



DERRICK SHEPPARD JR., runs the ball at Coffeyville Community College.

Sheppard sets sight at GSU

After two years at Coffeyville (Ks.) Community College, Ferriday native Derrick Sheppard Jr., is looking to continue his football playing days at Grambling.

Sheppard enrolled at Grambling and is walking on the Grambling team, hoping to play linebacker.

Sheppard played running back and linebacker at Coffeyville.

Sheppard has been steadily working out since graduating from Ferriday High in 2018. The 5-foot-11, 228-pound Sheppard attended Arkansas



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Baptist College in Little Rock as a preferred walk-on.

“This is going to be the ‘Return of Shep’, Sheppard said. “They are hitting me up at the right time.

Sheppard played on the offensive and defensive lines at Ferriday.

“I was basically just doing what I could to get offers,” Sheppard said. “I didn’t get many opportunities. But I stayed in the weight room and did a lot of running at Ferriday Junior High.”

Sheppard said he has no doubt he will be playing football at Grambling this fall.

“I do have to get back in playing shape,” he said. “But I have no doubt I will make the team. And then the opportunities will continue.”

Dugas, Fontenot honored

LSU outfielder Gavin Dugas and right-handed pitcher Devin Fontenot are rated among the 2022 Perfect Game Top 75 College Seniors.

Dugas, a Houma, La., native, is No. 18 on the list, and Fontenot, a product of The Woodlands, Texas, is slotted at No. 42.

Dugas is a fourth-year player

with two seasons of eligibility remaining due to the pandemic-shortened 2020 season.

He led the SEC in RBI last season with 66, and he was No. 3 in the league in home runs with 19, including two grand slams.

He was also No. 5 in slugging percentage (.641) and No. 8 in total bases (141).

Northwestern releases schedule

Northwestern State’s first visit west of the Rocky Mountains in a decade highlights the Demons’ 11-game 2022 schedule released Monday.

NSU kicks off the 2022 season by visiting FCS quarterfinalist Montana on Sept. 3, marking the first time the Demons will travel that far west since playing at Nevada in 2012.

The matchup with the Grizzlies, whom the Demons faced in the FCS playoffs in 2001, 2002 and 2004, is the first of five non-conference games for the Demons, who will face state rival Grambling at Shreveport’s Independence Stadium on Sept. 10.

“We are excited about all 11 opportunities to take the field this fall,” said head

coach Brad Laird, who begins his fifth season in charge of his alma mater. “Going to Montana will give our team a unique way to start the season. We also are looking forward to playing Grambling and allowing our fans in Shreveport-Bossier to see the Demons in their backyard.”

NSU then faces Southern Miss, its lone FBS opponent, in Hattiesburg, Mississippi, on Sept. 17 before opening its four-game Turpin Stadium slate with by hosting Southeastern on Sept. 24. That is the first of back-to-back Southland Conference home games and the first of two matchups with the Lions. NSU travels to Hammond on Nov. 12 for the back half of the home-and-home season series.

Following the back-to-back home

games, NSU hits the road for consecutive games at Eastern Illinois (Oct. 8) and at Houston Baptist (Oct. 15).

The Demons’ trip to Eastern Illinois is one of two contests against Ohio Valley Conference teams as part of the football scheduling alliance between the leagues. Northwestern State’s second game against an OVC member comes at home Oct. 22 against Southeast Missouri.

The first meeting between the Demons and SEMO in school history also marks the end of a stretch of eight games in eight weeks. Following a bye week, the Demons cap their six-game road schedule with consecutive visits to Southland Conference newcomer Texas A&M-Commerce (Nov. 5) and Southeastern.

Clark named state’s best on defense

LSU linebacker Damone Clark was named the Defensive Player of the Year and joined five other Tigers who were named on the first team of the Louisiana Sports Writers Association’s All-Louisiana college football team announced this weekend.

Also earning special honors were Southeastern quarterback Cole Kelley who was the offensive POY and former University of Louisiana-Lafayette head coach Billy Napier. Nolan Givan of Southeastern was the newcomer of the year for a first-year Louisiana non-freshman player and running backs Montrell Johnson of UL-Lafayette and Collin Guggenheim of Nicholls tied for freshman of the year.

All-SEC, while Price, a Baton Rouge junior, rushed for 1,003 yards and four 100-yard games during the season.

Farrell, a senior from Mobile, Alabama, had 45 tackles including 9.5 for loss. Ward, a junior from Moultrie, Georgia, had two interceptions to go with his 62 tackles.

Kicker York, a junior from McKinney, Texas, earned second team All-SEC honors and made 15-of-18 field goals on the season with five field goals of 50 yards or more.

WR/Dai’Jean Dixon, Nicholls/Sr./New Orleans, La./FCS Walter Payton Finalist, 8 TDs, 1,002 Yards

RB/Ty Davis-Price, LSU/Jr./Baton Rouge, La./1,003 yds, 4 100-yard games

RB/Collin Guggenheim, Nicholls/Fr./Kenner, La./FCS Jerry Rice Finalist, 10 TD, 930 yds

QB/Cole Kelley, Southeastern/Sr./Lafayette, La./SLC POY, FCS Walter Payton Finalist, 4,382 yds, 38 TD

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DB/Zy Alexander, Southeastern/Fr./Loreauville, La./First-Team All-SLC, 36 tackles, 6 interceptions

DB/Jay Ward, LSU/Jr./Moultrie, Ga./62 tackles, 2 interceptions

DB/Percy Butler, UL/Jr./Plaquemine, La./2nd team All-SBC, 60 tackles, 1 interception

FIRST TEAM SPECIAL TEAMS

Pos/Name, School/Class/Hometown/Notes

K/Cade York, LSU/Jr./McKinney, Texas/2nd team All-SEC, 15-18 FGs, 39 PATs, 5 FGs 50 or more

P/Ryan Wright, Tulane/Sr./San Ramon, California/AAC Punter of Year, 47.5 average, 7th nationally

RS/Gage Larvadain, Southeastern/Fr./New Orleans, La./SLC FOY, 29.4 KO Return, 1 TD

Coach of the Year – Billy Napier, UL

Voting – Napier 19, Frank Scelfo (Southeastern) 3

Offensive Player of the Year – Cole Kelley, Southeastern

Voting – Kelley 20, Lewis (UL) 2

Defensive Player of the Year – Damone Clark, LSU

Voting – Clark 16, Chambers (McN) 3, Manac (UL) 1, Alexander (SE) 1, Grubbs (LA Tech) 1

Freshman of the Year – (TIE) – Montrell Johnson, UL; Collin Guggenheim, Nicholls

Voting – Johnson 7, Guggenheim 7, Jack Bech (LSU) 5, Larvadain (SE) 3

Public Notices

STATE OF LOUISIANA	7TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
PARISH OF CONCORDIA	VIDALIA, LOUISIANA
NOTICE OF SHERIFF’S SALE AND APPRAISAL NOTICE	
WELLS FARGO BANK NA	
VS	SUIT NUMBER: 52722
DAVID A SMITH A/K/A DAVID ALLEN SMITH AND ANDREA S. SMITH A/K/A ANDREA SCHMIDT SMITH	
WRIT OF: <u>WRIT OF SEIZURE AND SALE</u>	
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 NO. TWO (2) of a division of a protion of the property of Leo Ivy, more particularly described as follows:	
Commencing at the most southerly corner of a tract conveyed to Walter T. and Diana I. Elveston by deed recorded in Conveyance Book No. 1, page 335 of Concordia Parish, Records. Thence run S 53° 11’ W for 115.1 feet to the point of beginning of the tract herein described.	
Thence from said point of beginning run S 53°11’ W for 318.32 feet; thence N 36 °49’ W for 359.3 feet; thence (N 60° 00’ E for132.6 feet; thence 36°15’ E for 80.0 feet; thence N 78°33’ E for 207.5 feet; thence 36° 49’ E for 174.7 feet to the point of beginning. Being situated in Section 14, T7N-R10E, in Concordia Parish, Louisiana, and containing 2.0 acres, and being more particularly shown on a map or plat of Division of a portion of property of Leo Ivy made by Jordan, Kaiser & Sessions, in August of 1967, a copy of which plat is attached.	
DATE OF SALE:	March 2, 2022
PLACE OF SALE:	Second Floor, Concordia Parish Courthouse Vidalia, Louisiana
TIME OF SALE:	10:00AM
TERMS OF SALE:	Cash WITH benefit of appraisalment.
DAVID K. HEDRICK, JR., SHERIFF	
BY: <u>Laci Darcey</u> (Deputy Sheriff)	
Advertise	January 19, 2022
Advertise	February 23, 2022
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 AP-	

POINT AN APPRAISER FOR YOU.

