

Lions fall short on HC

The reigning Southland Conference champion Southeastern Louisiana University football team’s attempt to erase a 20-point halftime deficit came up just short in a 30-24 Southland Conference loss to Lamar on Homecoming Saturday afternoon in Strawberry Stadium. SLU (0-7, 0-3 SLC) could not overcome four first-half turnovers and a run of 27 straight points by Lamar (4-3, 3-0 SLC) in the first half. Southeastern cut the lead to 30-24 with just over nine minutes left in the contest, but could get no closer. Zachary Clement (12-for-18, 141 yards, 1 TD) and Eli Sawyer (9-for-16, 210 yards, 1 TD, 2 INT) split time under center for a Lion offense that outgained the visitors, 453-359, but couldn’t overcome the

minus-4 tally in the turnover margin. Xavier Hill hauled in four passes for 106 yards to lead the Lions, while Darius Lewis grabbed four balls for 76 yards and two scores. Clement paced Southeastern with 58 yards on eight carries, while Bauer Sharp rushed for his fifth overall touchdown of 2023. The Lion defense pitched a shutout in the second half, as Ian Conerly-Goodly and Herman Christophe IV each recorded eight tackles apiece. Arlen Williams, Javen Sanchez and Joshua Randall all collected sacks for SLU. Robert Coleman engineered the Lamar offense, finishing 17-for-22 for 257 yards and two touchdowns. Both scoring tosses went to Sevonne Rhea,

who led all players with six catches for 133 yards. Southeastern took the early lead on the game’s opening drive. Harlan Dixon took a Sawyer screen pass and broke loose for a 58-yard gain to set up a 31-yard Riley Callaghan field goal to give SLU a 3-0 lead just two minutes into the game. Lamar marched into Lion territory on the ensuing drive. A big sack by Sanchez forced LU to settle for a 43-yard field goal by Chris Esqueda to knot the score at 3-3 with 8:17 left in the opening quarter. SLU retook the lead on its next drive. Sawyer connected with Hill for a 32-yard catch and run to key the march, then found Lewis from 28 yards out to give the Lions a 10-3 advan-



LAWSON REYES brings down Delhi running back Jay Wright as Davis Cooper moves in to assist on the play.

Warhawks rally falls short against Ga. Southern

ULM lost a game and found a quarterback in a topsy-turvy tilt Saturday at Georgia Southern. Freshman quarterback Blake Murphy made a stunning collegiate debut as he passed for 320 yards and led a spirited comeback from a 24-point deficit, but it wasn’t enough to overcome a second-quarter meltdown in 38-28 loss to Georgia Southern. ULM outgained Georgia Southern in total offense 432 to 415 but rushed for just 28 yards and surrendered four sacks. The Warhawks committed four turnovers, including a pick-six in the final minutes that sealed

the 10-point loss. Also enjoying a breakout performance was ULM receiver Bugs Mortimer, who caught six balls for 135 yards. “I don’t think I can take any more lessons to be learned from a loss,” said ULM coach Terry Bowden, whose team lost its fifth straight. “We’ve sure learned a lot. But of all the tight games we’ve lost, I’ve learned more about this team here. When you’re down 31-7 I’ve seen (other teams) lay down and give up and say there’s no way. These guys came back and came back and came back. The only points Georgia South-

ern got (in the second half) was a pick six when we were desperate at the end of the game.” Tied 7-7 after one quarter, ULM (2-5, 0-4 Sun Belt) committed turnovers on three consecutive second-quarter series in a horrific three-minute sequence, leading to 17 Georgia Southern points. The Eagles (5-2, 2-1 Sun Belt) outscored ULM 24-7 in the quarter to open up a 31-14 halftime lead. The biggest development of the game besides the outcome was Murphy’s introduction into the lineup. The young playmaker alternated series with

starter Jiya Wright in the first half before taking command right before halftime. Wright finished 7-of-13 for 84 yards with one touchdown and one interception. Combined, the two quarterbacks were 25-of-46 for 404 yards. “We’ve been trying to experiment and decided we’d give Blake Murphy a shot,” Bowden said. “He showed you some of the intangibles that he has at quarterback. Jiya still comes in and does what he does. I think we have to continue to look at our quarterback position and try to get the most out of it. Just take each game one at a

time. We may be somewhat of a two-quarterback system from here on out.” Ranked among the nation’s top dual-threat quarterbacks, Murphy accounted for 4,752 yards total offense and 53 touchdowns in his prep career at American Heritage High School in Plantation, Fla. Murphy flashed big-play ability with a 51-yard touchdown pass late in the first half that cut the deficit to 31-14 and played the majority of the second half as he completed 18-of-33 passes -- with the one costly interception when the Warhawks were desperately trying to complete

a miracle comeback. Thanks to Murphy’s production and a defense that made four takeaways on the day, ULM pulled within three points with 6:52 remaining in the game. There was hope late after David Godsey’s first career interception halted a GS drive in the red zone and gave ULM the ball at its own 11. But Murphy’s second-down pass attempt was intercepted by Damell Hickman and returned 28 yards for a touchdown with 1:50 to go to end the comeback.

Miss-Lou youth football action continues

The Miss-Lou Youth Football League continued play Saturday at Delta Charter in Ferriday. In 13-under play, the Silas Simmons Titans shut out United Mississippi Bank 21-0. For the Titans, Zy Green had TD runs of 31 and 42 yards. Ace Thorn scored on a 25-yard run. Delta Oil Tools Big Dawgs defeated Silas Simmons 13-12.

For the Big Dawgs, Christion Mitchell scored on a 46-yard run, while Aaron Paul Lemoine caught an 11-yard TD pass from Hayden Phipps. For the Titans, Caden Craft caught a 27-yard TD pass from Remi Gilmore, while Zy Green had a 17-yard TD run. In 10-under play, Johnny’s Pizza Gators edged Agri-Services Tigers 7-6. Dorian Martin scored on a 35-yard

TD run for the Gators. Kenderiou McGree had a 24-yard TD run for the Tigers. State Farm Jordan Farmer Lawdogs blanked Tensas State Bank Crimson Tide 7-0. Josiah Campbell scored on a 14-yard run for the Lawdogs. In 8-under play, the Walker Attorney Bulldogs defeated Natchez Ford Sharks 29-28.

