

Rodeo Fest set for Nola

By Jake Martin

Concert or rodeo?

The Hondo Rodeo Fest poses a different question... Why not both?

After a highly successful venture in Phoenix that featured some of the best rodeo participants and musical acts around, the Hondo Rodeo Fest is expanding to the east. And the first part of that expansion is New Orleans.

"It's two hours of action-packed rodeo, followed by an opening (musical) act that plays for 45 minutes and a 90-minute headlining act," CEO James Trawick said. "Think Super Bowl for rodeo. And we'll have the street fest outside, free to the public, with food and beverage vendors, craft makers and mutton-busting for kids."

Set for April 10-12 in the New Orleans Ceasars Superdome, The Hondo Rodeo Fest is hoping to draw from every part of the state, as well as the entire country. Trawick pointed out that last year's event in Arizona featured 49% of ticket sales from out of the state.

"We covered every single state and covered 23 countries," Trawick said. "So we want to bring it to the people. Who doesn't want to come to New Orleans in April and eat some good crawfish?"

One goal of the Hondo Rodeo Fest is to create a mega event for rodeo stars to compete in. That's why it's invite-only competition with a \$1 million purse on the line. Winners of the first or second Hondo Rodeo Fest, along with standing champions with the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association or Professional Bull Riders, qualify for the three-day event.

"They're going head-to-head. The best of the best in rodeo for three straight days," Trawick said. "And it features all parts of rodeo, like barrel racing, team roping, bull riding. It's all of the disciplines, competing for their piece in a million dollar purse."

Having the best of the best will draw loyal hardcore rodeo fans, but organizers have their eyes set on growing the fan base. One way to do that is to bring in big-time headliners. Trawick feels the Hondo Rodeo Fest has done that for New Orleans.



MACAI MAXON of Ferriday puts in two points against Ouachita Christian Monday. (Photo by Joey Martin)

Public Notices

LAWN CARE BID NOTICE FOR CONCORDIA RECREATION DISTRICT NO. 3

Concordia Recreation District No. 3 hereby is accepting bids for lawn care services for the old recreation ball fields situated at Alabama, Locust, and Milligan Streets in Vidalia, Louisiana.

Services include, but are not limited to: mowing, weed eating, spraying for weeds/ants, and picking up trash and limbs. Providers must supply their own liability insurance and workman's comp insurance.

All bids must be received no later than 5PM on Friday, February 20, 2026.

Submit bids via email to concordiarec3@yahoo.com or by mail to PO Box 817, Vidalia, LA 71373. For questions, contact Jordan Farmer at 601-431-3716.

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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 Justin Stanley to build a dock on Bayou Cocodrie. Copies of the application can be reviewed at the LDWF main office, 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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SECTION 00100 ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

TOWN OF JONESVILLE REHABILITATION OF GOHEGAN PUMP STATION

Separate sealed bids for the TOWN OF JONESVILLE, REHABILITATION OF GOHEGAN PUMP STATION, will be received by the Town of Jonesville at the office of Pan American Engineers, LLC, 1717 Jackson Street, Alexandria, Louisiana 71301 until 10:00 A.M. on Tuesday, March 17, 2026 and then at said office publicly opened and read aloud. Any bid received after the specified time and date will not be considered.

The Instructions to Bidders, Bid Form, Agreement Between Owner and Contractor, Forms of Bid Bond, Performance and Payment Bonds, Drawings and Specifications, and other Contract Documents may be examined at the following location:

PAN AMERICAN ENGINEERS, LLC
(Design Professional)
1717 JACKSON STREET (71301)
P. O. BOX 8599 (71306)
ALEXANDRIA, LOUISIANA
(318) 473-2100

The work to be performed under this Contract includes the removal of the existing pre-packaged self priming lift station equipment and the installation of submersible non-clog sewage pumping equipment.

Copies of the bidding documents shall be obtained from the office of Pan American Engineers, LLC upon deposit of \$150.00 for each set of documents; or from the electronic bid submittal option as noted in the Advertisement. The deposit on the first set of documents furnished to bonafide prime bidders will be fully refunded upon return of the documents, in good condition, no later than ten (10) days after receipt of bids. On other sets of documents furnished to bidders, the deposit less actual cost of reproduction will be refunded upon return of the documents, in good condition, no later than ten (10) days after receipt of bids.

The OWNER reserves the right to reject any or all bids for just cause. Such actions will be in accordance with Title 38 of L.R.S.

In accordance with L.R.S. 38:2212.B.(1), the provisions and requirements stated in the Bidding Documents shall not be considered as informalities and shall not be waived.