STATE OF LOUISIANA

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VIDALIA, LOUISIANA

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE AND APPRAISAL NOTICE

FINANCE OF AMERICA REVERSE LLC

VS

SUIT NUMBER: 53732

THOMAS LARRY BAGBEY

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 ATTACHED

The land described herein is situated in the State of Louisiana County of Concordia, described as follows: follow

Lot Sixteen (16) of Block Seven (7) of Woodland Subdivision, Unit No. Two (2) to the Town of Ferriday, Concordia Parish, Louisiana, as shown by plat recorded in Book L-7, page 386, of the Conveyance Records of Concordia Parish, Louisiana.

Together with all the improvements now or hereafter erected on the property, and all easements, appurtenances, and fixtures now or hereafter a part of the property.

(the "Property")

DATE OF SALE: **January 26, 2022**

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: Laci Darcey

(Deputy Sheriff)

Advertise

December 22, 2021

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January 19, 2022

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Public Hearing Notice	
The Concordia Parish Police Jury will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, February 14, 2022 at 6 p.m. at 4001 Carter Street, Room 2, Vidalia, LA to hear public comment in which to establish an ordinance creating the Northeast Louisiana Railroad Development District as allowed by RS 33:140.71. Comments made be submitted in advance to Sandi Burley at Burley@conppj.org.	
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PROPOSED ORDANCES	
Section * Northeast Louisiana Railroad Development District; creation; territorial jurisdiction.	
A.	The agricultural industry constitutes a significant element in the parishes of East Carroll, Madison, Tensas, and Concordia. To expand the economic base of each identified parish, to strengthen the resiliency of the agriculture sector and retain farm jobs, and to create opportunities for the industrial sector in the parishes, it is necessary that the development of railroads be encouraged and supported. For the purpose of exercising the powers and duties set forth in R.S. 33:140.71 through 33:140.79, inclusive, there is hereby created the Northeast Louisiana Railroad Development District, hereinafter referred to as the “district”, which district shall include the parishes of East Carroll, Madison, Tensas, and Concordia.
B.	The district shall be a subdivision of the state and, as such, is hereby designated to be a body politic and political subdivision of the state of Louisiana, as defined in Article VI, Section 44 of the Constitution of Louisiana. The district shall have all of the rights, powers, privileges and duties granted to and imposed on railroad development districts under the provisions of R.S. R.S. 33:140.71 through 33:140.79, as heretofore amended and as hereafter from time to time may be amended, which includes but is not limited to the power to incur debt, to issue bonds, and to levy taxes and assessments.
C.	The primary purpose for the creation of the district is to promote and encourage development of rail service running between the parishes of East Carroll, Madison, Tensas, and Concordia, to stimulate the economy among the parishes through renewed commerce and industry, and for the utilization and development of natural and human resources by providing job opportunities in and among the parishes.
D.	The boundaries of the railroad development district shall be coterminous with the boundaries of the parishes of East Carroll, Madison, Tensas, and Concordia.
(State Law reference – Creation of railroad development districts generally, R.S. 33:140.71 et seq.)	
Section * Board of commissioners.	
A.	(1) To provide for the orderly development and administration of the district, the governing body of the district shall be by a board of nine commissioners, consisting of and appointed in accordance with section 140.72 of R.S. 33:140.71 through 33:140.79, and more specifically, who shall be a qualified voter of the district which he/she represents, and who shall be appointed as follows:
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(a) Two members shall be appointed by the governing authority of each parish within the district.

Members shall reside within the appointing parish.

(b) One member shall be appointed jointly by the governing authorities of the parishes in the district to serve at large. The member jointly appointed shall reside within the district.

(c) Elected officials are prohibited from serving on the board of commissioners.

(2) The term of office of the initial appointments shall be staggered. Three members shall serve an initial term of one year; three members shall serve an initial term of two years, and; three members shall serve an initial term of three years, all as determined by lot at the first board meeting. Members shall thereafter serve three-year terms. Members shall serve until their successor has been appointed and qualified. Successor appointments shall be in the same manner as provided in Paragraph A(1) of this Section.

B. Any vacancy that occurs prior to the expiration of the term for which a member of the board has been appointed, shall be filled for the remainder of the unexpired term in the same manner as the original appointment. In the event that the entity responsible for making the appointment fails to appoint a new member within thirty days of such vacancy, the board of commissioners shall appoint an interim successor to serve until the position is filled in accordance with Paragraph A(1) of this Section. Any member of the board of commissioners may be removed as prescribed in R.S. 33:140.72(C).

C. The commissioners shall elect from their membership a president, vice president, secretary, and a treasurer, whose duties shall be those usual to such offices. At the option of the board, the offices of secretary and treasurer may be held by one person.

D. On initial appointment, the members of the board of commissioners shall receive a per diem and expense authorization as may be approved by the appointing authority. The board of commissioners may reimburse any member or director for expenses actually incurred out of district funds in the hands of the board treasurer. Notwithstanding, any approval for the payment of mileage shall be at the current state government rate. Approval for such expense reimbursement will be in a district board meeting.

E. The board of commissioners shall meet in regular session every other month and in special session at the discretion of the president or on the written request of four board members. Regular board meetings shall be held in the city and parish as designated by the board and on a rotating basis among the parishes of East Carroll, Madison, Tensas, and Concordia. Five board members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of district business.

F. The board of commissioners may contract with and employ attorneys, clerks, engineers, deputy commissioners, superintendents, and other agents and employees, and shall fix their compensation and terms of employment.

G. A board member shall not have a pecuniary interest, directly or indirectly, in any contract, subcontract, agreement or other transaction that is under the supervision or jurisdiction of the district or to which the district is a party.

H. The board of commissioners shall prescribe rules to govern its meetings.

(State Law reference – Board of commissioners, R.S. 33:140.72 et seq.)

Section * Powers and obligations of district; railroad development.

A. The district, acting by and through its board of commissioners, shall have and exercise all rights, powers, and privileges of a political subdivision granted and conferred by the Constitution and Statutes of the State of Louisiana, necessary or convenient for carrying out its economic development purposes, including but not limited to the power to sue and be sued, to construct, acquire, expropriate, improve, operate, maintain and dispose of property, to enter into contracts, to incur debt, to issue bonds, to levy taxes, to borrow money, to appoint officers, agents, and employees and to prescribe their duties and to fix their compensation, and all other powers authorized by law, and more particularly by R.S. 33:140.71 et seq., as heretofore amended and as hereafter from time to time may be amended.

B. The lease, sale, disposal, or other disposition of lands, buildings, or other property of the district or any attachment thereto shall be pursuant to the provisions of R.S. 33:140.74 et seq., as heretofore amended and as hereafter from time to time may be amended.

C. The board is authorized to adopt all necessary resolutions or ordinances that may be necessary for any required election pursuant to the provisions of R.S. 33:140.76 et seq., as heretofore amended and as hereafter from time to time may be amended.

(State Law reference – Powers and obligations of district, R.S. 33:140.73 through R.S. 33:140.76)

Section * Fees and ad valorem tax; borrowing money.

A. The Board of commissioners may levy annually an ad valorem tax not to exceed five mills on the dollar of assessed valuation of all property pursuant to the provisions of R.S. 33:140.71 et seq., and more specifically Section 140.75, as heretofore amended and as hereafter from time to time may be amended.

B. All funds derived under this Section may be used for expenses and purposes of the district as authorized by law. In addition to all necessary and normal accounts, the board shall establish and maintain all special accounts as required by law.

(State Law reference – Fees and ad valorem tax; borrowing money, R.S. 33:140.75)

Section * Exempt from taxation.