For the Bulldogs, Quindary Collins scored on three 40-yard runs and a 15-yard run. For the Sharks, Eli Brixey scored on runs of 15 and 45 yards. Cruz Ladner caught touchdown passes for 5 and 15 yards from Hendrix Brashier. Delta Banks Rams 31, Concordia Bank Bully Dogs 0. For the Rams, Ja’Darrius Green had a 5-yard TD run, Jaycion Green scored

from 40 yards out, Jhayden Morales had a 24-yard TD run and Keiven Carter scored on a 10-yard run. Attorney Walker Bulldogs 33, All-Star Awards Gators 13. For the Bulldogs, Quindary Collins score on runs of 14, 16, 27, 35 and 40 yards. For the Gators, Rhett Perritt had a 21-yard TD run and Ashton Turner scored on a 10-yard scoring run.

STATE OF LOUISIANA

7TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE AND APPRAISAL NOTICE

ROCKET MORTGAGE LLC FIK/A QUICKEN LOANS, INC.

VS SUIT NUMBER: 54718

ROBERT EDWARD WILLIAMS

WRIT OF: WRIT OF SEIZURE AND SALE

By virtue of above WRIT issued from the Honorable 7th Judicial District Court in and for the Parish of Concordia, State of Louisiana, in the above-entitled number and cause, and to me directed, I have seized and taken into my possession and will offer for sale the following described property to-wit:

SEE ATTACHMENT

Lot H of Block Number 115 of the Gregory Addition to the Town of Vidalia, Concordia Parish, Louisiana, as shown on a map or plat made by J.P. Sessions, Reg. Civil Engineer on April 15, 1952, recorded in COB J-4, Page 244 of the records of Concordia Parish, Louisiana; subject to restrictions, servitudes, rights-of-way and outstanding mineral rights of record affecting the property.

DATE OF SALE: December 13, 2023

PLACE OF SALE: Second Floor, Concordia Parish Courthouse
Vidalia, Louisiana

TIME OF SALE: 10:00 AM

TERMS OF SALE: Cash WITHOUT benefit of appraisalment

DAVID K. HEDRICK, JR., SHERIFF

BY: Lacy Cognevick
(Deputy Sheriff)

Advertise October 25, 2023
Advertise November 29, 2023

IF APPLICABLE, YOU MAY NAME AN APPRAISER TO VALUE THE PROPERTY IN THE ABOVE CAPTIONED SUIT AND TO NOTIFY THE SHERIFF OF YOUR APPOINTMENT NO LATER THAN TWO DAYS BEFORE THE SALE. SHOULD YOU FAIL TO APPOINT AN APPRAISER, THE SHERIFF SHALL APPOINT AN APPRAISER FOR YOU.

PARISH OF CONCORDIA

VIDALIA, LOUISIANA

One (1) 2009 Blue Bird School Bus bearing VIN# 1BAKGCKH79F256827

DATE OF SALE: November 1, 2023

PLACE OF SALE: Second Floor, Concordia Parish Courthouse
Vidalia, Louisiana

TIME OF SALE: 10:00 MA

TERMS OF SALE: Cash WITH benefit of appraisalment

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BY: Laci Darcey
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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

10/11/23

The Concordia Waterworks Dist. No. 1 will receive Sealed Bids marked "Bid" for the construction of the project described as follows:

CONCORDIA WATERWORKS DIST. NO. 1
WATERLINE RELOCATION
MRL-368R PROJECT

Notice is hereby given that bids will be received by the Concordia Waterworks Dist. No. 1 (Owner), located at 27173 Hwy. 15, Ferriday, LA 71334 no later than **2:00 p.m. on Thursday, November 9, 2023**, at which time bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.

The Project consists of the Relocation of approximately 4,800 linear feet of 18" Schedule 40 PVC Waterline along the Mississippi River Levee.

Any bids submitted after **2:00 p.m., Local Time, on Thursday, November 9, 2023 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.

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.

Concordia Waterworks Dist. No. 1 Warren Enterkin, President

Concordia Sentinel Publication Dates:
October 18, 2023
October 18, 2023
October 25, 2023

Request for Scenic River Permit on **Bayou Cocodrie**

The Secretary of the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (LDWF) as Administrator of the Louisiana Natural and Scenic Rivers System is currently considering the application of Angelina Farms Plantation to replace an existing bridge. Copies of the application can be reviewed at the LDWF main office, Room 432, 2000 Quail Drive, Baton Rouge, LA. The public is invited to comment on this permit request for a period of forty-five (45) days. Responses should be mailed to LDWF Scenic Rivers Program, P.O. Box 98000, Baton Rouge, LA 70898-9000.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

There shall be a Public Hearing of the Concordia Parish Police Jury to be held on November 13, 2023, 6:00 PM, at the Concordia Parish Police Jury office, 4001 Carter Street, Police Jury Meeting Room, Vidalia, La 71373 pertaining to adopting an ordinance for the proposed solar farm in Concordia Parish.

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TOWN OF JONESVILLE

This is a Request for Proposals for the **COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL OF SOLID WASTE.**

Qualified firms must submit a proposal for Service Alternate 1. Consider-(CONTINUED TO PAGE 7B)

Public Notices

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ation should be given to Service Alternate 2 as to address the needs of the Town.

For purposes of evaluating the proposals that are received for the various service alternates and additive alternates, the Town of Jonesville (Town) reserves the right to consider the direct and indirect costs and benefits to the Town for each alternate, including, but not limited to, the quality of service to be provided to the citizens of Jonesville, and to award the contract to the low responsible Proposer for the service alternate selected by the Town.

Firms who desire to submit a proposal for the Town's consideration for the services described herein are invited to request a *Bid Meeting to be held in the Town Hall meeting room, which is located at 104 Lilly Street, Jonesville, LA, at a date and time to be determined at the time of the request.*

Any revisions to this RFP that may become necessary shall be in the form of an Addendum, and shall be issued by the Town of Jonesville not later than 72 hours prior to the time specified below for receipt of proposals.

