

PROCEEDINGS OF THE NATCHITOCHE PARISH COUNCIL
PARISH OF NATCHITOCHE, STATE OF LOUISIANA
TAKEN A REGULAR MEETING HELD, MONDAY,
September 17, 2018
5:30 p.m.

The Natchitoches Parish Council met in regular and legal session in the Council Board Room of the Natchitoches Parish Courthouse, on Monday, September 17, 2018 for a Regular of Natchitoches Parish Council meeting at five(5:30) o'clock p.m. and for the Natchitoches Parish Council Meeting.

The Parish of Natchitoches was then convened as the governing authority by Chairman Rodney Bedgood who stated that the Parish was ready for the transaction of business.

The invocation was given by Councilwoman Patsy Ward Hoover and the Pledge of Allegiance led by Councilman Doug de Graffenried.

After the roll call there were present Chairman Rodney Bedgood and Council: Doug de Graffenried, Russell Rachal, Patsy Hoover and Chris Paige,

Absent: None.

The Parish Council Clerk at this time she would like to add two items to the agenda.

1. Council to consider to authorize the Parish President to execute Change Order No. 1 for the Hard-Surfacing of Coco Bed Road, Phase I , which provides for more effective permanent erosion control on this project.
2. Council to consider the appointment of Mr. Terry Rowell to the Natchitoches Fire District # 2.

On motion by Councilman Russell Rachal, duly seconded by Councilman Doug de Graffenried that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby amend the agenda to add:

1. Council to consider to authorize the Parish President to execute Change Order No. 1 for the Hard-Surfacing of Coco Bed Road, Phase I, which provides for more effective permanent erosion control on this project.
2. Council to consider the appointment of Mr. Terry Rowell to the Natchitoches Fire District # 2.

On a roll call vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

Ayes:	Councilman Rachal	
Ayes:	Councilman de Graffenried	
Ayes:	Councilwoman Hoover	
Ayes:	Councilman Paige	
Ayes:	Councilman Bedgood	Motion Passed

Chairman, Bedgood stated the next agenda item to hear invited guests, Mrs. Dollie Mahoney, Tax Assessor was present for the Board of Review. She asked were there anyone there to appeal an assessment and there was no one there, one appeal was submitted by it didn't follow the proper protocol of submitting an appeal. Mrs. Mahoney went over 2017 and 2018 dollars received. The only fund that has dropped is Public Service in 2017 it was \$105,424,060 and 2018 it's \$103,272,670. All other funds are up due to the roll forward.

Chairman, Bedgood stated the next agenda item we will hear the report of the Public Works Interim Director, Mr. Earl Townsend. Mr. Townsend had already sent his reports in the Council's packages and asked were there any questions or comments.

Councilman de Graffenried asked about Fish Hatchery road, a resident called him and he has pictures of the grading that was done on the road which, left a washboard effect. Mr. Townsend, responded, "We been working on it the later part of last week and back on it today trying to get enough aggregate on there to take care of those wash board effects, we are trying to repair it." Councilman, de Graffenried, responded, "Thank you, Sir."

Chairman, Bedgood, then recognizes Ms. Sharon Harris, OCS/Head Start Executive Director, she gave her reports in the Council's packets and wanted to know if they had any questions, comments or concerns on the reports

Chairman, Bedgood, then recognizes Parish Treasurer Debbie Miley She mail all the reports in the Council packages, and reports for Head Start. Vendors list and Credit Card transactions, and In-kind was sent. Payables were sent out and it was \$\$538,869.88 from the period of August 27, 2018 to September 12, 2018. Solid Waste, an inmate report was sent also.

Chairman, Bedgood then recognizes Parish President, Parish President wanted to go over a couple of items on his report.

Parish President begins to talk on the:

PARISH PERSONNEL:

Parish Receptionist: The Parish has employed Ms. LaTonia Mims as its new receptionist. She was present, and she introduced herself to the Council and the residents of Natchitoches.

CAPITAL PROJECTS:

Hampton Road Improvements: The-pre-construction meeting with the contractor and project engineer was held on September 5, 2018. The notice to proceed was issued with a start date of September 10, 2018. Work is estimated to be substantially complete in 120 days. 20th.

Coco Bed Road Improvements: As a result of the recent rain, the installation of additional rip-rap needs to be done at selected cross-drains and outfall ditches. The engineer and contractor are preparing a change order to cover the additional work and identify the cost.

PROPOSED ROAD TAXES 2019: Ad Valorem Tax: The agenda includes the introduction of 4 ordinances to create 4 road districts in the Parish. It also includes 4 resolutions stating the intention of the parish to create the 4 road districts. After the last meeting there was some details concerning the legal description of those ordinances.

Sales Tax: The Council also has the option of creating a new sales and use tax district (Sales Tax District 2) As the sales tax district ordinance was introduced previously, a public hearing and vote could be held at the regular meeting of the Council on October 15, 2018. The Council will decide which, if any, tax measures will be placed on the ballot for March 30, 2019.

Councilwoman, Hoover had a question, she said, "You're saying it's not us, Mr. Paige and I was not here for the meeting it was because of how the districting was done, that you had to straighten out everything,

Is that correct?" Parish President, responded, "The proposed Ad Valorem tax to the ballots this fall it was some questions about the legal descriptions in the Ordinances and one in the Parish could have contested it and it could have been some problems for us, the Sales Tax was the one we needed to have a meeting, but we couldn't do, any way, it's another day, and it will be considered at another time." Councilwoman, Hoover, replied, "I do want to apologize to the Parish, I said at the last meeting, on August 20th that I would not be here for the special meeting, and again, I would like to apologize to the public."