The property, revenues, and income of the district, all evidences of indebtedness issued by the district, and the interest or income therefrom shall be exempt from taxation levied by the state.

(State Law reference – Exemption from taxation, R.S. 33:140.78)

Section * General compliances; enhancement; audit.

A. The district shall comply with the provisions of Louisiana laws pertaining to open meetings, public records, fiscal agents, official journals, dual officeholding and employment, public bidding, property rights, the Code of Governmental Ethics and the Louisiana Election Code.

B. The financial records of the district shall be subjected to audit pursuant to R.S. 24:513.

(State law reference – Audit, R.S. 33:140.79)

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Public Hearing

The Ferriday Housing Authority will hold a Public Hearing at 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 23, 2022 for the 2022 Annual PHA Plan and 5-Year Action Plan that is required by the Quality Housing Work Responsibility Act of 1998. The Public Hearing will be held at the Ferriday Housing Authority, 27393 Hwy. 15; Ferriday, LA 71334.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that American Cruise Lines has applied for a 401 Water Quality Certification to dredge and place spoil to construct a new docking facility for a river cruise line on the right descending bank of the Mississippi River off Front Street in Vidalia, Concordia Parish. American Cruise Lines is applying to the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality, Office of Environmental Services for a Water Quality Certification in accordance with statutory authority contained in the LAC 33:IX.1507.A-E and provisions of Section 401 of the Clean Water Act.

Comments concerning this application can be filed with the Water Permits Division within ten days of this notice by referencing WQC 211213-01, AI 231850 to the following address:

Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality
Water Permits Division
P.O. Box 4313
Baton Rouge, LA 70821-4313
Attn: Elizabeth Hill

Comments may be submitted by email to DEQ-WaterQualityCertifications@la.gov. A copy of the application is available for inspection and review at the LDEQ Public Records Center, on the first floor of the Galvez Building, Room 127 at 602 North Fifth Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The available information can also be accessed electronically on the Electronic Document Management System (EDMS) on the LDEQ public website at www.deq.louisiana.gov.

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CONCORDIA PARISH FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT #2 REGULAR MEETING December 7, 2021 5:00 P.M.

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

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

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Cowan following the roll call.

Motion was made by Mr. Hillen and duly seconded by Ms. McClure to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held November 9, 2021. Motion unanimously passed.

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

Chief Brown reported that the department had responded to 2 grass fires, 2 MVAs, and 4 structure fires.

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

Motin was made by Mr. Hillen, duly seconded by Ms. Hodge to approve the 2022 Proposed Budget.

Mrs. Smith informed the board that a letter had been received from LWCC informing of a date for a conference call regarding an old claim.

There was no public comment.

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

Jan Smith
Secretary/Treasurer

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF THE PARISH OF CONCORDIA, STATE OF LOUISIANA, TAKEN AT A REGULAR MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2021

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, December 9, 2021, 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. Warren Enterkin, Mrs. Dorothy Parker, Mr. Derrick Carson, Mr. Nicky Pere, Mrs. Angela Hayes, Mrs. Lisette Forman, Mr. Ricky Raven, and Mr. Fred Butcher.

Board member absent was Dr. Raymond Riley.

The Board recognized the following 2021 Christmas Card Art Contest Winners:

<u>Lower Elementary Schools</u>			
1st Place Aubrey Harrell	2nd grade Monterey High	Ms. Cloessner	
2nd Place Collins Ann Bourke	2nd grade Vidalia Lower	Ms. Bernard	
3rd Place Michelle Augustine	2nd grade Ferriday Lower	Ms. Smythe	

<u>Upper Elementary Schools</u>			
1st Place Alina Ewing	6th grade CPA	Mrs. Spinks	
2nd Place Kaelin M. Barlow	3rd grade Monterey High	Mrs. Ganey	
3rd Place Mariah Fair	4th grade Ferriday Upper	Ms. Daniels	

<u>Junior High Schools</u>			
1st Place Brayden Robinson	7th grade Monterey High	Ms. A. Smith	
2nd Place Braedyn Moss	7th grade Vidalia Junior	Ms. Martin	
3rd Place Brayden Duplechin	7th grade Vidalia Junior	Ms. Sandrock	

<u>High Schools</u>			
1st Place Caroline Rout	10th grade CPA	Ms. M. Price	
2nd Place Alondra Velez-Remos	11th grade Vidalia High	Mrs. Cooley	
3rd Place Reyna Winkler	11th grade Ferriday High		

Mr. Marco Gonzalez with Volkert, Inc., who is replacing Mr. Bob Bernard, formerly with Volkert, Inc., gave an update on the Monterey High School gymnasium project. There is an estimated completion date in June 2022. The weather has been cooperating and materials are on hand so there is no negative news.

Committee Reports were presented. (see attached)

It was moved by Mr. Enterkin, seconded by Mrs. Parker and unanimously carried to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting on October 26, 2021, and also the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on November 11, 2021.

It was moved by Mr. Enterkin, seconded by Mrs. Parker and unanimously carried to approve invoices in the amount of \$6,614,047 for the month of November 2021.

The personnel report was available in the board members' binders. Mrs. Rhonda Moore was not present so Ms. Watson informed the board that the report had one change since it was presented to the committee. It was moved by Mr. Raven, seconded by Mrs. Lisette Forman, and unanimously carried to approve the personnel report.

Concordia Parish School Board Personnel Announcements December 9, 2021

Leaves:
Jessica Harris, Teacher, Ferriday Upper Elementary School, return from maternity leave, effective November 1, 2021.

Kimberly Jackson, Principal, Ferriday High School, Family Medical Leave, effective November 4, 2021 through January 5, 2022.

Kimula Wallace-Turner, Teacher, Vidalia Junior High School, Family Medical Leave, effective November 29, 2021 through December 17, 2021.

Appointments:
Shea Boothe, Teacher, Ferriday Junior High School, effective November 29, 2021.

Resignation:
Cortez White, Central Office Maintenance, CPSB Central Office, effective December 10, 2021.

Retirements:
Richard Clark, 10 Month Janitor, Vidalia Junior High School, effective January 1, 2022.

Mr. Butcher requested that the board members take the Pupil Progression report home and read it. They will vote on approval of the report at the next regular meeting.

Superintendent Watson gave an update on the ESSER Committee, noting that the RFP was in the paper. The committee looked at the key investments that the ESSER funds can be used for.

On a motion by Mr. Raven, seconded by Mrs. Forman, and unanimously carried, the board approved a letter of support for the SYRAH ITEP 10-year property tax exemption. Mr. Butcher asked for a roll call vote.

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Warren Enterkin	Yea
Mrs. Dorothy Parker	Yea
Dr. Raymond Riley	Absent
Mr. Derrick Carson	Yea
Ms. Angela Hayes	Yea
Mrs. Lisette Forman	Yea
Mr. Ricky Raven	Yea
Mr. Nicky Pere	ineligible to vote
Mr. Fred Butcher	Yea

Motion passed with 7 Yeas and 0 Nays.

There was no Executive Session.
The following announcements were made by Superintendent Watson:

Superintendent Watson gave an update on teacher certification status. We did put some requirements in place for our uncertified teachers. As of today, we have seven teachers who have passed a part of the practice exam. That is more than the past three years combined. They all have to participate in something called 240 Tutoring at a minimum of 30 minutes a day. We tied that to their bonuses and

as a result we're seeing great progress. We did have some teachers did not pass, but we are seeing growth, 14 points, 17 points, 22 points. So that's a start. There is a direct correlation between time spent and passing scores, and we're seeing that and we're excited about it.

Literacy – Mrs. Marsalis is spending a lot of time working on literacy. She works directly with our elementary schools and she spends a lot of time with them. On September 15th we had a Listen and Learn with our lower elementary teachers, and I did the listening and I did the learning. I wanted to find out what we need to focus on, and it was literacy. The day before yesterday Mrs. Marsalis received notice that a grant has been awarded to increase literacy in our district. I don't know if this is the first time, but this is the first time since I've been in this district that we are having district funded tutoring for Ferriday Lower, Vidalia Lower, Ferriday Upper, Vidalia Upper and Ferriday Junior High School. We will provide transportation and snacks in collaboration with Food Services. This will begin in January. All the administrators are on board.

