesheets and Attendance Review

2.4 Redistricting

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF THE PARISH OF CONCORDIA, STATE OF LOUISIANA, TAKEN AT A PUBLIC HEARING HELD ON THURSDAY, MAY 19, 2022

The School Board of the Parish of Concordia, State of Louisiana, met in a Public Hearing Session at the Concordia Parish School Board office in Vidalia, Louisiana, on Thursday, May 19, 2022, at 6:00 o'clock p.m. The meeting was called to order by Mr. Fred Butcher who, after prayer and the Pledge, declared that the Board was ready for the transaction of business.

Mr. Tom O'Neal, Business Director, gave the Board Members and members of the General Public a brief overview of the proposed ad valorem tax millages for calendar year 2022. He explained that the public meeting was primarily being conducted in an effort to allow for public input into the levy and its process. He explained that the proposed millages were in fact the same as the prior year and without additional burden to the citizenry.

The proposed millages are as follows:

Maintenance and Operations of the System	24.49 mills
Additional Construction & Operations Support	12.73 mills
Constitutional Levy	2.78 mills.

Mr. O'Neal addressed several questions from the board relative to federal contributions versus the proposed local levies. With no questions being presented by the general public, he read the proposed Resolution covering the actual levy of such taxes.

It was moved by Dr. Riley, seconded by Mr. Raven and unanimously carried to close the public hearing at 6:15 PM.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF THE PARISH OF CONCORDIA, STATE OF LOUISIANA, TAKEN AT A REGULAR MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY, MAY 19, 2022

The School Board of the Parish of Concordia, State of Louisiana, met in Regular Session at the Concordia Parish School Board office in Vidalia, Louisiana, on Thursday, May 19, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. This meeting was held on May 19th instead of May 12th because of a scheduling conflict with the Ferriday High School graduation ceremony on May 12. The meeting was called to order by Mr. Fred Butcher following the close of the public hearing for comments on ad valorem tax millages for 2022. Mr. Butcher, after prayer and the Pledge, declared that the Board was ready for the transaction of business.

Board members present were Mrs. Dorothy Parker, Dr. Raymond Riley, Mr. Derrick Carson, Mr. Nicky Pere, Ms. Angela Hayes, Mrs. Lisette Forman, Mr. Ricky Raven, and Mr. Fred Butcher.

Mr. Warren Enterkin was absent.

Ms. Ursula Ashley, representing the Louisiana Federation of Teachers, asked if she may be able to address the Board. Upon such address, she asked the Board for their support of an increased state teacher and support personnel pay raise. This raise would be fully funded by the state Minimum Foundation Program (MFP). After discussion, it was moved by Mrs. Parker, seconded by Mr. Pere and unanimously carried to add this item to the agenda for appropriate action as Item A2. Mr. Butcher asked for a roll call vote.

Roll Call Vote:

Mrs. Dorothy Parker	Yea
Dr. Raymond Riley	Yea
Mr. Derrick Carson	Yea
Mr. Nicky Pere	Yea
Ms. Angela Hayes	Yea
Mrs. Lisette Forman	Yea
Mr. Ricky Raven	Yea
Mr. Fred Butcher	Yea

Motion passed with 8 Yeas, 0 Nays and one board member absent.

Marco Gonzalez with Volkert, Inc., gave an update on the Monterey High School Gym. The completion date is estimated to be sometime in August due to a delay in getting materials that have been ordered. Also, an \$8,000 change order was discussed to address drainage issues in the general area of a sidewalk and parking lot to be installed in the front corner of the new facility. It was moved by Mrs. Parker, seconded by Mrs. Forman and carried unanimously to add this item to the agenda for discussion and appropriate action at Item A3. A roll call vote was taken:

Roll Call Vote:

Mrs. Dorothy Parker	Yea
Dr. Raymond Riley	Yea
Mr. Derrick Carson	Yea
Mr. Nicky Pere	Yea
Ms. Angela Hayes	Yea
Mrs. Lisette Forman	Yea
Mr. Ricky Raven	Yea
Mr. Fred Butcher	Yea

Motion passed with 8 Yeas, 0 Nays and one board member absent.

Committee reports were presented. (see attached)

After the buildings and grounds committee report, discussion followed and it was moved by Dr. Riley, seconded by Mrs. Forman and unanimously carried to repair the press boxes and the work to begin as soon as possible since it's so difficult to get materials and get people to do work.