Councilman, Paige, had some questions for Mr. Nowlin, "We need to know something about Payne Subdivision and then I'll come back with a follow up." Parish President, replied, "We was informed by the State that they had all the documents there for review, the project is being held the State. They was not able by the overall statewide demands of projects to grant us authority to advertise this month, we will continue to push to see if we can get another advertisement date." Councilman, Paige, replied, "So, What are you saying, next month is a possibility that they would look at it again?" Parish President, replied, "Oh, yes, it's definitely on the list they got, many times project plans are approved and the State Bond Commission can approve the funding, but the last step is the get the approval from the Facility Planning and Control and we're trying everything to get it moved up to the top of the list." Councilman, Paige, replied, "I'll save the other question, until we get to the Road Districts, but I had some questions about the legal, How would that affect the day to day operations, lord and behold, each District doesn't pass?" Parish President, replied, "If none of them pass or even put on the ballot, we will continue to operate as we do now, on the Parish wide basis under the Road District 40 tax." Councilman, Paige, replied, "I understand that, but what I'm saying, If there is one or two that pass the tax how would that disrupt the money you get from Gasoline tax and others, How would that affect the day to day operations?" Parish President, responded, "It will not affect anyway the Road District 40 tax it still will be spread across the Parish, as it is today, any road District that passes an additional tax will have that money collected and spent on the roads in that district along with the additional Road District 40." Councilman, Paige, replied, "Will this be contracted out pretty much, you don't want tie your department down." Parish President, replied, "The intent is to contract out the major overlay type projects a portion of it probably will be spent to enhance the maintenance and we are short just being able to repair roads, and fill potholes." Councilman, Paige wanted to make the people aware that when this tax passes their roads will not be fixed immediately it will take about a year to start major projects on the roads, around next fall.

Chairman, Bedgood then stated the next agenda item is to adopt the minutes of the regular meeting of the Natchitoches Parish Council held Monday, August 20, 2018 and Special Meeting held, Monday July 23, 2018.

On motion by Councilwoman Patsy Hoover, duly seconded by, Councilman Russell Rachal that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby adopt the minutes of the regular meeting of the Natchitoches Parish Council held Monday, August 20, 2018 and Special Meeting held, Monday July 23, 2018.

On a roll call vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

Ayes: Councilwoman Hoover
Ayes: Councilman Rachal
Ayes: Councilman de Graffenried
Ayes: Councilman Bedgood
Ayes: Councilman Paige

Motion Passed

Chairman, Bedgood stated next agenda item consider adopting a resolution confirming re-appointment/appointments to the following boards/commissions:

Council to consider Mrs. Jamie Flanagan for re-appointment to the Natchitoches Children & Youth Planning Board.

On motion by Councilman Russell Rachal, duly seconded by, Councilwoman Patsy Ward Hoover that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby approves Mrs. Jamie Flanagan for re-appointment to the Natchitoches Children & Youth Planning Board

On a roll call vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

Ayes: Councilman Rachal
Ayes: Councilwoman Hoover
Ayes: Councilman de Graffenried
Ayes: Councilman Bedgood
Ayes: Councilman Paige **Motion Passed**

Council to consider Mr. Jared Kilpatrick for appointment to the Fire District No. 6 Board.

On motion by Councilwoman Patsy Hoover, duly seconded by, Councilman Chris Paige that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby approves Mr. Jared Kilpatrick for appointment to the Fire District No. 6 Board.

On a roll call vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

Ayes: Councilwoman Hoover
Ayes: Councilman Paige
Ayes: Councilman Rachal
Ayes: Councilman de Graffenried
Ayes: Councilman Bedgood **Motion Passed**

Council to consider Mr. Dennis Broadway for appointment to the Fire District No. 7 Board.

On motion by Councilman Chris Paige, duly seconded by, Councilman Russell Rachal that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby approves Mr. Dennis Broadway for appointment to the Fire District No. 7 Board.

On a roll call vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

Ayes: Councilman Paige
Ayes: Councilman Rachal
Ayes: Councilwoman Hoover
Ayes: Councilman de Graffenried
Ayes: Councilman Bedgood **Motion Passed**

Council to consider the appointment of Mr. Terry Rowell to the Natchitoches Fire District # 2.

On motion by Councilwoman Patsy Hoover, duly seconded by, Councilman Russell Rachal that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby approves Mr. Terry Rowell to the Natchitoches Fire District # 2.

On a roll call vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

Ayes: Councilwoman Hoover
Ayes: Councilman Rachal
Ayes: Councilman Paige
Ayes: Councilman de Graffenried
Ayes: Councilman Bedgood **Motion Passed**

Chairman, Bedgood then stated the next agenda item.

First Introduction of proposed Ordinances.

Council to consider the Introduction of Ordinance 019-2018 for the removal of Edward Adams Road from the Parish-maintained road system.

Mr. Townsend gave a brief statement which tells there is only one house on that part and they're wanting to gate it. They're the only people back there that uses the road.

On motion by Councilman Russell Rachal, duly seconded by Councilman Doug de Graffenried that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby introduce Ordinance 019-2018 for the removal of Edward Adams Road from the Parish-maintained road system.

On a roll call vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

Ayes: Councilman Rachal
Ayes: Councilman de Graffenried
Ayes: Councilwoman Hoover
Ayes: Councilman Paige
Ayes: Councilman Bedgood **Motion Passed**

Chairman, Bedgood then stated the next agenda item.