In addition to that, Mrs. Marsalis also spearheaded our work with NIET. We started our partnership with NIET several years ago with Mrs. Carson, and the work made such an impact that we knew we wanted to extend that. Mrs. Marsalis wrote a grant for that which has been awarded and we will be able to extend it.

Many of you are aware, and I've shared these numbers with you before, that in Concordia Parish most students typically take the ACT for the first time in the 11th grade, with the exception of teachers' children and principals' children. We met last year with some high school administrators and spent some time discussing things we would like to happen. We didn't talk about the children at the bottom, but at the top. One thing that was discussed was that we need to get more of our 10th graders taking the ACT. We did start with our Sophomores Take Southern program, but we didn't stop there. I wrote a competitive grant in collaboration with our administrators, which has been awarded, which will fund our 9th and 10th graders taking the ACT at no cost to the district.

Another highlight, back in July about the first or second week into my job I came to you and asked to start a Freshman Academy. Yes, it was premature, we did not have time to plan for it and make it all the things we need, and it was not and is not what we want it to be, so why stop there? We have been awarded a grant in the amount of \$650,000 in partnership with Warren Eastman in New Orleans to make Ferriday Freshman Academy all it can and will be.

In addition to that, I also want to highlight the work we are doing with the De-segregation Order. I inherited a binder with about 200 pages to be turned in to the Department of Justice. I can say today that we are about 70 percent complete with those things that have been requested since 2020. I am excited and thankful to all of you who helped make that possible. I wish to thank Sarah Caviness, who has worked many Saturdays with me to get this done, and Mr. O'Neal as well.

The last announcement, and we have already emailed our administrators and I want to thank you for getting the word out about the election on Saturday. I took a little road tour where I spoke in several communities about the taxes. Most of the time people link those taxes with bonuses, but the reality is we've gotten a gymnasium built in Ferriday, we've got roads done, we've got the Monterey gym built. I highlight competitive grants that we received because there is something called indirect costs, which is money funneled back into our general fund so that we can continue to grow, and that itself should be celebrated as well. So I say to my board tonight that I know sometimes we only hear all the things that Concordia is not doing, but do know there are some great people in Concordia and there are some great things going on.

Mr. Butcher thanked Ms. Watson, her staff and all the administrators for all that they do.

It was moved by Mr. Raven, seconded by Mrs. Forman and unanimously carried to adjourn at 6:42 p.m
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PARISH POLICE JURY REGULAR MEETING DECEMBER 13, 2021 6:00 P.M.

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

President:	Joseph Parker, Sr
Members:	Maurice Bachus, Willie Yearby, Genesis Allen, Collin Edwards Scottie Whittington, Adam Probst
Absent:	Brad Adams
Secretary Treasurer:	Sandi T. Burley
Invocation:	Mr. Yearby
Pledge of Allegiance:	Mr. Probst

The Pledge, Invocation, and Roll Call were conducted by Mr. Parker. A quorum was present.

1) A motion was made by Mr. Probst seconded by Mr. Yearby to approve the November 22, 2021 regular meeting minutes as distributed. Motion carried unanimously.

2) Mr. Paul Jahn, Commercial Manager with Syrah Technologies, addressed the Jurors on the upcoming expansions planned to their facility. Mr. Jahn discussed the plan growth of Syrah Technologies from 21 to 80 employees over the next 2 years. With the growth, plans for expanding and adding to the facility with both equipment and building and materials.

Mr. Jahn asked the Jurors for a resolution of support for the Industrial Tax Exemption Program (ITEP) Application. The resolution would allow Syrah Technologies to receive an 80% property tax exemption for an initial term of 5 years and an additional term of 5 years at 80% if ITEP thresholds and guidelines are met. This would amend the previously approved resolution of a 100% property tax exemption for 5 years and an additional term of 5 years with 80% exemption.

Mr. Neal asked Mr. Jahn about the effects of the output put on the sewer system. Vidalia Mayor, Buz Craft, was also in attendance and spoke to the question. Mr. Craft stated that the Town of Vidalia just passed its annual inspection of its sewer plant. All levels meet the sampling planned during the original design and establishment of Syrah Technologies. Mr. Edwards asked when will the new addition begin construction. Mr. Jahn responded that funding sources are being pursued and should start in January of 2022. The plan is to be operating by 2023 in the additional facility.

With no further comments, a motion was made by Mr. Probst seconded by Ms. Allen to pass Resolution 2021-018 to support the ITEP Application for Syrah Technologies. Motion carried unanimously. (Resolution 2021-018 attached as addendum to minutes.)

3) Ms. Karen Mohlberg with Enterprise Fleet Management addressed the Jurors to discuss the Fleet Management Program. By taking older trucks out of inventory through trade in, the Parish's costs of repairs and maintenance are greatly reduced. The rotation of inventory would allow the Parish to use the equity in the newer trucks toward replacing future trucks. Currently only the Ford F150 is on state contract. These will be the focus of replacing in FY 2022. A motion was made by Mr. Probst seconded by Mr. Neal to approve the President to execute the Fleet Management Agreement with Enterprise. Motion carried unanimously.

4) Mr. Bryant Killen spoke on passing an ordinance to create the Northeast Railroad District. Mr. Killen shared statutes that supported the creation of the district. The railroad projects are planned to provide rail from Tallulah to Vidalia using the existing footprint where possible. The District would be made of nine members. Two members from each parish and one member appointed jointly by the governing authorities of the parishes in the district to serve at large. A motion was made by Mr. Yearby seconded by Mr. Bachus to approve publishing a public hearing notice to create an ordinance establishing the Northeast Railroad District. Motion carried unanimously.

5) Dixon Cole, Chairman of the Lake Concordia Advisory Board brought forward information of the elevations and pool stages conducted and established for Lake Concordia. In his written request, Mr. Cole asked the Jurors for permission for the Advisory Board to place boards or plates to 49.0 feet on the gated structure to maintain water levels. Permission to oversee and operate the gate by the Board was also requested. A motion was made Mr. Probst seconded by Ms. Allen to authorize the Lake Concordia Advisory Board to place the appropriate boards and operate the gate in which to maintain proper levels of the lake. Motion carried unanimously.

6) Census and re-districting were to be discussed next. Mr. Bill Blair was not able to make the meeting, therefore further discussion will be held at the next regular meeting.

7) A recommendation for appointment renewals for Recreation District #3 was received. The letter recommended Mr. Glen Perilloux, Frank Duson, Jr., and Mr. Kale Davis to renew their 4 year term expiring on December 31, 2021. A motion was made by Mr. Yearby seconded by Mr. Whittington to approve the renewals. Motion carried unanimously.

8) Discussion of allocations and information needed for the GUMBO application for broadband was held. Formal information for ARPA allocations is being gathered. A motion was made to table discussion and hold a special meeting if needed by Mr. Probst seconded by Mr. Bachus. Motion carried unanimously.

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9) Committee Reports and Actions were next discussed
a. Finance – A motion was made by Mr. Probst seconded by Mr. Yearby to approve the minutes of the 2022 Budget Public Hearing held November 23, 2021. Motion carried unanimously.

b. Finance – A motion was made by Mr. Yearby seconded by Mr. Probst to ratify the proposed FY 2022 Budget for advertising and public comment. Motion carried unanimously.

c. Finance – A motion was made by Mr. Probst seconded by Mr. Bachus to ratify the purchase orders and bank statements for November. Motion carried unanimously.

d. Public Works/Solid Waste – Bulk limb pickup will resume for residents depending on the weather and access to the debris site.

e. Courthouse – A proposal for a maintenance agreement on the elevator lift was reviewed. The agreement allows for planned maintenance and contacts for repairs. A motion was made by Mr. Whittington seconded by Mr. Yearby to approve the execution of the maintenance agreement. Motion carried unanimously.

10) Under Projects, updates were given on Brushy Bayou, DR-4462, DR-4590, and ARPA.

a. Wetland Mitigation Credits have been purchased and the 404 and 408 permits have been approved by USACE. All documentation has been sent to FEMA for further review. DOTD finals designs are expected to be completed by year end.