Proposals shall be submitted to Ms. Anlynnne Gardner, Jonesville Town Clerk, by 12:00 noon on NOVEMBER 9, 2023. Proposals shall be delivered to Town Hall, 104 Lilly Street, Jonesville, LA 71343, or mailed to the same address. Alternatively, scanned signed proposals may be e-mailed to **agardnertoj@outlook.com. Regardless of the delivery method, all submittals shall be clearly marked, "Solid Waste Proposal," with the contract number shown above.** If delivery is made by mail or carrier service, care should be exercised to ensure that the delivery is made by the deadline stated above. **No proposal will be accepted if received by the Town Clerk after the deadline stated above, for any reason.**

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For purposes of this RFP, a proposal is defined as completion of Pages 3 and 4 of this document, with proposed unit prices clearly marked in dollars and cents, along with name and address of firm, Louisiana license number, signature of person submitting the bid, and date submitted.

Proposals should consider weekly collection of the estimated 1300 residential and commercial customers serviced by the Town, including the providing of one (1) seventy two to ninety (72-90) gallon trash cans. Proposals shall also consider the placement and weekly collection of two (2) thirty (30) yard roll off dumpsters to be placed at the Town's discretion. Finally, proposals should consider providing to the Town at no additional cost up to twenty-five (25) trash cans during each year of the contract period, for up to one (1) week of usage, available within five (5) days request by the Town. The Proposer should include pricing to provide and furnish at its costs any and all labor, equipment, machinery, transportation, tools, materials and supplies necessary to perform the services in connection with the collections, transportation, and disposal of solid waste within the Town of Jonesville.

For purposes of Service Alternate 2, the request is for pricing to include the pick-up of large white goods and bulk materials (ex.: appliances, large debris, limbs, furniture, etc). Collection should be by any device able to lift these items. To determine if feasible, the Town is asking for two collection methods -1) As needed or 2) Designated dates

Proposers will be asked to provide (minimum requirements)

Insurance -

General Liability (Naming Town of Jonesville as the additional insured)

Automobile Insurance

Worker's Comp Insurance & Employer's Liability Professional Liability Insurance

Umbrella Liability

Indemnification to Town of Jonesville

Monthly Report of Tonnage specific to the Town

Performance Bond (amount to be determined)

****Proposals are for the selection process. Specific requirements will be detailed in the executable contract.**

NOVEMBER, 2023

Contract No.: SANITATION -- 2023

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The Proposer hereby submits the following information for consideration of the Town of Jonesville:

SERVICE ALTERNATE 1,

"House-to-House" Collection and Disposal of Residential Solid Waste

Item No. 001, Collection and Disposal of Residential Solid Waste

A proposed lump base price of \$____ dollars and ____cents per month

A proposed (decreased) unit price of\$____ dollars and ____cents per unit above 1300 customers.

SERVICE ALTERNATE 2,

"House-to-House" Collection and Disposal of Residential White Goods and Bulk Items

Item No. 002, Collection and Disposal of Residential White Goods and Bulk Items

A proposed monthly lump sum price of \$____dollars and ____cents per ton on an as needed basis (reasonable notice given)

A proposed monthly lump sum price of\$____ dollars and _____cents per ton on a designated date(s) of each month

Location of Landfill to be used:

NOVEMBER 14, 2023

Contract No.: SANITATION -- 2023

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Proposal Submitted By:

Firm Name:

Louisiana License No.:

Address:

Phone:

Email:

Authorized Signature:

Authorized Print Name: _____ Date: _____

Proposal Received by:

Date:_____ Time: _____

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CONCORDIA PARISH SEWER DISTRICT #1

P. O. BOX 823

FERRIDAY, LA. 71334

318-757-7507

BOARD MEETING

July 18th, 2023@ 6:00 PM

Minutes from June 19, 2023

PRESENT

Eddie Nugent Dutch White, Jr.

Charles Turner Christ White

Mike Jones Kristie Sherbia

Ronald Wilkerson

Melvin Ferrington

Meeting was called to order by Eddie Nugent.

Followed by prayer by Melvin Ferrington.

Financial report given to each board member.

Last month's minutes was read by Dutch White, Jr.

After being reviewed, the typed minutes from last month's regular meeting were approved with no changes.

The motion for approval was made by Eddie Nugent and seconded by Ronald Wilkerson.

AGENDA

•Operator gave an update on jobs they are working on or completed around lift stations and plant.

•Board members read over financial statements

•Mr. Nugent asked about more bids on fixing slab/platform on Robert Webber Road. (Operators will provide at next meeting)

•Meeting was closed with no other business by Eddie Nugent; seconded by Charles Turner.

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Concordia Parish School Board Committee Reports

Educational/Personnel Policy Committee

September 8, 2023

I. ACTION ON ITEMS INVOLVING SPENDING OF MONEY

1.0

II. ITEMS DISCUSSED

2.0 Discussed Resignations, Appointments, Requests for Leave/Returns from Leave and Transfers

2.1 Updates Pertaining to Other Matters Concerning District Personnel Issues

2.2 Items Discussed in Other Committee Meetings

2.3 Discussed Regular Agenda Items

Concordia Parish School Board Committee Reports

Finance Committee

September 8, 2023

I. ACTION ON ITEMS INVOLVING SPENDING OF MONEY

1.0

II. ITEMS DISCUSSED

2.0 Reviewed Financial Statement for the Month of August, 2023

2.1 Reviewed Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2024

2.2 Reviewed and Discussed Current Contract Bus Drivers Repair Allowances

2.3 Reviewed and Updated Football Field Projects

2.4 Reviewed and Updated Central Administration Repair Project

2.5 Update on ESSER Projects

2.6 Update on the Department of Justice

2.7 Reviewed any Other Items that May Come Before this and/or Other School Board Committees

Concordia Parish School Board Committee Reports

Building and Grounds Committee

September 8, 2023

I. ACTION ON ITEMS INVOLVING SPENDING OF MONEY

1.0

II. ITEMS DISCUSSED

2.0 Football Field Update – Talked About the Sod and to the Contractor About the Playability of the Fields. Also Whether Additional Fencing Would Be Needed