Council to consider the Introduction of Ordinance 020-2018 for the removal of 1.0 miles of Dubois Road to be removed from the Parish -maintained road system.

A Gentleman from Roy O' Martin came to speak, but since it was for Introduction only he was told he couldn't. Councilman, Chris Paige had problems with this for not letting him speak and Councilman Rachal expressed this was only for Introduction only and a Public Hearing will be at next month meeting.

On motion by Councilman Russell Rachal, duly seconded by Councilwoman that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby introduce Ordinance 020-2018 for the removal of 1.0 miles of Dubois Road to be removed from the Parish -maintained road system.

On a roll call vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

Ayes: Councilman Rachal
Ayes: Councilman de Graffenried
Ayes: Councilwoman Hoover
Ayes: Councilman Paige
Ayes: Councilman Bedgood **Motion Passed**

Chairman, Bedgood then stated the next agenda item.

Council to consider the Introduction of Ordinance 021-2018 a budget for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2018 and ending September 30, 2019 and making appropriations for account for the Child and Adult Care Food Program.

On motion by Councilwoman Patsy Hoover, duly seconded by, Councilman Chris Paige that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby introduce Ordinance 021-2018 a budget for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2018 and ending September 30, 2019 and making appropriations for account for the Child and Adult Care Food Program.

On a roll call vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

Ayes:	Councilwoman Hoover	
Ayes:	Councilman Paige	
Ayes:	Councilman Rachal	
Ayes:	Councilman de Graffenried	
Ayes:	Councilman Bedgood	Motion Passed

Chairman, Bedgood then stated the next agenda item.

Council to consider Introduction of Ordinance 022-2018 for the creation of Road District No. 1 of the Parish of Natchitoches.

On motion by Councilman Doug de Graffenried, duly seconded by Councilman Russell Rachal that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby introduce Ordinance 022-2018 for the creation of Road District No. 1 of the Parish of Natchitoches.

On a roll call vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

Ayes:	Councilman de Graffenried	
Ayes:	Councilman Rachal	
Ayes:	Councilwoman Hoover	
Nayes:	Councilman Paige	
Ayes:	Councilman Bedgood	Motion Passed

Chairman, Bedgood then stated the next agenda item.

Council to consider Introduction of Ordinance 023-2018 for the creation of Road District No. 2 of the Parish of Natchitoches.

On motion by Councilman Russell Rachal, duly seconded by Councilman Doug de Graffenried that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby introduce Ordinance 023-2018 for the creation of Road District No. 2 of the Parish of Natchitoches.

On a roll call vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

Ayes:	Councilman Rachal	
Ayes:	Councilman de Graffenried	
Ayes:	Councilwoman Hoover	
Nayes:	Councilman Paige	
Ayes:	Councilman Bedgood	Motion Passed

Chairman, Bedgood then stated the next agenda item.

Council to consider Introduction of Ordinance
024-2018 for the creation of Road District No. 3
of the Parish of Natchitoches.

On motion by Councilman Russell Rachal, duly seconded by Councilman
Doug de Graffenried that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular
and legal session, does hereby introduce Ordinance 024-2018 for the
creation of Road District No. 3 of the Parish of Natchitoches.

On a roll call vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

Ayes:	Councilman Rachal	
Ayes:	Councilman de Graffenried	
Ayes:	Councilwoman Hoover	
Nayes:	Councilman Paige	
Ayes:	Councilman Bedgood	Motion Passed

Chairman, Bedgood then stated the next agenda item.

Council to consider Introduction of Ordinance
025-2018 for the creation of Road District No. 4
of the Parish of Natchitoches.

On motion by Councilman Russell Rachal, duly seconded by Councilman
Doug de Graffenried that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular
and legal session, does hereby introduce Ordinance 025-2018 for the
creation of Road District No. 4 of the Parish of Natchitoches.

On a roll call vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

Ayes:	Councilman Rachal	
Ayes:	Councilman de Graffenried	
Ayes:	Councilwoman Hoover	
Nayes:	Councilman Paige	
Ayes:	Councilman Bedgood	Motion Passed

Chairman, Bedgood then stated the next agenda item.

Council to consider Introduction of Ordinance
026-2018 to reduce the speed limit to 10mph for
125ft in both directions originating from address
779 Cat Island Road in Cloutierville.

On motion by Councilman Russell Rachal, duly seconded by, Councilwoman
Patsy Ward Hoover that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and
legal session, does hereby introduce Ordinance 026-2018 to reduce
the speed limit to 10mph for 125ft in both directions
originating from address 779 Cat Island Road in Cloutierville.

On a roll call vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

Ayes:	Councilman Rachal	
Ayes:	Councilwoman Hoover	
Ayes:	Councilman de Graffenried	
Ayes:	Councilman Bedgood	
Ayes:	Councilman Paige	Motion Passed

Chairman, Bedgood then stated the next agenda item.

Public Hearings:

A. Conduct a public hearing with the Natchitoches Parish Council Sitting as a "Board of Review" to hear any and all protests or complaints on values of property for assessment purposes fixed by the Natchitoches Parish Tax Assessor.

B. Council to consider Adopting Ordinance 018-2018 adding CP-Tel as a Cable Franchise providing cable services to Parish residents outside the City of Natchitoches.

On motion by Councilman Doug de Graffenried, duly seconded by Councilman Russell Rachal that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby open the Public Hearing.