11) Under Ordinance Violations, a motion was made by Mr. Yearby seconded by Mr. Edwards to approve Superintendent Guillory to look into water flow at the Work Release building brought forward by Mr. Whittington. Motion carried unanimously.

12) A motion was made by Mr. Yearby seconded by Ms. Allen and carried unanimously to approve the following Occupational Licenses:

Laurco LLC – Gift Shop – 4677 Hwy 569, Ferriday – Lauren Maroon
St. Andrew's Thrift Shop – 4284 Hwy 84, Vidalia – Sales and Use Tax Form

13) Under the Secretary / Treasurer's Report, Ms. Burley offered the following:

a) Discussed upcoming meetings, holidays, and vacation schedules.
b) The boiler at the courthouse has become inoperable. A quote for renting a boiler and purchasing a boiler was reviewed and discussed. A motion was made by Mr. Whittington seconded by Mr. Yearby to move forward with the emergent purchase of a new boiler system. Motion carried unanimously.

14) Superintendent's Report
a) Work Orders were brought forward:
610 (yards) – 30 on Poole Road, Monterey; 15 on Bodark; 15 on Dr. Gibson; 105 on Kemps Landing; 15 on Eagle; 8 on Boggy Bayou; 7.5 on East; 7.5 on Thomas; 7.5 on Crestview; 31 on Mooselodge; 15 on Haphazard; 1 on Boggy Bayou; 1 on Passman; 2 on Smart Lane; 2 on Mack Moore; 1 on Lincoln; 1 on Serio; 1 on Robert Webber; 2 on Airport
Maintenance Gravel (yards) – 30 on Plouden Bayou; 15 on Coop Road; 15 on Poole Road, Ferriday; 15 on Cynthia Bayou
Pitrun (yards) – 15 on Bodark
A motion was made by Mr. Yearby seconded by Mr. Edwards to approve the work orders. Motion carried unanimously.

b) Mr. Peoples has retired as Mechanic/Asst Superintendent. An in-house application period is open for the dual role. Discussion was held on the title exempting the dual position. Mr. Yearby offered a term from his former work history called Mechanic Leadman. This was acceptable to the Jurors. A motion was made by Mr. Yearby seconded by Mr. Probst to approve the revised title and begin in-house advertising for applications. Motion carried unanimously.

15) Work Orders from the Jurors were next discussed. A motion was made by Mr. Probst seconded by Mr. Yearby and carried unanimously to approve the following:
Neal – 159 Belle Grove drainage issues; 106 and 117 Garden Drive – ditches are silted in.

16) Public Comment Period and Correspondence –
a. Mr. Parker recognized Mr. Stanley Nelson from the Concordia Sentinel. Mr. Nelson has covered the news of the Parish for several decades and will be retiring at the end of the year. On behalf of the Police Jury – we wish you all the best on your retirement!

17) There being no further discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Whittington and seconded by Ms. Allen to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

Sandi T. Burley, Secretary / Treasurer

Resolution No. 2021 - 018

A Resolution of the Concordia Parish Police Jury Authorizing its President to Sign a Letter of Intent Supporting Syrah Technologies LLC's Pending Louisiana Industrial Property Tax Exemption Program Application

WHEREAS, Syrah Technologies LLC ("Syrah") spent roughly \$37M to construct a new manufacturing facility in Vidalia, LA ("initial project") that became operational in 2019; and

WHEREAS, this initial project brought new investment dollars and new jobs to the community; and

WHEREAS, Syrah has been and continues to be a good corporate citizen and partner with the City of Vidalia, neighboring communities, and the Parish of Concordia; and

WHEREAS, Syrah is considering an expansion project at its new manufacturing facility in Vidalia, LA that could bring over \$137 million of investment dollars and 30 new full time permanent (LA-Domiciled) jobs paying, on average, over \$55,000 per job, to the community; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Loren Scott performed an economic impact analysis that states the proposed expansion project would have a very significant positive impact on the City of Vidalia, neighboring communities, and the Parish of Concordia; and

WHEREAS, Syrah operates in a globally competitive marketplace; and

WHEREAS, current market conditions are having a dramatic impact on material and equipment pricing; and

WHEREAS, Syrah is a manufacturing establishment eligible to participate in the Louisiana Industrial Property Tax Exemption Program ("ITEP"); and

WHEREAS, the ITEP is a property tax exemption that, if approved, would have a significant impact on the economic viability of the proposed expansion project; and

WHEREAS, Syrah timely filed its ITEP application with the Louisiana Department of Economic Development ("LED") for consideration by the Louisiana Board of Commerce and Industry ("BC&I") at its upcoming meeting on December 10, 2021; and

WHEREAS, Syrah's intent was to complete the ITEP review and approval process with the Concordia Parish Police Jury ("Police Jury") prior to Syrah's corporate board making a decision to proceed or not to proceed with the project in December 2021 regarding the proposed expansion project; and

WHEREAS, LED has notified Syrah that its application has been reviewed and marked complete, but that the ITEP application will not be heard at the December 10, 2021 BC&I meeting; and

WHEREAS, the next BC&I meeting is on February 23, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the timeline for the LED ITEP approval process prevents the Police Jury from taking formal action on Syrah's ITEP application prior to Syrah's board making a decision to proceed or not to proceed with the project investment; and

WHEREAS, the Police Jury wishes to extend its conditional support of Syrah's pending ITEP application to Syrah's corporate board prior to its investment decision; and

WHEREAS, Syrah has provided a copy of its ITEP application and supporting documentation to the Police Jury for review and consideration; and

WHEREAS, Syrah has provided a summary of the economic impact study performed by Dr. Loren Scott to the Police Jury for review and consideration; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, upon consideration of the foregoing and the public discussion held this day, that this Concordia Parish Police Jury approves the President indicating support of this Police Jury for Syrah's pending Louisiana Industrial Property Tax Exemption through execution of a Letter of Intent, providing the following conditions are present in the Letter of Intent:

a) the ITEP application was recommended by the Louisiana Department of Economic Development to the Louisiana Board of Commerce and Industry for approval; and

b) the ITEP application was approved by the Louisiana Board of Com-

merce and Industry.

This resolution was considered as a whole, and upon the motion of Mr. Probst being seconded by Ms. Allen and carried unanimously was adopted by the following vote on 13th day of December, 2021.

Yeas: 8
Nays: 0
Absent: 1
Abstained: 0

ATTEST:

Joseph Parker, Sr.
President

Sandi T. Burley
Secretary / Treasurer

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MINUTES OF A REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE TOWN OF VIDALIA, LOUISIANA, HELD ON TUESDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2021 AT 6:00 P.M. IN THE TOWN HALL MEETING ROOM, 200 VERNON STEVENS BLVD., VIDALIA, LOUISIANA

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Vidalia, Louisiana, met, in regular session, in the Town Hall Meeting Room on Tuesday, December 14, 2021, at 6:00 p.m.

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

There was absent: NONE.

There were also present: Piara Wilson, Municipal Clerk; Debra Moak, Municipal Accountant; George C. Murray, Jr., Municipal Attorney; Jay LaSyone, Municipal Manager; Pam Middleton, Executive Secretary to the Mayor, and members of the press.

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

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

After being reviewed, the typed minutes of the special meeting of September 2, 2021, and the regular meeting of November 9, 2021, were approved with no changes. The motion for approval of both minutes was made by Alderwoman Demby, seconded by Alderman Smith, and unanimously carried.

The Mayor then opened the floor for public comments on current agenda items. First to comment was Mrs. Robb, who continued her objection to having to comment on Agenda Items prior to the Board first addressing those items. The Mayor noted her objection. She then voiced her concerns about the waste water disposal plant being able to properly dispose of the waste water from the various plants and she finished her comments by noting that nothing that she ever asks about seems to ever get addressed. The Mayor thanked her for her comments and noting that there were no other comments, closed the floor for public comments on current agenda items.