Each Bidder must deposit with the bid, security in the amount of at least five percent (5%) of the total bid price, as described in the Instructions to Bidders. Bid bonds shall be written by a surety or insurance company meeting the requirements noted in L.R.S. 38:2218.

The successful Bidder shall be required to furnish a Performance Bond and meet Bond, in an amount equal to 100% of the Contract amount, written by a surety or insurance company meeting the requirements noted in L.R.S. 38:2219 A.(1)(a), (b) and (c), or for Federally funded projects, must be listed as acceptable on the U.S. Department of Treasury Circular 570.

Minority owned firms and small business are encouraged to participate.

The successful Bidder must have an active Unique Entity ID (UEI) and be registered with the Federal System of Award (SAM) Registration Program prior to award of contract.

Attention of Bidders is called particularly to the requirements for conditions of employment to be observed and minimum wage rates to be paid under the Contract (Davis-Bacon Act), Section 503 (Non-Discrimination Against Employees with Disabilities) and Section 504 (Non-Discrimination Against Individuals with Disabilities) of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Executive Order 11246, the Family and Medical Leave of 1993, and Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

Goods purchased and incorporated into the work shall comply with "Executive Order 14005- Ensuring the Future is Made in all of America by all of America's Workers".

The Town of Jonesville is an equal opportunity employer.

Any person with disabilities requiring special accommodations must contact the Town of Jonesville no later than seven (7) days prior to bid opening.

Town of Jonesville
Mayor Loria Hollins
P.O. Box 428
Jonesville, Louisiana 71343

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Fifth Louisiana Levee District January 14, 2026

The Board of Commissioners for the Fifth Louisiana Levee District met in regular session on Wednesday, January 14, 2026, at the Levee Board Office, 102 Burnside Drive, Tallulah, LA at 9:00 a.m. President Reynold Minsky called the meeting to order. Commissioners Taunton, Hill, Brown, and Arthur answered rollcall.

On motion by Commissioner Brown, 2nd by Commissioner Arthur, Board voted to retain the current officers with Reynold Minsky serving as President, and Clark Hill serving as Vice-President.

After no public comments were made, the Board approved minutes from the November meeting on a motion by Commissioner Brown, second by Commissioner Arthur.

Commissioners reviewed and approved claims submitted for November and December on motion by Commissioner Hill, second by Commissioner Taunton, after hearing no public comments. Commissioners reviewed financial statements for the same period.

The Board approved resolution giving USACE, Vicksburg District, rights-of-way needed, in connection with Upper Lake Concordia, Item 367-R, Flood Control/Mississippi River & Tributaries, West Bank Mississippi River Levees, Concordia Parish, Louisiana, on a roll call vote with all Commissioners voting to approve and Commissioner Arthur abstaining from vote. No public comments were offered.

On motion by Commissioner Arthur, second by Commissioner Hill, Board agreed to advertise for the purchase of a new work truck.

The Board approved two permit requests from Kajamy to cross the Mainline Mississippi River Levee with an ammonia pipeline in both East Carroll and Concordia Parishes on motion by Commissioner Hill, 2nd by Commissioner Brown. Permit was granted subject to USACE and DOTD approval. No public comments were offered.

There being no new business to consider, the meeting was adjourned on motion by Commissioner Taunton, second by Commissioner Hill.

Reynold Minsky, President Jason Trichell, Supt. of Oper.

2/18 \$34.50

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

STATEWIDE FLOOD CONTROL PROGRAM

AIRPORT CONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT PRIORITY PROGRAM

PORT CONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT PRIORITY PROGRAM

SHORT LINE RAILROAD INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

To review the Statewide Flood Control Program, the Airport Construction and Development Priority Program, the Port Construction and Development Priority Program, and the Short Line Railroad Infrastructure Improvement Program as follows:

BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA: 9:00 A.M., Tuesday, March 3, 2026, Louisiana State Capitol, House Committee Room 6.

These Public Hearings will be conducted in accordance with Act 351 of the 1982 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature by the House and Senate Legislative Committees on Transportation, Highways, and Public Works and in accordance with Acts 451 and 452 of the 1989 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature by the House and Senate Legislative Committees on Transportation, Highways and Public Works and in accordance with Act 222 of the 2019 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature by the House and Senate Legislative Committees on Transportation, Highways and Public Works.

The purpose of these Public Hearings is to review the Statewide Flood Control Program, the Airport Construction and Development Priority Program, the Port Construction and Development Priority Program, and the Short Line Railroad Infrastructure Improvement Program for Fiscal Year 2026 and 2027. All interested persons are invited to be present.