On a roll call vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

Ayes:	Councilman de Graffenried	
Ayes:	Councilman Rachal	
Ayes:	Councilwoman Hoover	
Ayes:	Councilman Paige	
Ayes:	Councilman Bedgood	Motion Passed

At this time, Councilman Paige, wanted to ask Mrs. Mahoney a question, "Since she's been the Assessor, we're having so many people to come forth with protest and I can't remember the time that when Mr. Hargis, who was here for 9,000 years, and we never got them like this, and I really wonder, really wonder, I'll move on."

Councilman, Paige, had a question about CP-TEL, "Has that been compared to other parishes, is it like this in the other Parishes." Parish Treasurer, responded, "It's like Sudden Link, we're doing this one just like Sudden Link, there's no difference from there's."

On motion by Councilman Doug de Graffenried, duly seconded by Councilman Russell Rachal that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby close the Public Hearing.

On a roll call vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

Ayes:	Councilman de Graffenried	
Ayes:	Councilman Rachal	
Ayes:	Councilwoman Hoover	
Ayes:	Councilman Paige	
Ayes:	Councilman Bedgood	Motion Passed

Chairman, Bedgood then stated the next agenda item.

Action on Proposed Ordinances:

Council to approved or deny the assessed value levied by the Tax Assessor, Dollie C. Mahoney.

On motion by Councilman Chris Paige, duly seconded by, Councilwoman Patsy Hoover that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby approves the assessed value levied by the Tax Assessor, Dollie C. Mahoney.

On a roll call vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

Ayes:	Councilman Paige	
Ayes:	Councilwoman Hoover	
Ayes:	Councilman Rachal	
Ayes:	Councilman de Graffenried	
Ayes:	Councilman Bedgood	Motion Passed

Chairman, Bedgood then stated the next agenda item.

Council to consider adopting Ordinance 018-2018 adding CP-Tel as a Cable Franchise providing cable services to Parish residents outside the City of Natchitoches.

On motion by Councilman Chris Paige, duly seconded by, Councilman Russell Rachal that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby adopts Ordinance 018-2018 adding CP-Tel as a Cable Franchise providing cable services to Parish residents outside the City of Natchitoches.

On a roll call vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

Ayes:	Councilman Paige	
Ayes:	Councilman Rachal	
Ayes:	Councilwoman Hoover	
Ayes:	Councilman de Graffenried	
Ayes:	Councilman Bedgood	Motion Passed

Chairman, Bedgood then stated the next agenda item.

Resolutions:

Council to consider approving a Resolution for holding of an election in Fire Protection District Number 8 of the Parish of Natchitoches, State of Louisiana, on Saturday, December 8, 2018, to authorize the levy of a special tax, therein.

On motion by Councilman Chris Paige, duly seconded by, Councilman Russell Rachal that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby adopts Ordinance 018-2018 adding CP-Tel as a Cable Franchise providing cable services to Parish residents outside the City of Natchitoches.

On a roll call vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

Ayes: Councilman Paige
Ayes: Councilman Rachal
Ayes: Councilwoman Hoover
Ayes: Councilman de Graffenried
Ayes: Councilman Bedgood **Motion Passed**

Chairman, Bedgood then stated the next agenda item.

Council to consider adopting a Resolution requesting that the Louisiana Delegation of the United States House of Representatives and Senate introduce and support legislation that would place a \$0.10 per pound fee on all seafood imported into the United States to be utilized to improve imported seafood safety.

Parish President, Nowlin, gave a brief summary on this request was from the Office of the Lieutenant Governor this request is to make sure that the USDA and FDA take immediate measures to significantly increase the level of seafood inspections at the harvest sites and at our borders. They are asking the Louisiana Congressional Delegation introduce and support legislation to impose a \$0.10 cents per pound fee on all seafood imported into the United States to be utilized to improve imported seafood safety.

On motion by Councilman, Russell Rachal duly seconded by, Councilman Chris Paige that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby adopts a Resolution requesting that the Louisiana Delegation of the United States House of Representatives and Senate introduce and support legislation that would place a \$0.10 per pound fee on all seafood imported into the United States to be utilized to improve imported seafood safety.

On a roll call vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

Ayes: Councilman Rachal
Ayes: Councilman Paige
Ayes: Councilwoman Hoover
Ayes: Councilman de Graffenried
Ayes: Councilman Bedgood **Motion Passed**

Chairman, Bedgood then stated the next agenda item.

Council to consider approving a Resolution authorizing the Parish Treasurer to execute and authorized signature form for the purpose of certifying signatures for all LGAP and CWF grants for the 2018-2019 grant period.

On motion by Councilwoman Patsy Hoover, duly seconded by, Councilman Russell Rachal that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby approves a Resolution authorizing the Parish Treasurer to execute and authorized signature form for the purpose of certifying signatures for all LGAP and CWF grants for the 2018-2019 grant period.

On a roll call vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

Ayes: Councilwoman Hoover
Ayes: Councilman Rachal
Ayes: Councilman de Graffenried
Ayes: Councilman Bedgood
Ayes: Councilman Paige **Motion Passed**

Chairman, Bedgood then stated the next agenda item.

Council to consider Resolution 58-2018 giving notice of intention to create Road District 1 for the Parish of Natchitoches.

On motion by Councilman Russell Rachal, duly seconded by Councilman Doug de Graffenried that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby approves Resolution 58-2018 giving notice of intention to create Road District 1 for the Parish of Natchitoches.