It was moved by Dr. Riley, seconded by Mr. Raven, and unanimously carried to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on April 14, 2022.

Mr. Fred Marsalis gave the financial report. It was moved by Mrs. Forman, seconded by Mr. Raven and unanimously carried to approve invoices in the amount of \$3,800,557 for the month of April 2022.

After discussion of Item A1, Adoption of Tax Millages for 2022, it was moved by Mrs. Parker, seconded by Dr. Riley and unanimously carried to adopt the tax millage renewals for 2022 as presented at the public hearing. A roll call vote was taken:

Roll Call Vote:

Mrs. Dorothy Parker	Yea
Dr. Raymond Riley	Yea
Mr. Derrick Carson	Yea
Mr. Nicky Pere	Yea
Ms. Angela Hayes	Yea
Mrs. Lisette Forman	Yea
Mr. Ricky Raven	Yea
Mr. Fred Butcher	Yea

Motion passed with 8 Yeas, 0 Nays and one board member absent.

After discussion of Item A2, Pay Raises for Teachers and School Support Staff, it was moved by Dr. Riley, seconded by Mr. Raven and unanimously carried to support the Louisiana Federation of Teachers and pass a resolution which supports the passage of a statewide pay raise for teachers and school support staff of \$2,500 for certified personnel and \$1,250 for classified employees.

After discussion of Item A3, Change Order for Monterey High School Gymnasium, it was moved by Mrs. Parker, seconded by Mrs. Forman and unanimously carried to approve the \$8,000 change order to level the sidewalk between the new gym and the parking lot.

Mr. O'Neal reviewed the updated redistricting plan which Dr. William Blair had presented at earlier meetings. Dr. Blair also confirmed the plan and asked if there were any questions. There were none. It was moved by Mr. Pere, seconded by

Mr. Carson and unanimously carried to approve the redistricting plan. A roll call vote was called for.

Roll Call Vote:

Mrs. Dorothy Parker	Yea
Dr. Raymond Riley	Yea
Mr. Derrick Carson	Yea
Mr. Nicky Pere	Yea
Ms. Angela Hayes	Yea
Mrs. Lisette Forman	Yea
Mr. Ricky Raven	Yea
Mr. Fred Butcher	Yea

Motion passed with 8 Yeas, 0 Nays and one board member absent.

Mr. O'Neal reminded the board members that last month Mr. Carson stated he was not pleased with several areas of the pavement in Ferriday, one at Ferriday Junior High and one at Ferriday Lower Elementary. Although not part of the original project, Mr. O'Neal informed the board that the contractor is at CEC, and we can get him to take care of these two areas before he leaves, which will be less expensive than bringing him back at a later date. The cost will be \$63,000 for both sites. It was moved by Mr. Carson, seconded by Mrs. Forman and unanimously carried to approve this work.

Mrs. Rhonda Moore presented the personnel report. The report was available in the board members' binders.

Concordia Parish School Board Personnel Announcements Regular School Board Meeting May 19, 2022

Leaves:

Kirby Kelly, Teacher, Ferriday High School, extended medical leave upon exhaustion of accumulated sick leave, effective May 1, 2022 through May 20, 2022.

Jessica Franklin, Secretary/Bookkeeper, Sales Tax Division, maternity leave, effective April 28, 2022 through June 30, 2022.

Resignations:

Janishia Butler, Teacher, Ferriday High School, effective May 2, 2022.

Rose Veasey, Teacher, Ferriday Junior High School, effective May 20, 2022.

Torrence Finley, Paraprofessional, CPAMST, effective May 11, 2022.

Glynda Green, Bookkeeper, Sales Tax Division, effective May 27, 2022.

Jaylan Green, Paraprofessional, Vidalia Lower Elementary School, effective May 20, 2022.

Karen Brown, Paraprofessional, Vidalia Lower Elementary School, effective August 3, 2022.

Appointments:

Shannon Doughty, Principal, Ferriday High School, effective June 1, 2022.

James Jones, Behavioral Interventionist, Ferriday High School, effective August 1, 2022.

Lori Scruggs, Teacher, Ferriday Lower Elementary School, effective August 1, 2022.