Agenda Item No. 1 was the presentation of the financial statement for October, 2021. The Mayor called on the Municipal Accountant, Debra Moak, CPA, who presented the financial statement. As customary, she began by explaining the various fund balances, which summaries included a comparison of actual expenses to budget expenses. The summary sheets, previously given to the Aldermen, were reviewed in detail, and she reported on the various positive and negative fund balances and indicated the net changes in the various funds through October 31, 2021. As usual, she reminded the Aldermen that those statements were provided to them in their meeting packet. At the end of her presentation, there being no questions or comments, the Mayor thanked Mrs. Moak for her usual thorough presentation.

Agenda Item No. 2 was Board discussion and vote on approval of occupational license applications. The only application was by Suzanne Branch for "TRESS SOLUTIONS CLINICAL SALON", at 4008 Carter Street. There being no comments or questions, on motion for approval by Alderman Smith, seconded by Alderman Betts, and unanimously carried.

Agenda Item No. 3 was presentation of plans for proposed project to upgrade and expand Town of Vidalia Water Plant. The Board introduced Mr. Doug Wimberly of Neel-Schaffer, Inc., who spoke to the Board on the proposed upgrades and expansion. After giving the Board an overview of the project, he advised that conceptual designs had been prepared. Mr. Wimberly presented to the Board some preliminary figures on the project which could either be a renovation of the current plant, which would include shut-downs to make those improvements, or to go with a two plant project whereby a new plant would be constructed and after that the current plant would be upgraded and that his thoughts were that such a two plant design would be better for the Town in the long run. After some discussion, the Board decided to move forward with the two plant proposal and to engage Bryant Hammett & Associates to work with Mr. Wimberly on the designs. The voice vote thereon was as follows: YEAS: Aldermen Betts, Gardner, Probst, Smith and Alderwoman Demby. The motion carried 5 YEAS, no NAYS.

Agenda Item No. 4 was Board discussion and vote on resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign a letter of intent supporting Syrah Technologies' pending ITEP Application. The Mayor then explained to the Board the need to authorize him to sign the letter of support, as attached to the minutes. Following the Mayor's explanation, a motion was made by Alderman Betts, and seconded by Alderman Gardner, to pass a Resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign a letter of intent supporting Syrah Technology, LLC's pending Louisiana Industrial Property Tax Exemption program application. The motion was seconded by Alderman Probst and the roll call vote thereon was as follows: YEAS: Alderman Betts, Alderman Smith, Alderman Gardner, Alderman Probst, and Alderwoman Demby. NAYS: NONE. ABSENT: ABSTAINING: NONE. Accordingly the Resolution was declared adopted on this 14th day of December, 2021.

(A COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION IS ATTACHED HERETO AND MADE A PART HEREOF).

Agenda Item No.5 was Board discussion and vote to adopt compliance questionnaire for audit as required by Louisiana Legislative Auditor. The Mayor again explained the need for the adoption of the compliance questionnaire. Following his explanation, a motion to adopt the compliance questionnaire for audits as required by the Louisiana Legislative Auditor was made by Alderman Betts, seconded by Alderman Probst, and unanimously carried.

Agenda Item No. 6 was introduction of an Ordinance to authorize the Town of Vidalia, Louisiana, to change the procedure for charging and collecting fees for the use and operation of the Town of Vidalia's Municipal Ambulance Service. The Mayor spoke to the Board about the need to change the procedure for charging and collecting fees for the use and operation of the Town's Municipal Ambulance Service. Following his explanation, there being no comments, he formerly introduced the Ordinance.

(A COPY OF THE ORDINANCE IS ATTACHED HERETO AND MADE A PART HEREOF).

Agenda Item No.7 was Board discussion and vote to appoint Buz Craft as a Director and Jay LaSyone as an Alternate Director of the Louisiana Municipal Natural Gas Purchasing and Distribution Authority. The Mayor then gave the reasons for the Natural Gas Authority to request that the Mayor and Jay LaSyone be appointed as Director and Alternate Director of the Authority. There being no questions, a motion to appoint Buz Craft as a Director and Jay LaSyone as an Alternate Director of the Authority was made by Alderman Smith, seconded by Alderman Betts, and unanimously carried.

(A COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION IS ATTACHED HERETO AND MADE A PART HEREOF).

Agenda Item No. 8 was Board discussion and vote on approval of Vidalia Police Department personnel: Carson Cupit (new part-time officer). Alderman Gardner, at this point, asked if the appointment was due to a loss of personnel. A representative of the Police Department responded that it was due to a loss of personnel. Thereafter, a motion to approve the hire of Carson Cupit as a new part-time officer was made by Alderman Betts, seconded by Alderman Smith, and unanimously carried.

Agenda Item No. 9 was presentation and request to honor former Town employee, Dan White, by Ms. Sandra White. The Mayor recognized Ms. White who spoke to the Board about her desire to have her father, Dan White, honored for his long and faithful service to the Town of Vidalia. She went over some history which included the fact that Mr. White had been the only plumber to do Town work for many years and that he had also been employed at the Water Plant and felt that doing something to honor him would be appropriate. The Mayor then commented on Mr. White's long time service to the Town and his thoughts that he should be honored appropriately. The Mayor advised Ms. White that he will discuss with the Board and other persons and that the Town definitely will do something appropriate to honor her father. She thanked the Mayor for his consideration.

Agenda Item No.10 was a discussion on the need for new Ordinance to govern how future utility rebates will be disbursed to electric users. The Mayor

began his discussion by advising that the Ordinance that he is discussing does not have anything to do with the original Ordinance No. 588 and that the new Ordinance is to clarify how to deal with disbursements of funds as there have been several problems arising, such as in the area of a surviving widow or children where the succession has not been done. Following some discussion among the Board and those present, the Mayor advised that this is a discussion only Agenda Item – that he will be talking to affected citizens and attempting to get an Ordinance which would resolve the various problems.

Agenda Item No. 11 was Board discussion and vote on 2022 Beer and Liquor Permits. The Mayor noted that the 2022 Liquor and Beer Permit List has been submitted and is attached to the agenda. The only question was whether or not the person who has not yet paid for his permit is going to be allowed to get one. The response was that the permit will not be issued until the fees have been paid. Following that, a motion to accept the 2022 Beer and Liquor Permits as presented to the Board was made by Alderman Gardner, seconded by Alderman Probst, and unanimously carried.

Agenda Item No. 12 was update on streets and sidewalks projects by Mayor Craft. The Mayor entered into a discussion with the Board, and some citizens, about the street and sidewalks project. The Mayor indicated some of the streets which will be initially worked on and updated on the Town getting a list of sidewalks in need of repair. The Mayor was asked whether or not there would be money for adding sidewalks and he advised that he will check and see on whether or not those persons in the areas wanting sidewalks are all in agreement.

Following the update, the Mayor announced that there were no more agenda items and asked for a motion to adjourn. A motion to adjourn was made by Alderman Betts, seconded by Alderwoman Demby, and unanimously carried. The meeting was declared adjourned.

/s/ Piara Wilson _____ /s/ Buz Craft _____
PIARA WILSON, MUNICIPAL CLERK BUZ CRAFT, MAYOR

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ORDINANCE NO. ____

AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE TOWN OF VIDALIA, LOUISIANA, TO CHANGE THE PROCEDURE FOR CHARGING AND COLLECTING FEES FOR THE USE AND OPERATION OF THE TOWN OF VIDALIA MUNICIPAL AMBULANCE SERVICE

BE IT ORDAINED, BY THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE TOWN OF VIDALIA, LOUISIANA, in regular session, duly convened as the governing authority of said municipality, that:

Section 1. This proposed Ordinance was previously introduced at the regular meeting of December 14, 2021; and

Section 2. After due notice of advertising of this proposed ordinance in the official journal on the 22nd day of December, 2021, and public hearing held at the Mayor and Board's regular meeting on the 11th day of January, 2022, it is hereby ordained and adopted as an Ordinance of the Town of Vidalia, Louisiana, that:

WHEREAS, TOWN OF VIDALIA ORDINANCE NO. 558-A authorizes the Town of Vidalia to levy a one-half per cent (1/2%) sales and use tax for the purpose of providing ambulance service to the public, including acquiring, maintaining, and operating facilities and equipment acquired therewith and paying all personnel costs; and

WHEREAS, in order to achieve the desired level of ambulance service, and to comply with the numerous Federal and State laws and regulations which have been mandated and made effective since the passage of Ordinance No. 590, the Town of Vidalia should be authorized to levy and collect fees and charges for the use of said ambulance service, as follows:

A. The Vidalia Emergency Medical Service does not charge patients for its ambulance services. Health and Auto Insurance carriers, Medicare and Medicaid, to include RailRoad Medicare and any and all Medicare and Medicaid Replacement or supplement programs, not Vidalia Emergency Service patients, are billed.