On a roll call vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

Ayes: Councilman Rachal
Ayes: Councilman de Graffenried
Ayes: Councilwoman Hoover
Nayes: Councilman Paige
Ayes: Councilman Bedgood **Motion Passed**

Council to consider Resolution 59-2018 giving notice of intention to create Road District 2 for the Parish of Natchitoches.

On motion by Councilman Doug de Graffenried, duly seconded by Councilman Russell Rachal that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby approves Resolution 59-2018 giving notice of intention to create Road District 2 for the Parish of Natchitoches.

On a roll call vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

Ayes: Councilman de Graffenried
Ayes: Councilman Rachal
Ayes: Councilwoman Hoover
Nayes: Councilman Paige
Ayes: Councilman Bedgood **Motion Passed**

Council to consider Resolution 60-2018 giving notice of intention to create Road District 3 for the Parish of Natchitoches.

On motion by Councilman Russell Rachal, duly seconded by Councilman Doug de Graffenried that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby approves Resolution 60-2018 giving notice of intention to create Road District 3 for the Parish of Natchitoches.

On a roll call vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

Ayes: Councilman Rachal
Ayes: Councilman de Graffenried
Ayes: Councilwoman Hoover
Nayes: Councilman Paige
Ayes: Councilman Bedgood **Motion Passed**

Chairman, Bedgood then stated the next agenda item.

Council to consider Resolution 61-2018 giving notice of intention to create Road District 4 for the Parish of Natchitoches.

On motion by Councilman Russell Rachal, duly seconded by Councilman Doug de Graffenried that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby approves Resolution 61-2018 giving notice of intention to create Road District 4 for the Parish of Natchitoches.

On a roll call vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

Ayes: Councilman Rachal
Ayes: Councilman de Graffenried
Ayes: Councilwoman Hoover
Nayes: Councilman Paige
Ayes: Councilman Bedgood **Motion Passed**

Chairman, Bedgood then stated the next agenda item.

Other Agenda Items:

Council to consider authorizing the Parish President to execute a "Certificate of Substantial Completion" for the Coco Bed Road Project and to authorize the Parish President to make final acceptance of the project upon completion of the "punch list" work.

On motion by Councilman Chris Paige, duly seconded by, Councilwoman Patsy Hoover that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby authorize authorizing the Parish President to execute a "Certificate of Substantial Completion" for the Coco Bed Road Project and to authorize the Parish President to make final acceptance of the project upon completion of the "punch list" work.

On a roll call vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

Ayes: Councilman Paige
Ayes: Councilwoman Hoover
Ayes: Councilman Rachal
Ayes: Councilman de Graffenried
Ayes: Councilman Bedgood **Motion Passed**

Council to consider to authorize the Parish President to execute Change Order No. 1 for the Hard-Surfacing of Coco Bed Road, Phase I, which provides for more effective permanent erosion control on this project.

Mr. Verret gave a brief summary on this agenda item The job didn't need more temporary erosion control it needs more permanent erosion control on this project. They're just taking a Net Underrun amount associated with the change order it will be only \$1,184.20.

On motion by Councilwoman Patsy Hoover, duly seconded by, Councilman Russell Rachal that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby authorize the Parish President to execute Change Order No. 1 for the Hard-Surfacing of Coco Bed Road, Phase I, which provides for more effective permanent erosion control on this project.

On a roll call vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

Ayes:	Councilwoman Hoover	
Ayes:	Councilman Rachal	
Ayes:	Councilman de Graffenried	
Ayes:	Councilman Bedgood	
Ayes:	Councilman Paige	Motion Passed

Chairman, Bedgood then stated the next agenda item.

Council to consider authorizing the Parish President to execute an agreement with the Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness for funding for Lower Cane River Flood Control Improvements.

The Council wanted to know exactly where is this located. Parish President began to explain that this was a Grant Application for Federal Assistance. Then the Parish President asked, Mr. Verret to talk about this item. Mr. Verret begins to briefly tell the Council under the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program that was approved by FEMA on May 16, 2018. In June of 2018 Natchitoches Parish was approved for the Grant and it's basically, for upsizing some pipes to help drain the area around Cloutierville that flooded back in 2016. All State routes were flooded during this particular time. The Natchitoches Levee and Drainage Committee has agreed to pay the non federal cost shares the Parish will not be out any monies. The Parish is considered the sub Grantee by GOHSEP.

On motion by Councilman Russell Rachal, duly seconded by, Councilwoman Russell Rachal that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby authorize the Parish President to execute Change Order No. 1 for the Hard-Surfacing of Coco Bed Road, Phase I, which provides for more effective permanent erosion control on this project.

On a roll call vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

Ayes:	Councilwoman Hoover	
Ayes:	Councilman Rachal	
Ayes:	Councilman de Graffenried	
Ayes:	Councilman Bedgood	
Ayes:	Councilman Paige	Motion Passed

Chairman, Bedgood then stated the next agenda item.

Council to consider authorizing the Parish President to execute a change order to the agreement with Terry's Roofing Company for the Live Oak Building Roof replacement project.

Councilwoman, Hoover wanted to know who was Terry's Roofing Company. Parish President, replied, "Those were the ones that was awarded the contract out of Bossier Parish. The project is essentially complete, the change order has two items in it. The piping was heavily corroded on the inside and someone or somebody when they wired the air conditioner on the roof, they hooked two phase two prong circuit, which they hooked two single phases and hooked them together, and this violated numerous national electrical codes and the contractor couldn't reconnect or

restore it to service when it was code violations there, which has been there for many years, so we have to bring it to code."