Jessica Carter, Director of Secondary Education, effective July 1, 2022.

Lisa Lewis, Assistant Principal, Vidalia Upper Elementary School, effective July 18, 2022.

Shannon Probst, Assistant Principal, Vidalia Junior High School, effective July 18, 2022.

It was moved by Dr. Riley, seconded by Mr. Raven and unanimously carried to approve the Concordia Sentinel as the Board's official journal.

It was moved by Mr. Carson, seconded by Mrs. Parker and unanimously carried to table discussion of the Memorandum of Understanding for School Resource Officer until the June meeting or if there is a special called meeting before the June meeting.

It was moved by Mr. Raven, seconded by Mrs. Forman and unanimously carried to approve supplemental pay for summer school for support staff in the amount of \$500 additional pay from ESSER funds.

Mr. Butcher recommended going to Item I next since Item G would be handled in executive session.

It was moved by Mrs. Parker, seconded by Mr. Raven and unanimously carried to table the matter of considering amending the employee payroll from a monthly disbursement to a bi-monthly disbursement. There will be a practice run conducted in August and another survey collected from employees on their preference regarding changing payroll disbursement at that time.

It was moved by Mrs. Parker, seconded by Mr. Raven and unanimously carried to enter into Executive Session to discuss the Smith et. al. vs. Concordia Parish School Board, et. al., suit. The time was 7:45 PM.

It was moved by Mrs. Parker, seconded by Mrs. Forman and unanimously carried to return from Executive Session into regular session at 8:31 PM.

It was moved by Dr. Riley, seconded by Mr. Raven and unanimously carried for the school board to direct the school board's counsel to oppose Delta Charter School's pending Motion to Dismiss Delta Charter School from the pending desegregation litigation.

It was moved by Dr. Riley, seconded by Mrs. Forman and carried unanimously to direct the School Board's counsel not to seek to recover attorney's fees from Delta Charter School related to the School Board's successful Motion for Further Relief and subsequent monitoring of Delta Charter School's compliance with its Court ordered obligations in the desegregation litigation.

Supt. Watson made the following announcements:

•We currently have 1,272 students enrolled in our summer program. This summer we will be offering an Emergency Medical Responder class for our juniors and seniors as well as welding and carpentry. Students who have completed NCCER Core will be working with various maintenance crews across the district and be compensated for their time.

•We have over 100 staff members who will go to the Teacher Leader Summit this summer.

•On Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday we have Concordia Parish Leadership University where we will be collaborating on such things as Master Schedules, District Discipline Policy Workshop, Leadership Team Collaboration Training, and Fireside Conversation and Book Study Overview on Customer Service.

It was moved by Mr. Carson, seconded by Mr. Raven and unanimously carried to adjourn at 8:35 PM.

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ENERGY NOTICE

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to Article IV, Section 21(D)(1) of the Louisiana Constitution, that on May 31, 2022, Entergy Louisiana, LLC ("ELL"), a public utility providing retail electric and gas service throughout the State of Louisiana, filed with the Louisiana Public Service Commission ("LPSC") its Formula Rate Plan ("FRP") Rider Schedule FRP Evaluation Report and Workpapers for Test Year 2021.

The filing reflects an earned return on common equity ("EROE") for the 2021 Evaluation Period/Test Year of 8.33%, which is below the approved FRP dead band and results in an increase to Base Rider FRP Revenue of approximately \$65.3 million. Other changes in FRP Revenue driven by reduction in the amount of TCJA-related credits, additions to Transmission and Distribution plant in service reflected through the Transmission Recovery Mechanism ("TRM") and Distribution Recovery Mechanism ("DRM") offset by an increase in net MISO revenues leads to a net increase in FRP Revenue of \$152.9 million. The resulting FRP factors to be applied to the respective ELL rate classes (including Legacy ELL and Legacy EGSL rate classes) effective for customer bills rendered on and after the first billing cycle of September 2022, are as follows:

Ln No.	Rate Class	Total	Total ELL FRP Rate Adj.
1	ELL- Residential		77.1723%
2	ELL- Small General Service		75.1180%
3	ELL- Large General Service		75.4652%