B. The fees are levied only when a patient is transported by medic unit or ambulance to a hospital; EMS calls that do not involve transport do not involve a fee. Patients who refuse transport sign a form documenting their refusal.

C. All patients are transported regardless of insurance coverage or ability to pay.

D. No payment is collected at the time of transport. EMS personnel may request a patient's demographic information, such as correct spelling of first and last name, date of birth and address. EMS personnel may obtain authorization to bill the patient's insurer along with permission to transport, as well as the insurance information to include, member ID and group number after transport, the billing department, whether that be in house or outsourced, will work with the hospital and all available sources including the patient, to obtain additional information as necessary.

THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Vidalia, Louisiana, in regular session, duly convened as the governing authority of said municipality, that the Town of Vidalia, Louisiana, is hereby authorized to change the method and procedure for charging and collecting fees for the use and operation of the Town of Vidalia Municipal Ambulance Service, as follows:

A. The Vidalia Emergency Medical Service does not charge patients for its ambulance services. Health and Auto Insurance carriers, Medicare and Medicaid, to include RailRoad Medicare and any and all Medicare and Medicaid Replacement or supplement programs, not Vidalia Emergency Service patients, are billed.

B. The fees are levied only when a patient is transported by medic unit or ambulance to a hospital; EMS calls that do not involve transport do not involve a fee. Patients who refuse transport sign a form documenting their refusal.

C. All patients are transported regardless of insurance coverage or ability to pay.

D. No payment is collected at the time of transport. EMS personnel may request a patient's demographic information, such as correct spelling of first and last name, date of birth and address. EMS personnel may obtain authorization to bill the patient's insurer along with permission to transport, as well as the insurance information to include, member ID and group number after transport, the billing department, whether that be in house or outsourced, will work with the hospital and all available sources including the patient, to obtain additional information as necessary.

The foregoing Ordinance was read and considered, section by section, and as a whole, and the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS:
NAYS:
ABSTAINING:
ABSENT:

WHEREUPON, the foregoing ordinance was declared to be duly adopted this 11th day of January, 2022, to be effective immediately.

PIARA WILSON, MUNICIPAL CLERK BUZ CRAFT, MAYOR

The following resolution was offered by Alderman Smith and seconded by Alderman Betts:

RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT OF A DIRECTOR AND AN ALTERNATE DIRECTOR TO REPRESENT THE TOWN OF VIDALIA, STATE OF LOUISIANA, ON THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE LOUISIANA MUNICIPAL NATURAL GAS PURCHASING AND DISTRIBUTION AUTHORITY AS PROVIDED BY CHAPTER 10-B OF TITLE 33 OF THE LOUISIANA REVISED STATUTES OF 1950.

WHEREAS, the TOWN OF VIDALIA, State of Louisiana, has previously become a member of the Authority in accordance with the Act; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 4546.2 of the Act, the governing authority of the TOWN OF VIDALIA, State of Louisiana, desires to approve the appointment of BUZ CRAFT to serve as a Director of the Authority and to approve the appointment of JAY LASYONE to serve as an alternate Director to act in the absence of the director herein above named;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the governing authority of the TOWN OF VIDALIA, State of Louisiana, acting in such capacity:

Section 1. That, pursuant to the Act, the appointment of BUZ CRAFT to serve as a Director of the Authority for a term of four (4) years from the date hereof is approved and that the appointment of JAY LASYONE to serve as an alternate Director, for like term, to act in the absence of the director is approved.

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Section 2. That this resolution shall take effect immediately.

Passed and adopted by the **TOWN OF VIDALIA**, State of Louisiana, on this 14TH day of **DECEMBER, 2021**, by the following votes:

Yeas: Aldermen Betts, Gardner, Probst, Smith and Alderwoman Demby.

Nays: NONE

Absent: NONE

And the resolution was declared adopted on this 14TH day of **DECEMBER**, 2021

/s/ Buz Craft _____ /s/ Piara Wilson _____
MAYOR MUNICIPAL CLERK

The following Resolution was offered by Alderman Betts, seconded by Alderman Gardner:

RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF VIDALIA BOARD OF ALDERMEN AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN A LETTER OF INTENT SUPPORTING SYRAH TECHNOLOGIES LLC’S PENDING LOUISIANA INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION PROGRAM APPLICATION

WHEREAS, Syrah Technologies LLC (“Syrah”) spent roughly \$37M to construct a new manufacturing facility in Vidalia, LA (“initial project”) that became operational in 2019; and

WHEREAS, this initial project brought new investment dollars and new jobs to the community; and

WHEREAS, Syrah has been and continues to be a good corporate citizen and partner with the Town of Vidalia, neighboring communities, and the Parish of Concordia; and

WHEREAS, Syrah is considering an expansion project at its new manufacturing facility in Vidalia, LA that could bring over \$137 million of investment dollars and 30 new full time permanent (LA-Domiciled) jobs paying, on average, over \$55,000 per job, to the community; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Loren Scott performed an economic impact analysis that states the proposed expansion project would have a very significant positive impact on the Town of Vidalia, neighboring communities, and the Parish of Concordia; and

WHEREAS, Syrah operates in a globally competitive marketplace; and

WHEREAS, current market conditions are having a dramatic impact on material and equipment pricing; and

WHEREAS, Syrah is a manufacturing establishment eligible to participate in the Louisiana Industrial Property Tax Exemption Program (“ITEP”); and

WHEREAS, the ITEP is a property tax exemption that, if approved, would have a significant impact on the economic viability of the proposed expansion project; and

WHEREAS, Syrah timely filed its ITEP application with the Louisiana Department of Economic Development (“LED”) for consideration by the Louisiana Board of Commerce and Industry (“BC&I”) at its upcoming meeting on December 10, 2021; and

WHEREAS, Syrah’s intent was to complete the ITEP review and approval process with the Town of Vidalia Board of Alderman prior to Syrah’s corporate board making a decision to proceed or not to proceed with the project in December 2021 regarding the proposed expansion project; and

WHEREAS, LED has notified Syrah that its application has been reviewed and marked complete, but that the ITEP application will not be heard at the December 10, 2021 BC&I meeting; and

WHEREAS, the next BC&I meeting is on February 23, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the timeline for the LED ITEP approval process prevents the Town Board of Aldermen from taking formal action on Syrah’s ITEP application prior to Syrah’s board making a decision to proceed or not to proceed with the project investment; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of Aldermen wishes to extend its conditional support of Syrah’s pending ITEP application to Syrah’s corporate board prior to its investment decision; and

WHEREAS, Syrah has provided a copy of its ITEP application and supporting documentation to the Town Board of Aldermen for review and consideration; and

WHEREAS, Syrah has provided a summary of the economic impact study performed by Dr. Loren Scott to the Town Board of Aldermen for review and consideration; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, upon consideration of the foregoing and the public discussion held this day, that this Town of Vidalia Board of Aldermen approves the Mayor indicating support of this Town Board of Aldermen for Syrah’s pending Louisiana Industrial Property Tax Exemption through execution of a Letter of Intent, providing the following conditions are present in the Letter of Intent:

a) the ITEP application was recommended by the Louisiana Department of Economic Development to the Louisiana Board of Commerce and Industry for approval; and

b) the ITEP application was approved by the Louisiana Board of Commerce and Industry.

THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION WAS READ, AND, AFTER PUBLIC DISCUSSION, THE ROLL WAS CALLED ON THE ADOPTION THEREOF AND RESULTED AS FOLLOWS:

YEAS: Aldermen Betts, Probst, Smith, Gardner and Alderwoman Demby.

NAYS: NONE.

ABSENT: NONE.

ABSTAINING: NONE.

AND the Resolution was declared adopted on this 14th day of December, 2021.