Councilman, Rachal, asked, "I understand the electrical part of it, because it couldn't be seen, but the hydraulic pipe connection is that something that should have been picked up on during the bids?" Parish President, replied, "I think it falls more in line of a hidden condition, that you wasn't able to see, you had to actually had to cut into the pipe." Councilman, Rachal, replied, "So, this couldn't be seen with the naked eye, but when the work began, then it was visible." Parish President, replied, "Yes." Councilman, Paige, asked, "What kind of warranty was given?" Parish President, responded, "As soon, as we close it out we'll get the standards with the number of years, off the top of my head, I'm not sure."

On motion by Councilman Russell Rachal, duly seconded by Councilman Doug de Graffenried that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby authorize the Parish President to execute a change order to the agreement with Terry's Roofing Company for the Live Oak Building Roof replacement project.

On a roll call vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

Ayes:	Councilman Rachal	
Ayes:	Councilman de Graffenried	
Ayes:	Councilwoman Hoover	
Ayes:	Councilman Paige	
Ayes:	Councilman Bedgood	Motion Passed

Chairman, Bedgood then stated the next agenda item.

Council to consider authorizing the Parish President to sign and submit a Community Water Enrichment Fund application for \$25,000 on behalf of the Chestnut-Readhimer Water System to go toward the cost of replacing the main booster pumps at their facility.

On motion by Councilman Chris Paige, duly seconded by, Councilwoman Patsy Hoover that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby authorize the Parish President to sign and submit a Community Water Enrichment Fund application for \$25,000 on behalf of the Chestnut-Readhimer Water System to go toward the cost of replacing the main booster pumps at their facility.

On a roll call vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

Ayes:	Councilman Paige	
Ayes:	Councilwoman Hoover	
Ayes:	Councilman Rachal	
Ayes:	Councilman de Graffenried	
Ayes:	Councilman Bedgood	Motion Passed

Chairman, Bedgood then stated the next agenda item.

Council to consider authorizing the Parish President to execute a special use permit with the U.S. Department of Agriculture Forest Service allowing the Parish to keep and maintain solid waste garbage bins on the Kistachie Ranger District of the Kisatchie National Forest.

On motion by Councilman Chris Paige, duly seconded by, Councilwoman Patsy Hoover that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby authorize authorizing the Parish President to execute a special use permit with the U.S. Department of Agriculture Forest Service allowing the Parish to keep and maintain solid waste garbage bins on the Kistachie Ranger District of the Kisatchie National Forest.

On a roll call vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

Ayes:	Councilman Paige	
Ayes:	Councilwoman Hoover	
Ayes:	Councilman Rachal	
Ayes:	Councilman de Graffenried	
Ayes:	Councilman Bedgood	Motion Passed

Chairman, Bedgood then stated the next agenda item.

Council to consider authorizing Parish President to sign and execute a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Louisiana Department of Veterans Affairs for the providing of services to Veterans in Natchitoches Parish.

On motion by Councilman Russell Rachal, duly seconded by, Councilwoman Russell Rachal that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby authorize Parish President to sign and execute a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Louisiana Department of Veterans Affairs for the providing of services to Veterans in Natchitoches Parish.

On a roll call vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

Ayes:	Councilman Rachal	
Ayes:	Councilwoman Hoover	
Ayes:	Councilman de Graffenried	
Ayes:	Councilman Bedgood	
Ayes:	Councilman Paige	Motion Passed

Chairman, Bedgood then stated the next agenda item.

Council to consider authorizing the Parish President to prepare and submit an application for a new five-year grant for the parish Head Start Program from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Head Start, and to procure such assistance as may be needed to prepare the application.

Parish President began to speak, "A couple of months back we talked about this, the Parish for nearly 30 years has operated the Head Start Program and it's a very strong program and we have 309 three and 4 year olds in the program, five centers in Natchitoches Parish and 1 in Mansfield and our current Grant and five years Grant that will expire on June 30, 2019, we haven't been given a date for our new Grant deadline for submission, but we anticipate it will be late this year or early quarter of next year and it takes a considerable effort to prepare the application and typical we have to get some outside help that is proficient in this. This application costs to be prepared runs around \$20,000 to \$25,000 to prepare, but before we do that we want to make sure the Council is in agreement with that, and considering the challenges we face go forward, it's not just the program itself, the staff, I'm very comfortable and confident under the new leadership we have and the improvements has been made, it's that we face this continual problem with the facilities and we don't own the facility for where our major cite, the MLK cite and it's in

need of a number of repairs and the major problem is being the roof, the Grant doesn't provide for money for those types of repairs the building does not belong to the Parish so that makes a problem for us spending Parish money on something we don't own, if we're going to move forward in the Head Start Program we need to come up with a plan to get better facilities, we're talked about it, but we haven't come up with any plans, I just hope because it's getting close to the time, if not tonight, but certainly soon that we make a decision and it also impacts the budget for operations, Ms. Miley will have to do the budget assuming we're keeping the Head Start program, which is fine to do and if we don't apply then we just have to amend the budget and make ratification's and not having the program operated by the Parish, after June 30, 2019.