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4	ELL- Large Industrial Power Service	72.1698%
5	ELL- Large Load, High Load Factor Power Service	72.0195%
6	ELL- Large Industrial Service	73.5680%
7	ELL- Lighting	75.9715%
8	EGSL- Residential	73.5187%
9	EGSL- Small General Service	72.2852%
10	EGSL- General Service	72.0406%
11	EGSL- Large Power Service	68.5169
12	EGSL- High Load Factor Service	68.4199%
13	EGSL- Municipal Water Pumping Service	71.8029%
14	EGSL- Street & Area Lighting	72.0131%

It is estimated that the proposed adjustment in rates will have the following effects upon applicable Legacy ELL customers' typical monthly bills: for a Residential customer using 1,000 kWh the bill would change by approximately \$5.77; for a Small General Service customer using 50 kW and 12,500 kWh the bill would change by approximately \$71.55; for a Large General Service customer using 1,000 kW and 500,000 kWh the bill would change by approximately \$1,655.02.

It is estimated that the proposed adjustment in rates will have the following effects upon applicable Legacy EGSL customers' typical monthly bills: for a Residential customer using 1,000 kWh the bill would change by approximately \$4.79; for a Small General Service customer using 5000 kWh the bill would change by approximately \$27.27; for a Large General Service customer using 500 kW and 255,500 kWh the bill would change by approximately \$685.68.

For questions and comments regarding ELL's filing, please call the LPSC toll free at (800) 256-2397. Additionally, the filing, including its attachments may be viewed in the Records Division of the LPSC at the following address:

Records Division
602 N. 5th Street, 12th Floor
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70802
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**PARISH POLICE JURY
REGULAR MEETING
MAY 23, 2022
6:00 P.M.**

The Police Jury of Concordia Parish met this day in regular session convened. There were present the following members:

President: Collin Edwards
Members: Maurice Bachus, Joseph Parker, Sr., Willie Yearby, Gary Neal, Scottie Whittington, Adam Probst, Genesia Allen, Brad Adams

Absent:

Secretary Treasurer: Sandi T. Burley
Invocation: Mr. Yearby
Pledge of Allegiance: Mr. Parker

A) Mr. Edwards opened the Public Hearing
1) Ordinance 2022-01 – Creation and Participation in the Northeast Louisiana Railroad Development District
2) Resolution 22-015 Millage – Roll Forward Adjusted Millage Rates
3) Resolution 22-016 – Roll Forward Assessment Roll for 2022
4) Ordinance 2022-05- Adopt Perch Hole Bayou and Red Oak Tree Lane into Parish Road System

B) Under Public Comments
1) Ordinance 2022-01 – General comments were in support of the bringing the railroad back to the parish.
2) Resolution 22-015 and Resolution 22-016 – Mr. Bachus asked Ms. Archer, Assessor to explain the millage process. Ms. Archer explained the roll forward and "calling for an assessment" process.
3) Ordinance 2022-05 – One resident spoke to object the addition of roads.

C) There be no further comments, Mr. Edwards Closed the Public Hearing.

1) The meeting was called to order by Mr. Edwards. Ms. Burley conducted the roll call and a quorum was declared present.

2) A motion was made by Mr. Probst seconded by Mr. Yearby to approve the minutes of the May 9, 2022 meeting as distributed. Motion carried unanimously.

3) Ms. Ellen Yates was scheduled to address the Jurors, but was not present.

4) Mr. Probst introduced Mr. and Mrs. Booty of Forest Road. Discussion of the back end of Forest Road being the part that is no longer gravel. The Booty's discussed that they have mowed and maintained the area and now own all the lots surrounding this area but have no access road to build. Mr. Guillory stated that he had spoken with the previous Superintendent, Mr. Pugh, and was told that once upon a time the road was in the parish system but the owners asked the parish to discontinue maintenance. The proposed road is on a plat is per Curtis Nelson was about 150 feet from end of the road to the culvert. Mr. Parker made a motion to allow the Superintendent to investigate the matter and report back to the Jurors what needs to be done. The motion was seconded by Mr. Yearby and carried unanimously.