2.1 Sound System Update – Mr. Easterling Should Have Repaired and Installed by Game Time for both Fields

2.2 Stadium Seat Update Ferriday High School – Talked About Possible Remedy for the Visitors' Bleachers Situation

2.4 Central Office Update – Talked About Repairs Needed for the Current Central Office and Discussed Potential Alternatives Concerning Additional Office Space

2.5 Concealed Weapons Security System – Discussed Possible New Concealed Weapons Security System That May Be Available for Use Throughout the Parish

2.6 CPA Additional Classroom Space – Discussed Possible Solutions for Adding Additional Classroom Space

2.7 CPA Remodel – discussed possible remedy concerning the class room configuration

2.8 Study Concerning Remodeling Interior and Exterior of all Concordia Parish Schools – Discussed Having a Comprehensive Study Done by Architects and/or Engineers to Provide Possible Solutions for the Remodeling and/or Update of the Interior and Exterior for all Concordia Parish Schools

2.9 Talked About Drainage at MHS -Will Get Report From Engineers Concerning Possible Plan of Action.

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CONCORDIA PARISH SEWER DISTRICT #1

P. O. BOX 823

FERRIDAY, LA. 71334

(318)-757-7507

AUGUST 15, 2023

BOARD MEETING MINUTES FROM JULY 18, 2023

Present:

Eddie Nugent

Charles Turner

Melvin Ferrington

Ronald Wilkerson

Mike Jones

Meeting was called to order by Eddie Nugent

Followed by prayer- Charles Turner

Financial report was given to Board Members

Last month's minutes was read by Ronald Wilkerson

Motion was made for approval by Melvin Ferrington; Seconded by Charles Turner

Discussion:

•Mr. Nugent discussed Zoom Meeting with Scott Templett pertaining to receiving monies from grant

•Board members discussed bid for Kelvin Harris; a letter will be sent to him

Road Incident- Police Jury Will Come Out And Perform Work

*With no other business for discussion, meeting was closed by Melvin Ferrington; seconded by Charles Turner

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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, SEPTEMBER 14, 2023

The School Board of the Parish of Concordia, State of Louisiana, met in a Public Hearing Session at the Vidalia City Hall meeting room in Vidalia, Louisiana, on Thursday, September 14, 2023, 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.

Board members present were Mr. Wayne Wilson, Mrs. Dorothy Parker, Mr. Fred Marsalis, Sr., Mr. Derrick Carson, Mr. Matt Taunton, Mrs. Angela Hayes, Mrs. Lisette Forman, and Mr. Fred Butcher. Mrs. Vanessa Houck arrived at 6:08 PM.

Mr. Tom O'Neal, Business Director, opened the public hearing by giving the Board Members and members of the General Public a brief overview of the consolidated budget for fiscal year 2023-2024. Board members were given copies of the consolidated budget. He indicated that the primary reason for the hearing was to allow members of the general public to have input and comments concerning the budget.

With no questions being presented by either the board members or the general public, the hearing was closed at 6:13 P.M.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF THE PARISH OF CONCORDIA, STATE OF LOUISIANA, TAKEN AT A REGULAR MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2023

The School Board of the Parish of Concordia, State of Louisiana, met in Regular Session at the Vidalia City Hall meeting room in Vidalia, Louisiana, on Thursday, September 14, 2023, at 6:13 p.m. The meeting was called to order by Mr. Fred Butcher following the close of the public hearing. Mr. Butcher, after prayer and the Pledge, declared that the Board was ready for the transaction of business.

John Blanchard, the school board attorney, asked for a board member to make a motion to add an item to the agenda for executive session, which will be Item VII. Executive Session, B.:

Strategy session and/or action, as necessary, regarding litigation entitled *Smith, et. al. v. Concordia Parish School Board, et. al.*, Civil Action No. ~~65-11577~~ on the docket of the United States District Court for the Western District of Louisiana.

It was moved by Mr. Carson and seconded by Mr. Marsalis, Sr. Blanchard then asked for a roll call vote to affirm the addition to the agenda.

The vote was as follows:

Mr. Wayne Wilson	Yea
Mrs. Dorothy Parker	Yea
Mr. Fred Marsalis, Sr.	Yea
Mr. Derrick Carson	Yea
Mr. Matt Taunton	Yea
Mrs. Angela Hayes	Yea
Mrs. Lisette Forman	Yea
Mrs. Vanessa Houck	Yea
Mr. Fred Butcher	Yea

The vote was unanimous, 9 yeas, 0 nays, and no abstentions.

Brant Young with Bryant Hammett & Associates was not present so Mr. Tom O'Neal gave an update on the football fields in Ferriday and Vidalia. He reported the fields were supposed to be striped today, and the goal posts are up. Mrs. Forman said she wanted it to be noted that there is a concern about playing on the fields too early. She is in contact with someone from LSU to make sure our fields are going to withstand the roughness of play. We don't want to spend all this money and then our fields not be quite ready. It won't be tomorrow. Everybody will get to play football tomorrow, but if LSU says that we need to shut it down, I would like everybody to know we may be revisiting that.

Marco Gonzalez gave an update on the ESSER projects. He went over the bids that were received this week for the Vidalia and Monterey schools for the windows and the HVAC systems. There are four bidders on the windows and two bidders on the HVAC systems. Hope Enterprises was the apparent low bidder on the windows.

	Windows Base Bid	Alternate Bid	Total Windows	HVAC Bid
Hope Enterprises	\$1,033,800	\$188,900	= \$1,222,700	\$2,555,000

Combined, the two bids of Hope Enterprises is \$3,777,700 for windows and HVAC. Our budgeted cost with Waycasters as the design team was \$4,291,895 so we're good with those bids and the alternates for both of those campuses. We'll have savings available to hold as contingency funds of about \$500,000, which is good since we're replacing existing windows in older buildings.