Councilman, Chris Paige, asked, "Mr. Nowlin, what as you, as Parish President, to have a facility that we facilitate the children of this Parish? I've said times and times again about the land we have over there, that it has to have the initiative and people to work to get the ball rolling in that direction to get a building built over there. That is something that really must happen, I think we've been in the Head Start business way over 30 years, it's probably 40 or 50 years." Ms. Harris, replied, "It's been 30 years under the Parish and before that was under the NAAA." Councilman, Paige, replied, "However, we need to get the ball rolling on getting a building built if there's a possibility."

Parish President, responded, "Ms. Harris and Mrs. Metoyer has been exploring what may be possible with the office of Head Start, the federal office, I'm told they're not in the business of building Head Start facilities for folks. The major problem is funding where are we going to come up with the money." Councilman, Paige, replied, "How was this address before Ms. Harris do you recall, to buy the building they're in now, some money was sent from Dallas?" Ms. Harris, replied, "It's my understanding it was a Grant for funding for purchasing the building, but we had put a lot of money in the building itself, to get it up and we had to come up with a match of \$167,000 and we were not able to come up with that and that time the money was left on the table." Councilman, Paige, responded, "I thought it was that they couldn't determine who owned the building." Ms. Harris, replied, "The Besse Board and Natchitoches Parish School Board, we never could find out, no one would ever say who we could buy it from." Ms. Harris, replied, when I say the matching money, I was talking about how much they say the building was worth, then we had a match and then we couldn't find out who owns the building and we didn't know who would actually sign the paper for us." Councilman, Paige, replied, "I think it's the best thing to look at, can we build a building on that location and where would the proper funding come from?"

Chairman, Bedgood, wanted to ask a question. Chairman, Bedgood, asked, "Is there anyway to table this tonight as far, as I, I don't have a thing toward Head Start, it's a good program, but if we can't fund, we don't have any money to fund anything for a building, but if we can't get money for a building that belongs to us or Head Start, as far as I'm concerned the program should be terminated for us, this Council, now that's my opinion." Parish President, responded, "To answer your question, It's placed on the agenda so that we wouldn't forget it's movement out there and Head Start is a good program its working closely with the public school system and early childhood education. We later found out that the Natchitoches Parish School Board owns the front part and the part of the back is owned by the Besse Board and I do recall several years ago, Senator Long had a bill passed in the law for us to buy the building at the appraised value and at that time that the price was above, which the parish could afford, yes, it all boils down on how we're going to get the money to build a building." Chairman, Bedgood, replied, "If we do a building, which belongs to us, we're still going to be responsible for the maintenance on that

building right?" Councilman, Paige, replied, "The money comes from the Federal Government; so we don't have to sit here and act like something is coming out our pockets as far as the local government body is concerned far as employees and all as I'm understanding, we do not, basically designed for low income and to help our youth, and it's never going to go away, and far to think as for tabling it and putting it off for a minute is certainly nothing that I would want to entertain, this program has operated in the United States of America for over 50 years and it's done a wonderful job in helping our youth, and to sit here and say that we can put it off or whatever, I think this question and discussion we're having is to get the paperwork started, they had former Directors that came to support and assist in getting the proper papers in placed. Many times we tend to think that something is a problem, but I can certainly tell you, you haven't seen a problem yet until you have 300 hundred and something kids with nowhere to go, that would be a hectic amount of the burden put on the school system, which they are already being strapped over there for what they're doing. I think this is a program to show that our leadership here that is really questionable about tabling Head Start and this federal money, we get federal money to take care of our youth in this community." Councilman, Rachal, wanted to say something. "As we said earlier, if I understand that Federal dollars or Grant money, can't fix the building, correct, so if we did purchase that building with Federal Money that Mr. Paige is talking about couldn't be used to fix the building could it? Parish President, replied, "Correct me if I'm wrong Ms. Harris, minor maintenance repairs are covered under the Grant, but major maintenance, and roof repairs are not covered, I'm not the one to speak, Ms. Harris could answer." Ms. Harris, replied, "You're correct, renovations are not covered but you can do a one time Grant, occasionally you see something that comes down from the Federal Government, that says it's a one time, you have to get on it right then, basically you have to have your plans already written, but right now if we don't own the building they don't want to put that much into the building; so we don't own the building where we're at, so they don't want to put that much money into, we can do minor up keeping of the building." Councilman, Rachal, asked, "Have there been any estimate to get the building up to standards?" Ms. Harris and Ms. Miley both responded, "No, because we don't own the building." Councilman, Rachal replied, "We're talking more than minor, right, we're talking major?"

Ms. Harris, replied, "The roof is one of our major problems." Councilman, Rachal, replied, "I'm not for tabling anything because we don't want to take a stand to vote on something, I'm not for tabling it." Councilman, Paige, stated, "I think all you're saying, if I'm reading this correctly is to get the process started or to continue Head Start under the Natchitoches Parish Government." Councilman, Rachal, the vote is tonight if we're going to apply for it before we think about buying a building or not." Councilman, Paige, replied, "So in the process in what we're doing tonight they need to be looking at trying to see if there is capabilities of monies somewhere you can build the building because we do have the land over there that was the intent of the land, personally, we've had plenty of discussions about it in the past, but where will the money come from to get the process started, now some organizations have the money to do things with such as the 911 building, that was no problem, I bet there is some money to help with this type of project, if the proper people get involved."