5) Mrs. Jeannie Archer with the Assessor's Office spoke next. Mrs. Archer discussed updates to aerial imagery that were needed and presented two quotes for the Jurors to review. The difference in the costs on each quote was based on the quality of imagery. Mrs. Archer asked the Jurors for an ARPA allocation to fund the initial flyover at a cost of \$117,098 and the Assessor's office would pay for the remaining two. This would allow for 3 fly overs over the next six to nine years. A key component is that Eagleview includes a free fly over within two days after a major disaster and have the imagery available within one week. Other free key components include the ability to add layers such as all fire hydrants in the parish to help the fire departments

Mr. Parker asked why other entities were not helping with the costs. Mrs. Archer responded that nobody wants to pay for the service, only receive the revenues. Mrs. Archer explained that when houses burn, torn down, or other changes to a property, the Assessor's office needs to denote this on the property description for better assessment.

Mrs. Archer also shared the website visits and statistics for year to date. The main requester of shape files is the 911 office to help enhance their abilities to view and respond to areas. The portal is offered at no charge to the public. The Assessor's office spends approximately \$60,000 each year to make updates. Mrs. Archer asked for approval to allocate funds once that second round of ARPA funding is received.

A motion was made by Mr. Parker seconded by Mr. Yearby to have the Finance Committee meet to discuss the allocation and report back to the Jurors with their recommendations. Motion carried unanimously.

6) A motion was made by Mr. Probst seconded by Mr. Yearby to adopt Ordinance 2022-01: Creation of the Northeast Louisiana Railroad Development District. Motion carried unanimously. (See addendum for ordinance.)

7) A motion was made by Mr. Probst seconded by Mr. Yearby to adopt Resolution 22-015 – Millage Roll Forward to Adjusted Millage Rates. Motion carried unanimously. (See addendum for resolution.)

8) A motion was made by Mr. Yearby seconded by Mr. Whittington to adopt Resolution 22-016 – Roll Forward Assessment Roll for 2022. Motion carried unanimously. (See addendum for resolution.)

9) A motion was made by Mr. Parker seconded by Ms. Allen to adopt Resolution 22-017 – Support of Veterans Hospital, Alexandria. The resolution urges US Congress to reject the recommendation to close the hospital as recommended by the US Department of Veterans Affairs. Motion carried unanimously. (See addendum for resolution.)

10) A motion was made by Mr. Probst seconded by Ms. Allen to adopt Resolution 22-018 – Library Millage – non roll forward. Motion carried unanimously. (See addendum for resolution.)

11) A motion was made by Mr. Adams seconded by Mr. Yearby to adopt Ordinance 2022-05 adopting Perch Hole Bayou Road and Red Oak Tree Lane into the parish road system. Under public comment, one resident spoke against adding more roads to the parish. Former Juror, Willie Dunbar stated in the past the Juror voted not to take anymore roads in the parish until the road debt was paid in full. He also

spoke of decisions not to take roads that connect to a blacktop highway. Further discussion ensued. There is no ordinance adopted previously by the parish to prevent the current jurors from adding roads to the parish system. Motion carried unanimously. (See addendum for ordinance.)

12) A request and hold harmless was received by the Concordia Parish School Board to place two culverts at Ferriday Lower Elementary. The culverts have been purchased by CPSB to install. A motion was made by Mr. Bachus seconded by Mr. Yearby and carried unanimously.

13) A request and hold harmless was received by the Concordia Parish School Board to spray the fence line at Ferriday High School and Vidalia High School. A motion was made by Mr. Bachus seconded by Ms. Allen and carried unanimously.

14) A request and hold harmless was received by the Concordia Recreation District #1 to spray the fence line at Montgomery Square (aka Fort Bowie). A motion was made by Mr. Bachus seconded by Ms. Allen and carried unanimously.

15) Committee Reports / Action:

a) Finance – Ratify the 2021 Quarter 4 final budget – A motion was made by Mr. Probst seconded by Mr. Yearby to ratify the final 2021 budget. Motion carried unanimously.

b) Courthouse –
1) The main water heater for the courthouse has quit working and repair costs to replace the expansion tank are being sought. Ms. Burley asked for permission to approve the expenditure once proper quotes have been received and reviewed. A motion was made by Mr. Yearby seconded by Ms. Allen to approve the purchase and plumbing of a new water heater.
2) The main doors to the courthouse need adjusting to properly close. The scope of the solution is made difficult by the doors being bolted into concrete. In order to properly adjust, these floor plates would need to be removed and adjustments made. The main access door to the freight elevator also will not close. A quote had been received for repairs for review. Additional quotes are being obtained. Ms. Burley asked for an approval to move forward with the work needed once proper quotes have been obtained. A motion was made by Ms. Allen seconded by Mr. Neal and carried unanimously to approve the expenditure.