/s/ Buz Craft _____ /s/ Piara Wilson _____
MAYOR MUNICIPAL CLERK

CONCORDIA PARISH FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT #2 SPECIAL CALLED MEETING December 14, 2021 11:00 A.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:

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

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

First item of business was to open the bids on salvaged equipment. Motion was made by Mr. Bryan and duly seconded by Mr. Cowan to accept the highest bid on each item which was Mr. Durham. Motion unanimously passed.

Motion was made by Mr. Cowan and duly seconded by Mr. Bryan to go into executive session. Motion unanimously passed. Time was 11:10a.m.
Motion was made by Mr. Cowan and duly seconded by Mr. Bryan to return from executive session. Motion unanimously passed. Time 11:20a.m.

There was no public comment.

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

Jan Smith
Secretary/Treasurer

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF THE PARISH OF CONCORDIA, STATE OF LOUISIANA, TAKEN AT A SPECIAL CALLED MEETING HELD VIA ZOOM ON WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 29, 2021

The School Board of the Parish of Concordia, State of Louisiana, met in Special Called Session via Zoom Teleconference on Wednesday, December 29, 2021, at 12:00 PM noon. 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. Warren Enterkin, Mrs. Dorothy Parker, Dr. Raymond Riley, Mr. Derrick Carson, Mrs. Lisette Forman, Ms. Angela Hayes, Mr. Ricky Raven, and Mr. Fred Butcher.

Board Member absent was Mr. Nicky Pere.

On a motion by Mr. Carson, seconded by Mrs. Parker and unanimously carried, the board approved following Superintendent Watson’s recommendation to put the mask mandate in place for the next three weeks of school, beginning Monday, January 3, 2022, through Friday, January 21, 2022. Mr. Butcher asked for a roll call vote.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Motion passed: 8 Yeas and 1 Absent.

Mr. Butcher said he would like to have a meeting of the ESSER Funds committee prior to the next regular board meeting.

It was moved by Mr. Carson, seconded by Mrs. Dorothy Parker and unanimously carried to adjourn at 12:19 p.m.

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The following resolution was offered by Mrs. Lisette Forman and Mr. Ricky Raven

RESOLUTION

and seconded

A resolution providing for canvassing the returns and declaring the results of the special election held in School District No. 10 of the Parish of Concordia, State of Louisiana, on Saturday, December 11, 2021, to authorize the levy of a special tax therein.

BE IT RESOLVED 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”), that:

SECTION 1. Canvass. This Governing Authority does now proceed in open and public session to examine the official tabulations of votes cast at the special election held in the District, on SATURDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2021 (the “Election”), to authorize the levy of a special tax therein pursuant to the following proposition (the “Proposition”):

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 twenty-five (25) mills on all the property subject to taxation in the District (an estimated \$3,580,000 reasonably expected at this time to be collected from the levy of the tax for an entire year), for a period often (10) years, beginning with the year 2023 and ending with the year 2032, for the purpose of 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?

thereof.

This Governing Authority does further proceed to examine and canvass the returns of the Election

SECTION 2. Election Results. According to the official certified tabulation of votes cast at said Election, there was a total of **707** votes cast **IN FAVOR OF** the Proposition and a total of **168** votes cast **AGAINST** the Proposition, resulting in a majority of **539** votes cast **IN FAVOR OF** the Proposition. The Proposition was therefore duly **CARRIED** by a majority of the votes cast by the qualified electors voting at the Election. SECTION 3. Promulgation of Election Result. The results of said election shall be promulgated by publication in the manner provided by law, after receipt from the Secretary of State’s office of the actual costs of the election, as required by Act 205 of the Regular Session of the Legislature of Louisiana for the year 2019. SECTION 4. Declaration. The foregoing results of the Election are hereby declared by this Governing Authority and shall be published as required by law.

SECTION 5. Proces Verbal. A *Proces Verbal* of the canvass of the returns of the Election shall be made and a certified copy thereof shall be forwarded to the Secretary of State, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, who shall record the same in his office; another certified copy thereof shall be forwarded to the Clerk of Court and *Ex-Officio* Recorder of Mortgages in and for the Parish of Concordia, who shall record the same in the Mortgage Records of said Parish; and another copy thereof shall be retained in the archives of this Governing Authority.

This resolution having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

Member	Yea	Nay	Absent	Abstaining
Fred Butcher	X			
Dorothy Parker	X			
Dr. Raymond Riley	X			
Ricky Raven	X			
Lisette Forman	X			
Derrick Carson	X			
Angela Hayes	X			
Warren Enterkin	X			
Nicky Pere	X			

And the resolution was declared adopted on this, the 13th day of January, 2022.

Toyua Watson _____ Fred T. Butcher
Secretary President

PROCES VERBAL OF THE CANVASS OF THE VOTES CAST AT THE SPECIAL ELECTION HELD IN SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 10 OF THE PARISH OF CONCORDIA, STATE OF LOUISIANA, ON SATURDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2021.

BE IT KNOWN AND REMEMBERED that on Thursday, January 13, 2022, at 6:00p.m., at its regular meeting place, the Concordia Parish Central Office Building, 4358 Hwy. 84 West, Vidalia, Louisiana, 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”), and being the authority ordering the special election held therein on Saturday, December 11, 2021, with the following members present:

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

There being absent: None,

did, in open and public session, examine the official certified tabulations of votes cast at the said election, and did examine and canvass the returns of the said election, there having been submitted at said election 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 twenty-five (25) mills on all the property subject to taxation in the District (an estimated \$3,580,000 reasonably expected at this time to be collected from the levy of the tax for an entire year), for a period often (10) years, beginning with the year 2023 and ending with the year 2032, for the purpose of 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?

There was found by said count and canvass that there was a total of **707** votes cast **IN FAVOR OF** the Proposition and a total of **168** votes cast **AGAINST** the

Proposition, as hereinabove set forth, and it was further found and determined that there was a majority of **539** votes cast **IN FAVOR OF** the Proposition as hereinabove set forth.

Therefore, the Governing Authority did declare and proclaim and does hereby declare and proclaim in open and public session that the Proposition as hereinabove set forth was duly **CARRIED** by a majority of the votes cast by the qualified electors voting at the said special election held in the District on Saturday, December 11, 2021.

Results by precinct are available from the Secretary of this Governing Authority during regular business hours or via the Louisiana Secretary of State’s website (voterportal.sos.la.gov).

Exhibit “A” attached hereto and made a part of this Proces Verbal is a copy of the Notice of Special Election and proof of publication thereof.

THUS DONE AND SIGNED at Vidalia, Louisiana, on this, the 13th day of January, 2022.

ATTEST: _____ Fred T. Butcher
President

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Secretary

EXHIBIT “A”

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 June 10, 2021, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a special election will be held within the District on **SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2021**, 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 twenty-five (25) mills on all the property subject to taxation in the District (an estimated \$3,580,000 reasonably expected at this time to be collected from the levy of the tax for an entire year), for a period often (10) years, beginning with the year 2023 and ending with the year 2032, for the purpose of 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 \$34,600.

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 9, 2021, 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.

THUS DONE AND SIGNED at Vidalia, Louisiana, on this, the 10th day of June, 2021.

ATTEST: _____ /s/ Fred Butcher
President

/s/ Whest Shirley Secretary

PROCLAMATION

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AFFIDAVIT Proof of Publication

I certify that the attached notice was published in the *Concordia Sentinel*, a weekly newspaper and the legal Journal of Concordia Parish, Louisiana in the issue(s) of 8/25, 9/1, 8/15

Signed: _____

Sworn and subscribed before me, this day 16 of

September, 2021.

Notary Public
Linda P. Wiley

I, the undersigned President of the Parish School Board of the Parish of Concordia, State of Louisiana, the governing authority of School District No. 10 of the Parish of Concordia, State of Louisiana (the “District”), do hereby declare, proclaim and announce that the proposition submitted at the special election held in the District on Saturday, December 11, 2021, was **CARRIED** by a majority of the votes cast at the said special election, all as described and set out in the above *Proces Verbal*.

THUS DONE AND SIGNED at Vidalia, Louisiana, on this, the 13th day of January, 2022.

President

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Public Notice Deadline

Friday Noon
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