Parish President, begin to say, "In the absence of any actions on this we have the program and we're going to continue with the program and the planning for the program. I do have a question to Mr. Paige in, What he was referring to about questionable leadership?" Councilman, Paige, replied, "We're going to sit here and table something here tonight don't look like very good

leadership.... and at that time, Parish President, replied, "I can't table it." Councilman, Paige, replied, "I'm not talking to you, you jumping all off the cliff, I know what I'm talking about we sit here and say we're going to table it." Chairman, Bedgood, said, "I'm the one that said something about tabling it." Councilman, Paige continued by saying, "We don't need to put this off we have 300 kids or 350." at this time Ms. Harris said, "We have 309." Councilwoman, Hoover had a question, she began by saying, "When do the Council actually vote on to decide whether we apply for the Grant?" Chairman, Bedgood, replied, "We're going to do it tonight, right now." Councilwoman, Hoover, responded, "Tonight!" Chairman, Bedgood, replied, "We're about to do it about in 2 seconds."

Carolyn Roy, asked, "You're going to vote tonight to see whether or not you keep Head Start under Parish Government?" Chairman, Bedgood, replied, "Yes, Ma'am, that what's on the agenda tonight the application renewal." Parish President, "Again, the reason why we're bringing up tonight is because it's going to change our budget if you don't act then we going to put in our budget that we still keeping it."

On motion by Councilman Bedgood, duly seconded by, Councilwoman Patsy Hoover that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby authorize the Parish President to prepare and submit an application for a new five-year grant for the parish Head Start Program from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Head Start, and to procure such assistance as may be needed to prepare the application.

But before the Roll call could be taken, Ms. Roy asked what was for and Chairman, Bedgood read the agenda item again and said, Ms. Roy there was an offer and second at this time, Mrs. Metoyer wanted to speak, "I understand this is in the open and without scaring everybody, I just want them to know that if the Council decides not to keep Head Start, I don't want the parents to get in an uproar and be there before I get there 7:00 o'clock in the morning. The program is not going to end it just might be given to someone else." Chairman, Bedgood, replied, "I don't want everyone to think I'm against, Head Start it's just I wanted to know as the Parish Council, where we're going to get the money to keep this thing going on. If you can get money for a building, I'm all for it." Mrs. Metoyer, replied, "They are really strict on how the money is spent for facilities, they don't allow you to build facilities, we had a facility to burn in Ruston, and they basically had to move to the Church. Like she was saying, you have to have a plan in place and how you're going to manage the money."

On a roll call vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

Ayes:	Councilman Bedgood	
Ayes:	Councilwoman Hoover	
Nayes:	Councilman Rachal	
Nayes:	Councilman de Graffenried	
Ayes:	Councilman Paige	Motion Passed

At the time, Councilman, Rachal, said you didn't ask me, and the Clerk apologize and then asked Councilman, Rachal and then Councilman, Rachal, stated, "Mr. Paige, can't vote, and Councilman Paige, replied, "How come, I can't vote?" and Councilman, Rachal replied, "Your wife works over there and that's a financial gain." Councilman, Paige, replied, "She's not profiting from us to keep Head Start Program, you jump and you always say somebody called Baton Rouge on you, let me tell you

something, They have called down there many times on me, and I understand what the law says and I certainly not going to give a lawyer a \$1,000 to call down for me, when I can handle it myself. Thank you, Sir." Councilman, Rachal, replied, "I got paid back, Sir." Mrs. Roy, asked, "May I have what the vote was?" The Clerk, replied, "Mr. Bedgood, yes, Mrs. Hoover, Yes, Mr. Doug, No, Mr. Paige, Yes, and Mr. Rachal, No." Councilwoman, asked, "So we're keeping it? and Ms. Harris, replied, "Yes, to apply for the Head Start Program."

Chairman, Bedgood then stated the next agenda item.

Visitors for Non Agenda Items. (3 minutes)

Mr. Matt from Roy O' Martin, wanted to clarify and say about the piece of Dubois Road to be taken out of the road system. The part of the road that belongs to Roy O' Martin you can't get to it, because the part of the Parish road to get to it is impassable at this time. They're asked to go in a fix it and give access to the other private landowners beyond that point.

Mrs. Melissa Swiney, lives in Flora about the compactor site in Flora. and they're having problems with dumping household items at the compactor station. Mrs. Swiney believes she's the cause of the problem because she is tearing down her house and made multiple trips out to the compactor station, because the Parish was under a Burn Ban. She said they have been stopped from hauling any lumber to the bin sites.

Mr. Townsend discussed with Mrs. Swiney what can and what can't be disposed of at the Compactor Station, but Mrs. Swiney still had problems with his answers and explanations. The final solution for this was that they are going to revisit the bin sites rules and regulations and possible set up a contract for disposal of "white goods" from the remote bin sites.

Ms. Monique Sarpy from Natchez wanted to let the Council and Mr. Townsend no that the bin site in Natchez smells terribly and something needs to be done to take care of this problem. Councilman, Chris Paige, responded, "That's supposed to be why that individual is there to make sure that it's kept up and not smelly and if it is they need to be moving it off." Mr. Townsend, replied, "I'll take care of that in the morning." Ms. Sarpy, asked could they check on grading the entrance to get to the bins and Mr. Townsend said, "It wasn't long ago they done that but I would look into that also."

Parish President, begin to say, "November 1, is the deadline for Capital Outlay applications, what we would like to do is to take all the applications that we submitted previously that hasn't been funded, since it's not on the agenda tonight, we can have it on the October 15 and asked your blessing on those applications, and I would ask that if you have something in addition we have all the roads that we've been talking about, it's something please get with us."

Since there was no other business the meeting was adjourn:

Attest:

Rodney Bedgood, Chairman

Sheryl Frederick,
Council Clerk