16) Ms. Burley gave an update on open projects of the parish. Key updates were: **Brushy Bayou** – Jordan, Kaiser, and Sessions have received final review approval from DOTD. Once the final stamps and documents are made available these will be sent to GOHSEP to continue the application for funding and awarding of phase two.

PA 4462 – The asphalt portion of this project is in final review for funding approval. The gravel portion has been approved and materials and timeline will need to be coordinated once the Mississippi River is low enough to conduct the work needed. Bid documents for reconstructing the asphalt roads are in progress. A uniform scope of work to standardize the work needed has been challenging.
HM 4590 – Working with public entities for mitigation needs from the winter storm. So far, generators are the biggest key component needed to keep operations running. An extension for the application has been given statewide.
Broadband – No updates on awards have been received.
ARPA – A Cooperative Endeavor Agreement is needed with Lake St. John Waterworks to use their allocation for matching funds toward a \$1.2 million grant from DOA-OCDC.

A motion was made by Mr. Parker seconded by Mr. Yearby to authorize the President to execute the CEA. Motion carried unanimously.

17) Jurors brought forward the following Ordinance Violations:
Yearby – Concordia Park between 396 & 412, vacant lot, needs grass mowed
Whittington – 837 Mooselodge, trash
Neal – Curtis Nelson asked for the Carroll Place on Belle Grove be cited for trash and debris.
A motion was made by Mr. Probst seconded by Mr. Yearby to cite the above violations. Motion carried unanimously.

18) Under the Secretary / Treasurer's Report, Ms. Burley brought forward:
a) Syrah Event, Tuesday May 24, 2022 at 5:30.
b) Audit Schedule – Auditors will be in the office next week to continue the 2021 audit
c) Upcoming Holiday Schedule – the offices will be closed May 30 and June 20

19) A motion was made by Mr. Parker seconded by Mr. Yearby and carried unanimously to approve the following liquor licenses:
R&J's Food Management dba Duck's Nest II; Panola Woods Country Club, and Illusions, LLC

20) Mr. Guillory gave the following updates on Superintendent's Work Orders.
The new tractor warranty is expiring. Quotes were received on renewing the warranty. Mr. Guillory stated he would review the quotes and would present the best option at the next meeting.
610 (yards) – 16 Ron Road; 15 Herbert Crouch; 16 Foreman Road; 45 Archer Road; 15 Ellard Road; 15 Hammett Addition; 16 Luttrull
Pitrun (yards) – 106 on Hailey; 15 Herbert Crouch; 16 Hammett Addition; 90 Archer Road; 10 Mooselodge Road
Maintenance Gravel (yards) – 15 Ames Road

Discussed again needing a new ice machine. Cost estimate is approximately \$4,000. Mr. Edwards stated to hold off on purchasing a new one until other repairs could be made.

Culverts needed – Ellard Road – 18x30 for approximately \$2,000; getting quotes.

A motion was made by Mr. Probst seconded by Mr. Yearby to approve the materials. No further comments. Motion carried unanimously.

21) Work Orders from the Jurors were next brought forward. A motion was made by Mr. Adams seconded by Mr. Probst to approve the following:
Yearby – ditch needs cleaning out behind Country Estates sewer pond (see email)
Neal – discussed clean up of adjudicated property on Ferriday Drive in Ridgecrest;

22) Under Correspondence, Ms. Patricia Metcalf wanted to know how to get on the agenda to fix Boggy Bayou Road – needs road repair and a curve sign. Information was given.

23) A motion was made by Mr. Probst seconded by Mr. Parker to enter into executive session. Motion carried unanimously. A motion was made by Mr. Parker seconded by Mr. Yearby to exit executive session and return to the regular meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

24) A motion was made by Ms. Allen seconded by Mr. Whittington to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

Sandi T. Burley, Secretary / Treasurer

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**Village of Ridgecrest
Regular Meeting
June 14, 2022**

1) Mayor Carroll called the meeting to order at 6 pm.

2) The Invocation was led by Alderwoman Barrett.