Gonzalez stated that next Tuesday we'll be opening the bids for Ferriday area schools, and on October 3rd, we'll open the HVAC bids.

It was moved by Mrs. Parker, seconded by Mrs. Forman, and unanimously carried to give Superintendent Bachus and her staff the authority to accept the bids for the windows and the HVAC systems project of the lowest bidder that meets the specifications and comes in within our budget.

It was moved by Mrs. Forman, seconded by Mr. Marsalis, Sr., and unanimously carried to give Superintendent Bachus and her staff the authority to award the contracts to the lowest bidder who meets the specifications for the Monterey and Vidalia schools.

Leigh Anne Mason, the sponsor for the new parish-wide theatre program, which she has named "Concordia Parish Players," told the board members about the grant the school district received for theatre. She has already planned several events, one in which she obtained 50 tickets to see a Broadway musical showing in New Orleans and the theatre students are going to perform a "Toy School" Christmas play for all the elementary school. She is planning a spring musical as well. Mrs. Mason will be adding an ancillary certificate of performing arts to her teaching certificate so we can offer theatre classes next year. Students Skylar Carson and Cameron Abney spoke to the board members letting them know how excited they were about the upcoming drama club and that they thought so many students could benefit from it.

The committee reports were presented.

The Finance Committee reported discussing the \$1,000 stipend from the State. Evan Alvarez, another board attorney who was present, requested that the board wait before acting on that matter. He explained there is a state statute that says if any employee is rated ineffective, he/she is not allowed to get a salary increase in any given year. Hammond & Sills has requested clarification from the State as to whether they will consider this stipend as salary, or not. The State will be sending out a ruling on it in the next week or two. Alvarez recommended tabling the issue maybe until the next meeting so the state will have answered this question. It was moved by Mr. Marsalis, Sr., seconded by Mrs. Forman, and unanimously carried to table this discussion until we get additional information. If necessary, a special meeting will be called authorizing the payments to be made as soon as possible.

The Building and Grounds Committee reported on the sound systems at the Ferriday High School stadium and at the Vidalia High School stadium. The systems should be installed by the first games in each stadium. The visitors' seating in Ferriday was discussed. A structural engineer looked at the bleachers, and two welders have looked at the bleachers. However, the welders disagreed with the engineer's recommendation. Mr. Glenn Henderson, maintenance supervisor, has contacted two more people to look at the bleachers and consider doing the work. Mr. O'Neal is attempting to locate temporary bleachers. Mr. Butcher said he will contact Alcorn University and see where they get temporary bleachers for their big games.

It was moved by Mrs. Parker, seconded by Mr. Marsalis, Sr., and unanimously carried to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on August 10, 2023.

Mr. Fred Marsalis, Jr., gave the financial report. It was moved by Mr. Carson, seconded by Mrs. Hayes and unanimously carried to approve invoices in the amount of \$4,438,446 for the month of August 2023.

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

Concordia Parish School Board

Regular Meeting

Personnel Announcements

September 14, 2023

Leaves:

Najee Herrington, Assistant Principal, Ferriday Upper Elementary School, FMLA/ maternity leave, effective August 22, 2023 through November 14, 2023.

Yolanda Williams, School Nurse, Special Populations, FMLA, effective August 24, 2023 through October 4, 2023.

Mary Fleming, Teacher, Ferriday Upper Elementary School, FMLA, effective August 7, 2023 through September 4, 2023.

Mary Fleming, Teacher, Ferriday Upper Elementary School, return from FMLA, effective September 5, 2023.

Brenda Logan, Teacher, Vidalia Junior High School, return from FMLA, effective August 7, 2023.

Appointments:

Darlene Pickett, Teacher, Vidalia Junior High School, effective August 7, 2023.

Charlie Tisdale, Paraprofessional, Monterey High School, effective August 9, 2023.

Regina Harris, Teacher, Ferriday Upper Elementary School, effective August 25, 2023.

Stacie Nolan, Educational Diagnostician, Special Populations, effective August 8, 2023.

Lauren Hoge, Teacher, Vidalia Junior High School, effective August 7, 2023.

Carolyn Holmes, Paraprofessional, Vidalia Lower Elementary, effective August 9, 2023.

Itwala Green, School Food Service Technician, Ferriday Junior High School, effective August 9, 2023.

Arnell Jefferson, School Food Service Technician, Monterey High School, effective August 9, 2023.

Alex Dunaway, Print Shop Manager, Media Center, effective August 28, 2023.

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Jennifer Adams, Teacher, FHS Freshman Academy, effective September 7, 2023.

Tyshica Rodgers, Teacher, Vidalia Lower Elementary, effective August 7, 2023.

Carlisha McKeel, Paraprofessional, Ferriday Junior High School, effective September 6, 2023.

Andrea' Skipper, Paraprofessional, Ferriday Lower Elementary, effective August 9, 2023.

Paula Gaylor, Paraprofessional, Vidalia Junior High School, effective August 9, 2023.

Bernita Dunbar, Academic Coach, Central Administration, effective July 25, 2023.

Resignations:
James Jones, Behavior Interventionist, Ferriday High School, effective August 7, 2023.

Kristen Thurman, Teacher, Ferriday Upper Elementary School, effective August 7, 2023.

Christie Berkley, Teacher, Ferriday Lower Elementary, effective August 5, 2023.

Kim Graves, Teacher, Concordia Parish Academy of MST, effective September 6, 2023.

Ella Beach, Teacher, Vidalia Lower Elementary, effective August 5, 2023.

Kristen Cole, Teacher, Vidalia Lower Elementary, effective August 5, 2023.

Barbie Sanders, Teacher, Vidalia Lower Elementary School, effective August 5, 2023.
(retirement rescinded)

Retirements:
Estelle Foster, School Food Service Technician, Ferriday Junior High, effective August 28, 2023.

Franklin Bernie Cooley, Principal, (On Assignment), effective October 1, 2023.

Transfers:
Jane Yon, Teacher, Vidalia Upper Elementary to Teacher, Concordia Parish Academy of MST, effective August 7, 2023.

Estelle Foster, School Food Service Technician, Vidalia Junior High School to School Food Service Technician, Ferriday Junior High, effective August 9, 2023.