Oral testimony will be received. However, so that all persons desiring to speak have an equal opportunity to do so, it is requested that every effort be made to complete individual testimony as quickly as possible. Oral testimony may be supplemented by presenting written statements and comments to the Committee by mailing the same postmarked within ten (10) calendar days following the hearing to the above address. If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Joyce Anthony, Department of Transportation and Development, phone (225) 379-3038.

s/Glenn Ledet, Jr.
Secretary

Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development | 1201 Capitol Access Road | Baton Rouge, LA 70802 | 225-379-1200
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gov | dotd.la.gov

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CONCORDIA PARISH FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT #2 REGULAR MEETING December 16, 2025 5:00 P.M.

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

Chairperson: Virgil Barnes

Members: Harvey Cowan, Gary Neal, Margie Hodge
Fire Chief: Vick Brown
Secretary/Treasurer: Jan Smith
Absent: Doyle Bryan

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Virgil Barnes following the prayer, pledge of allegiance and roll call.

Motion was made by Ms. Hodge and duly seconded by Mr. Cowan to approve

the minutes of November 11th meeting. Motion unanimously passed.

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

Motion was made by Mr. Neal and duly seconded by Mr. Cowan to hire Silas Simmons, LLP to conduct the Annual Audit. Motion unanimously passed.

Chief Brown reported:

1.The department had responded to 6 structure fires, 2 car fires, 1 smoke scare, 1 grass fire, 2 MVA with extrication, and 1 false alarm.

2.One new firefighter in training had been hired and he wouldn't be ready to go to the academy until May or June, 2026.

3.One of the bay doors was broken and in need of replacement. As the department was in the process of having the bay area insulated with spray-in insulation, he had checked the price for insulated bay doors and recommended the replacement door be insulated. Motion was made by Mr. Neal and duly seconded by Ms. Hodge to replace the broken door with the upgraded insulated door. Motion unanimously passed.

4.He had more information regarding the availability of buildings to be purchased as a crew quarters. Motion was made by Ms. Hodge and duly seconded by Mr. Neal that the fire chief be permitted to negotiate the best price for a building. Motion unanimously passed.

Motion was made by Ms. Hodge and duly seconded by Mr. Cowan to approve the November Budget Report. Motion unanimously passed.

There was no volunteer's report, correspondence or public comment.

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

Jan Smith
Secretary/Treasurer

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CONCORDIA PARISH FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT #2 REGULAR MEETING January 13, 2026 5:00 P.M.

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

Chairperson: Virgil Barnes

Members: Harvey Cowan, Gary Neal, Margie Hodge
Fire Chief: Vick Brown
Secretary/Treasurer: Jan Smith
Absent: Doyle Bryan

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Virgil Barnes following the prayer, pledge of allegiance and roll call.

Motion was made by Mr. Neal and duly seconded by Ms. Hodge that the officers remain in their current position by acclamation. Motion unanimously passed.

Motion was made by Ms. Hodge and duly seconded by Mr. Cowan to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held December 16, 2025. Motion unanimously passed.

Motion was made by Mr. Cowan and duly seconded by Mr. Neal to approve the 2026 Proposed Budget. Motion unanimously passed.

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

Chief Brown reported:

1)The department had responded to 4 structure fires, 1 grass fire, 1 dumpster fire, 2 MVAs and 1 extrication.

2)He had gotten two bids on building for crew quarters which were:
a)2023 16X80 three bedroom and 2 bath which could be modified to add more bedrooms for \$58,900.
b)2025 14X70 three bedroom and 2 bath for \$52,700.

Motion was made by Ms. Hodge and duly seconded by Mr. Neal to purchase the 2023 16X80 building. Motion unanimously passed.

Motion was made by Ms. Hodge and duly seconded by Mr. Cowan to authorize Chief Brown to schedule the preparation of the pad. Motion unanimously passed.

There was no correspondence or public comment.

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

Jan Smith
Secretary/Treasurer

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LIQUOR LICENSE

El Papacito LLC, d/b/a El Papacito is applying to the Office of Alcohol and Tobacco Control of the State of Louisiana for a permit to sell beverages of high and low alcohol content at retail in the Parish of Concordia at the following address.
El Papacito
6434 Hwy 84
Ferriday, LA 71334
Members: Artemio R Romas and Bethani G. Douglas

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WHEREABOUTS

"Anyone knowing the whereabouts of Gareth Elijah Mophett, contact Alyssa M. Mulligan, Atty 318.339.8526.

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Public Notice deadline
Noon on Friday
318-757-3646
www.concordiasentinel.com