3) Mayor Carroll led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4) A roll call was conducted. Those present were: Alderwoman Barrett, Alderwoman Humphries, and Mayor Carroll. A quorum was declared. (Also present Attorney Stuart Boykin and Chief Micheal Johnson.)

5) Mayor Carroll opened the meeting for public comments on agenda items. No open comments. Mayor closed the floor. Motion was made by Alderwoman Humphries seconded by Alderwoman Barrett and carried unanimously.

6) A motion was made by Alderwoman Humphries seconded by Alderwoman Barrett to approve the minutes of the meeting held May 10, 2022 as distributed. There were no changes, motion carried unanimously.

7) The CPA report May, 2022 was next discussed for approval. A motion was made by Alderwoman Humphries seconded by Alderwoman Barrett to approve the report as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

8) Under the Mayor's Report, Mayor Carroll gave an update on the discussion regarding ARPA funds and where they should be allocated. A motion was made by Alderwoman Humphries seconded by Alderwoman Barrett. Motion carried unanimously.

9) New Business

A) Resolution CWEP/LGAPA motion was made by Alderwoman Humphries, seconded by Alderwoman Boyler and carried unanimously.

B) The Mayor discussed that \$4,000 in funds is set to arrive in regards to the ice storm. Mayor also discussed remaining with Stuart Boykin as lawyer for the Village of Ridgecrest. A motion was made by Alderwoman Humphries seconded by Alderwoman Barrett to table the decision. Motion carried unanimously.

10) There being no further matters to discuss, a motion was made by Alderwoman Humphries seconded by Alderwoman Barrett to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

Veller Ray Carroll, Mayor

Sandi T. Burley, Secretary/Treasurer
Concordia Parish Police Jury

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JOB OPENING: SECRETARY/TREASURER

The Concordia Parish Police Jury is seeking applications for the position of Secretary / Treasurer. Applications can be found online at Conppj.org or at the parish office at 4001 Carter Street, Room 1, Vidalia, LA 71373.

Qualified applicants should be knowledgeable in accounting practices, writing skills, organization skills and professional development. Quickbooks, Excel, Word, and other office software is preferred, but not required. A list of job duties and abilities is available through the Parish Office.

06/22, 06/29, 07/06

**ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS
06/22/22**

The City of Vidalia will receive Sealed Bids marked "Bid" for the construction of the project described as follows:

**CITY OF VIDALIA
PHASE I (NORTH OF HWY. 84)
DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS**

Notice is hereby given that bids will be received by the City of Vidalia (Owner), at the Town Hall located at 200 Vernon Stevens Blvd., Vidalia, LA 71373 no later than 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, July 21, 2022, at which time bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.

The Project consist of the removal and replacement of existing drainage structures along with ditch cleaning.

Any bids submitted after **2:00 p.m., Local Time, on Thursday, July 21, 2022 will not be considered.**

All bids must be submitted on the proper form. The contractor must include his contractor's license number on the Bid. Any bids received after the specified time and date will not be considered.

Prospective Bidders must be registered with the Engineer and obtain electronic Bid Documents from the Engineer in order to submit a bid. The Electronic Bidding Documents may be requested via email at bhallc@bha-engineers.com, or by calling (318)757-6576. Contractors are responsible for reproduction/printing of Bidding Documents. No printed sets of Bidding Documents are available. 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 municipal and public works and/or heavy construction.

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 Sixty (60) days after the Bid opening, or for such longer period of time that Bidder may agree to in writing upon request of Owner.

Any interpretation of the bid documents shall be in writing addressed to **Bryant Hammett & Associates, L.L.C.** at 6885 Hwy. 84 West, Ferriday, LA 71334 or emailed to medwards@bha-engineers.com and to be given consideration must be received at least **ten days prior** to the date fixed for the opening of bids. **No communication after this date.**

The Contractor shall begin mobilization and procurement of materials within ten (10) working days of the receipt of the Notice to Proceed.

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.

City of Vidalia
Buz Craft, Mayor

Publication Dates: 06/22/22
06/29/22
07/06/22

WHEREABOUTS

"Anyone knowing the whereabouts of any heirs of Joe Ann Free, please contact Lauri G. Boyd, Attorney at Law, by mail at P.O. Box 1464, Ferriday, LA 71334 or by phone 318-757-3000.

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