It was moved by Mrs. Forman, seconded by Mrs. Houck and unanimously carried to adopt the consolidated budget for the 2023-24 fiscal year presented by Mr. O'Neal during the public hearing.

The bids for the Vidalia/Monterey ESSER projects were discussed during Mr. Gonzalez' presentation.

The Ferriday ESSER projects were discussed during Mr. Gonzalez' presentation.

Mr. O'Neal requested that board members consider increasing the bus drivers' repair allowance from \$700 to \$1,000. It was moved by Mrs. Forman, seconded by Mrs. Parker and unanimously carried that the bus drivers repair allowance be increased from \$700 to \$1,000.

Superintendent Bachus introduced the next item, saying she had made a mistake during the meeting last month when she said the increase in pay for the Executive Business Manager "was for a higher education degree as they had done for all other positions." The increase is not 15%, but 5.5%. It was moved by Mr. Carson, seconded by Mrs. Parker and carried with Mr. Marsalis, Sr., abstaining, to clarify the prior board action and correct the percentage of the increase in pay to 5.5%. Mrs. Forman requested a roll call vote.

The vote was as follows:

Mr. Wayne Wilson	Yea
Mrs. Dorothy Parker	Yea
Mr. Fred Marsalis, Sr.	Abstain
Mr. Derrick Carson	Yea
Mr. Matt Taunton	Yea
Mrs. Angela Hayes	Yea
Mrs. Lisette Forman	Yea
Mrs. Vanessa Houck	Yea
Mr. Fred Butcher	Yea

The motion carried, 8 yeas, 0 nays, and 1 abstention.

The next item, "Additional Compensation from the State," was discussed and tabled earlier in the meeting.

The item, "Major Growth and Working Hard" – Algebra I VJH, was tabled until next month.

Mr. Carson led discussion about the repair work needed on the Ferriday High School bleachers. He noted the issue is going to be what can we do, or if anything is going to be needed from the board as far as temporary bleachers or whatever plan the Superintendent and her team decide. Superintendent Bachus noted that she and Mr. Henderson have been working diligently on this and asked the board to give her until tomorrow to work out a solution. It was moved by Mr. Carson, seconded by Mrs. Forman, and unanimously carried to give Superintendent Bachus the authority to take necessary action to ensure the accommodations for the visitors to Ferriday High School football games until the situation can be remedied with the visitors' side bleachers.

Mr. Butcher said he had an announcement, then handed out envelopes to the board members, asking them at a later time to look over the contents, which is the superintendent's evaluation. He requested that they let him know if they thought anything needed to be changed or looked at, and they could do so before they go through the evaluation process. He noted that Superintendent Bachus also received a copy of the evaluation.

It was moved by Mr. Carson and seconded by Mrs. Parker for the board to go into executive session to discuss litigation during the current central office lease and legal issues in accordance with La. R.S. 42:17(A)(10) and La. Code of Evidence Article 506. A roll call vote was requested.

The vote was as follows:

Mr. Wayne Wilson	Yea
Mrs. Dorothy Parker	Yea
Mr. Fred Marsalis, Sr.	Yes
Mr. Derrick Carson	Yea
Mr. Matt Taunton	Yea
Mrs. Angela Hayes	Yea
Mrs. Lisette Forman	Yea
Mrs. Vanessa Houck	Yea
Mr. Fred Butcher	Yea

The motion carried, 9 yeas, 0 nays, and 0 abstentions.

It was then moved by Mr. Carson and seconded by Mrs. Forman that during executive session the board consider a strategy session and/or action, as necessary, regarding litigation entitled *Smith, et. al. v. Concordia Parish School Board, et. al.*, Civil Action No. 65-11577 on the docket of the United States District Court for the Western District of Louisiana.

The vote was as follows:

Mr. Wayne Wilson	Yea
Mrs. Dorothy Parker	Yea
Mr. Fred Marsalis, Sr.	Yes
Mr. Derrick Carson	Yea
Mr. Matt Taunton	Yea
Mrs. Angela Hayes	Yea
Mrs. Lisette Forman	Yea
Mrs. Vanessa Houck	Yea
Mr. Fred Butcher	Yea

The motion carried, 9 yeas, 0 nays, and 0 abstentions.

The time was 7:12 PM.

It was moved by Mrs. Parker, seconded by Mr. Marsalis, Sr., and unanimously carried for the board to return to regular session at 8:30 PM.

Mr. Butcher reported that the items listed as the reason for executive session were discussed. John Blanchard recommended that the board authorize Superintendent Bachus and legal counsel to negotiate the building lease issues as discussed in executive session.

It was moved by Mrs. Forman, seconded by Mrs. Hayes, and unanimously carried to authorize Superintendent Bachus and legal counsel to negotiate the building lease with the owner of the central office building as was discussed in executive session.

Announcements:

Superintendent Bachus reported that "A Day with the Superintendent" went very well. She thanked the board members for participating in that activity and told them it was her goal to have such a day about every other month.

There being no further business, it was moved by Mrs. Forman, seconded by Mr. Taunton and unanimously carried to adjourn at 8:30 PM.

10/18

Regular board meeting of Concordia Waterworks District No. 1, September 19, 2023. Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m., Warren Enterkin, Presiding.

INVOCATION: Mike Sanders
ROLL CALL: All commissioners present
VISITORS: Rose Roberts: Paula Wilson; Charles Renfrow, Manger; Randall Butts; Janice Ford

Catherine Cartwright made a motion to accept the resignation letter from Mrs. Fairbanks. Don Linder seconded and motion carried.

Catherine Cartwright made a motion to Elect by Acclamation Mr. Warren Enterkin to the position of President and Mr. Mike Sanders to the position of Vice-President. Don Linder seconded and the motion carried.

Don Linder made a motion to adopt as written the minutes of the August 15, 2023 board meeting. Catherine Cartwright seconded and motion carried.

Mike Sanders made a motion to send a letter to the Concordia Parish Police Jury recommending Mr. Jay White be appointed to the board of commissioners. Catherine Cartwright seconded and motion carried.

Don Linder made a motion to send a letter to the Concordia Parish Police Jury requesting Mrs. Cartwright to be re-appointed to another 4 year term as commissioner. Mike Sanders seconded and motion carried.

Mr. Enterkin, President introduced Paula Wilson. Ms. Wilson spoke with the board about her water meter readings and requested a new water meter. Catherine Cartwright made a motion to install a new meter at the residence. Mike Sanders seconded and motion carried.

Discussion on retesting wells #5 an #6. Will have the testing scheduled.

Discussion on the grass cutting for the office, Frogmore Booster Station, and the elevated tanks. Will this be bid out next spring or will the employees continue to cut the grass.

Mike Sanders made a motion to Bid out the grass cutting for next year. Catherine Cartwright seconded, with Don Linder voting against. The motion passed.

Discussion on moving the water line at the Minorca Road levee crossing. There is no Right-of Way and will be at the cost of the waterworks.

Discussion on the 18' water line being moved on Highway 3196. All of the Right-of-Ways have not been completed.

Discussion on the Lake St John treatment tank project. Waiting for the submittals to be received. Discussion on work to be completed at the water treatment plant over the next few months.

Don Linder made a motion to approve the Scott Petroleum bill for August 2023 in the amount of \$3,036.19. Catherine Cartwright seconded and motion carried.

Mike Sanders made a motion to approve the September 2023 monthly bills and purchase orders. Don Linder seconded and motion carried.

Mike Sanders made a motion to adopt the August 2023 Amended monthly budget. Don Linder seconded and motion carried.

Mr. Enterkin declared the meeting over at 7:35 p.m.

s/s Warren S. Enterkin
PRESIDENT

s/s Morris E. Sanders
SECRETARY

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VILLAGE OF RIDGECREST MEETING MINUTES SEPTEMBER 19, 2023

Mayor Adair called the meeting to order at 6:30pm. The Invocation was led by Larry Lawrence. Mayor Adair led the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call was conducted: Present- Alderman Brown, Alderman Barrett, Alderman White, Mayor Adair, Clerk B. Halford. Mayor Adair states that before we go any further, I would like to add something to the agenda that I forgot and that is the acceptance of the Ordinance for the Trailers. We put it in the paper, we voted to do that and now its time for us to read it and accept it in the ordinances. Can I have a motion to add it to the agenda? Alderman White made motion to add to agenda. Mayor Adair states ok, Alderman Barrett replies, "you have to have a second" Mayor Adair, "ok", Alderman Barrett" no, we have way too many things on here already". Mayor Adair, "that is what we are here to do", Alderman Barrett," I had asked that everything be on here when we are ready to do the meeting instead of throwing something up there the last minute. Mayor Adair replies, "this is something I forgot and had to be on here. **Distorted both mayor and alderman speaking at the same time** Mayor Adair" we will table it until next month, Alderman Barrett states that she cannot. Mayor Adair asks does anyone have any public comments at the time-no comments start the agenda items. Mayor Adair asks for approval of August 8, 2023 monthly minutes and special meeting minutes held on August 30, 2023 and September 8, 2023. Alderman White made motion Alderman Barrett second the motion passed. Next on the agenda was approval of CPA financials for July 23, Alderman Barrett made motion, Alderman White second, motion passed. Clerks report for August 23, Alderman White made motion, Alderman Brown second, motion passed. Mayors Report: I did have something to say but I lost my notes, it has been a crazy day and I apologize. I don't know right now maybe I will come to it just lost right now and I do apologize. New Business- I think \$100 is too much to charge for reconnection, we discussed this prior and it was tabled, I have since looked at the paperwork for JCP and it will cost the Village nothing to lower the fee to \$50. Alderman Barrett, "can we just try it for awhile and see if it works the flat rate water bill is \$67. Mayor Adair, "that is not just the water included that has sewer and everything. Yes we can try it and see how it goes. Do I have a motion on the reconnect fee-Alderman Barrett made motion, Alderman White second, motion passed. Next item up was Liquor License for Ridgcrest Market- the mayor explained that the owner had an emergency out of town and was not able to keep the appointment to attend the meeting and that we would scratch this off until further notice. Next item was appointing clerk. I have been in discussion with Brock this week and Brock and I both have decided that neither one of us are up to par and we need help so we are going to see about getting Mechelle back. Mechelle said she would come back and I was the one that came to her. Alderman Barrett, confused Mechelle who? Mayor Adair Mechelle that was employed as clerk prior. Alderman Barrett, she is not coming back with the same pay as she left with? Mayor Adair, yes she has only been gone 3 months, last time she asked for a raise for benefits. Alderman Barrett, "I would like to make that I want to apply. Mayor states let me explain that she knows the ends and outs, Brock and I don't know all the ends and outs we both were thrown in here trying to learn, we are behind the schedule and she will get us caught up. Alderman Barrett and Mayor Adair address financial issues regarding clerks' salary. Alderman Barrett asks of Brocks circumstances; Mayor assures her that she spoke personally with JCP regarding placing him over in the water department and they agreed to offer him a position. More discussions regarding the salary of the clerk. Alderman Barrett states she believes the clerk should come back but work her way up to that salary and the mayor states we lost her last time over discrepancies regarding benefits. Barrett states right she got pissed she did not get it and we can not keep giving what these people want. Alderman White comments, this is a competitive market, Alderman Brown comments, who else are we going to find, Alderman Barrett asks, we are we going to get the money, who is going to pay Brock, she should not come back at that rate. Mayor Adair asks Alderman Barrett, have you looked at the paperwork to see what money we have. Alderman Barrett replies, I know kind of what we got and I am not voting for it. Alderman Brown states that as far as her abilities go, she is qualified and already has been evaluated. More discussion. Mayor asked for motion to approve the hiring of clerk, Alderman White made motion, Alderman Brown second, motion passed. Mayor Adair states, we are bringing Mechelle back! Next item on agenda is a credit card for the village issued by the bank. Alderman Barrett made motion, Alderman Brown second, motion passed. Next item Resolution for Signature cards and removal of ex-mayor. Alderman Brown made motion, Alderman White second, Alderman Barrett stated she wanted her name removed and the motion passed. Last item on the agenda was to appoint Mayor Pro Tem, Alderman Brown made motion to nominate Deb Barrett, Alderman White second, Mayor asked all in favor, motion passed, Deb Barrett nominated as the new Mayor Pro Tem. Larry Lawrence referenced incident with JCP payments and ACH Bank draft. The mayor assured him that town hall was working diligently with JCP to handle this matter in the best manner possible. Mayor asks for motion to adjourn, Alderman Barrett made motion, Alderman White second, meeting adjourned.

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SWANSON WHEREABOUTS

Anyone knowing the whereabouts of the unknown heirs of Thomas L. Swanson, please contact Ann S. Siddall, Attorney at Law at 109 Carter Street, P.O. Box 1154, Vidalia, LA 71373, 1-318-336-4267 or 318-481-1059.

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CONCORDIA PARISH SEWER DISTRICT #1

P. O. BOX 823
FERRIDAY, LA. 71334 318-757-7507
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
September 19, 2023 @ 6:00p.m.

Minutes from August 15, 2023

PRESENT
Eddie Nugent
Melvin Ferrington
Mike Jones
Ronald Wilkerson

Chris White
Dutch White, Jr.
Kristie Sherbia

Absent
Charles Turner

Meeting was called to order by Eddie Nugent. Followed by prayer by Mike Jones. Financial report given to each board member. Last month's minutes was read by Dutch White, Jr. After being reviewed, the typed minutes from August 15, 2023 regular meeting were approved with no changes. The motion for approval was made by Ronald Wilkerson and seconded by Mike Jones.

AGENDA

- Mr. Nugent asked about professional fees on bank statement, as well as other fees, in which secretary will provide at next meeting.
- Board Members went over Entergy bills
- Operators spoke of meeting with police jury to discuss Leroy Williams Rd.
- Operators also spoke of work they are currently doing on Stephens Rd. to correct problems. Chris White stated trees were trimmed, grass has been cut at all stations, and aerators were working properly.
- Board Members asked operators to get a quote to repair "housing" at one of the lift stations. Operators said they will provide one at next meeting. Mr. Nugent asked to check on obtaining a spare
- Mr. Nugent suggested writing a resolution about tying into the system. (One will be provided at next meeting)
- Mr. Nugent asked secretary to contact Henry Shular to attend next board meeting
- Chris White asked board members about representatives coming in to demonstrate products that would be useful to our system; Members stated they saw no problem with request.
- Meeting was closed with no other business by Melvin Ferrington; seconded by Ronald Wilkerson.

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L. DON E. WASHINGTON, have been convicted of 14-43.1 Sexual Battery on Sep. 10, 2003. My address is: 500 LAUREL ST., VIDALIA, LA. 71373.



Race: Black
Sex: Male
DOB: 11/29/1965
Height: 5'11"
Weight: 250 lbs
Hair Color: Black
Eye Color: Brown

10.18.25

L. JACK S. LYLES II, have been convicted of 14-27.7 INTERCOURSE AND SEXUAL OFFENSE WITH CERTAIN VICTIMS; CONSENT NO DEFENSE on May 24, 2016 14-43.1 SEXUAL BATTERY (ATTEMPTED) on Jan. 30, 1986 My address is: 112 Weaver St., Ferriday, LA. 71334.



Race: Black
Sex: Male
DOB: 12/19/1956
Height: 5'5"
Weight: 200 lbs
Hair Color: Black
Eye Color: Brown

10.18.25

NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION

Pursuant to the provisions of a resolution adopted by the Parish School Board of the Parish of Concordia, State of Louisiana (the "Governing Authority"), acting as the governing authority of School District No. 10 of the Parish of Concordia, State of Louisiana (the "District"), on August 10, 2023, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a special election will be held within the District on **SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2023**, and that at the said election there will be submitted to all registered voters in the District qualified and entitled to vote at the said election under the Constitution and Laws of the State of Louisiana and the Constitution of the United States, the following proposition, to-wit:

PROPOSITION (TAX RENEWAL)

Shall School District No. 10 of the Parish of Concordia, State of Louisiana (the "District"), continue to levy a special tax of 13 mills on all the property subject to taxation in the District (an estimated \$2,072,000 reasonably expected at this time to be collected from the levy of the tax for an entire year), for a period of 10 years, beginning with the year 2025 and ending with the year 2034, for the purpose of acquiring and constructing additional classrooms for public schools in the District and for giving additional support for constructing, improving, maintaining and operating public schools and school related facilities in the District, including payment of salaries of teachers and other school system employees?

The said special election will be held at each and every polling place in the Parish of Concordia, which polls will open at seven o'clock (7:00) a.m. and close at eight o'clock (8:00) p.m., in accordance with the provisions of La. R.S. 18:541.

The polling places at the precincts in the Parish are hereby designated as the polling places at which to hold the said election, and the Commissioners-in-Charge and Commissioners, respectively, shall be those persons designated according to law.

The estimated cost of this election as determined by the Secretary of State based upon the provisions of Chapter 8-A of Title 18 and actual costs of similar elections is \$9,700.

Notice is further given that a portion of the monies collected from the tax described in the Proposition shall be remitted to certain state and statewide retirement systems in the manner required by law.

The said special election will be held in accordance with the applicable provisions of Chapter 5 and Chapter 6-A of Title 18 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, and other constitutional and statutory authority, and the officers appointed to hold the said election, as provided in this Notice of Special Election, or such substitutes therefor as may be selected and designated in accordance with La. R.S. 18:1287, will make due returns thereof to said Governing Authority, and NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that the Governing Authority will meet at its regular meeting place, the Concordia Parish Central Office Building, 4358 Hwy. 84 West, Vidalia, Louisiana, on **THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2023, at SIX O'CLOCK (6:00) P.M.**, and shall then and there in open and public session proceed to examine and canvass the returns and declare the result of the said special election. All registered voters of the District are entitled to vote at said special election and voting machines will be used.

10.4, 11, 18,25

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