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PROCEEDINGS POLICE JURY. Parish of Natchitoches, La.

Thursday, May 20th, 1915.

The Hon. Police Jury met, (as per adjournment of April meeting) with President Pierson presiding and all members present except Mr. Cockfield.

By Mr. Pierson:
Ordered, upon examining the votes cast in Road Dist. No. 14, ward 10 of the Parish of Natchitoches, La., at the special election held on the 10th day of May, 1915 as to whether or not a special tax of five mills on the dollar on all assessable property in Road Dist. 14, be levied for a period of 10 years, embracing the following territory:-

All that portion of ward 10, bounded on the west by range line between range five and four, embracing all that territory north of the Texas & Pacific Ry. and between Cane River and the boundary line of Rapides Parish, running to Red River.

The result of said election is as follows:
For said tax in number 9. Against said tax in number none.

For said tax in amount \$3130.00. Against said tax in amount none.

The majority in number of votes cast for the tax for five mills for 10 years is 9. The majority in valuation of property for said tax for five mills for 10 years in amount is \$3130.00 dollars. It is therefore proclaimed that at said election the vote in number and amount is in favor of the assessment and levy of said tax. Carried.

By Mr. Cockfield, 2nd by Mr. Pierson:
Be it ordained by the Police Jury of the Parish of Natchitoches, in lawful session convened:

SEC. I.
That two dirt dikes or dams shall be constructed across Cane River, one dam to be located at or near the upper mouth of Cane River at ward one, the other dam to be located in ward nine, above and near the mouth of Old River.

SEC. II.
That a committee composed of the President of this body, J. O. Williams, and W. W. Page is hereby instructed to communicate with the Ward Department of the United States for its approval of the plans and specifications for said dams or dikes, as prepared by J. W. Sylvester, C. E., and upon such approval, the said committee is directed to advertise twenty days for bids for the construction of said dams. The committee is authorized to employ J. W. Sylvester or any competent engineer as constructing engineer upon such terms as may be agreed.

SEC. III.
All bids to be accompanied with a certified check for six hundred dollars (\$600.00) to insure good faith. The contractor shall give bond through a responsible company authorized to do business in this State, in the sum of three thousand (\$3000.00) dollars for the faithful performance of his contract. The right is reserved to reject any and all bids.

SEC. IV.
The committee shall have authority to award the contract either in whole or separately.

In event of the award of said contract and in order to provide for the payment of said dams or dikes, one-eighth 1-8 of one mill on the dollar of the total assessment of the Parish of Natchitoches is hereby levied, dedicated and set apart for a period of ten years, beginning with and including the year 1915, or for such number of years not exceeding ten years as may be necessary.

The total cost to be divided into, not exceeding ten annual payments, as near equally as possible, to bear interest at the rate of five per cent per annum.

Provided the Police Jury reserves the right to pay at any time, at its option any portion of said debt before maturity with interest only to the date of such payment.

SEC. VI.
The construction of said two dams or dikes across said Cane River shall not be understood or construed that the Police Jury of this Parish is in any manner modifying its legal right to the control of the banks of said stream, or its legal right to regulate and control the use of said stream and all laws or ordinances now existing pertaining to said stream and its banks, shall remain in full force and effect, and all rights inherent in this body concerning said stream and its banks shall be, and are hereby reserved to the Police Jury.

Yeas, Messrs. Pierson, Adams, Page, Knott, Parker, Taylor, Cockfield and Russell. Nays, Mr. Williams.

Carried.

PROCEEDINGS OF CANVASSERS OF ELECTION RETURNS.
Be it known, that on this, the 20th day of May 1915, at 10 o'clock a. m. in accordance with an ordinance of this Police Jury, adopted on the 6th day of April 1915, notice of which was issued and published according to law, the undersigned members of the Police Jury of Natchitoches Parish, Louisiana, being a quorum thereof in lawful session, at the court house in parish, and according to law opened all of the ballot boxes used in and which were

received from the commissioners of the election held on the 18th day of May 1915, in accordance with said ordinance and then proceeded to count the said ballots, both in number and amount, for and against to determine the

PROPOSITION to incur debt and issue bonds of Road District No. 15, of the Parish of Natchitoches, to the amount of forty thousand dollars, to run for twenty (20) years, bearing interest at the rate of five per cent per annum, payable annually, for the purpose of constructing, graveling, improving and maintaining the public roads running through said Road District No. 15, commencing at the east end of the railroad bridge across Red River at Grand Ecotee running along the line of the present public road, and through the village of Campiti to the ward line between wards 3 and 4. The title to which shall vest in the public.

The result of said count was 35 ballots and thirty-two thousand one hundred and eighty-five dollars in favor of said proposition, and No. ballots and dollars against said proposition and therefore the majority in both number and amount cast by the property tax payers of said Road District No. 15 in the Parish of Natchitoches at said election being in favor thereof and, at the same time and place, we did examine and canvass the returns as evidenced by the duplicate tally sheet and duplicate compiled statement, the correctness of both being sworn to by the commissioners according to law, and finding also that the returns indicated a majority both in number and amount of property in favor of said proposition.

Therefore we declare that the result of the said election is in favor of the PROPOSITION to incur debt and issue bonds of Road District No. 15, of the Parish of Natchitoches, to the amount of forty thousand dollars, to run for twenty (20) years, bearing interest at the rate of five per cent per annum, payable annually, for the purpose of constructing, graveling, improving and maintaining the public road within the limits of said Road District No. 15, the title to which shall vest in the public.

The same to commence at the east end of the railroad bridge across Red River at Grand Ecotee running along the line of the present public road to and through the village of Campiti to the village of Campiti, as prepared by J. W. Sylvester, C. E., and upon such approval, the said committee is directed to advertise twenty days for bids for the construction of said dams. The committee is authorized to employ J. W. Sylvester or any competent engineer as constructing engineer upon such terms as may be agreed.

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In event of the award of said contract and in order to provide for the payment of said dams or dikes, one-eighth 1-8 of one mill on the dollar of the total assessment of the Parish of Natchitoches is hereby levied, dedicated and set apart for a period of ten years, beginning with and including the year 1915, or for such number of years not exceeding ten years as may be necessary.

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Yeas, Messrs. Pierson, Adams, Page, Knott, Parker, Taylor, Cockfield and Russell. Nays, Mr. Williams.

Carried.

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annum, payable annually for the purpose of constructing, graveling, improving and maintaining the public roads within the limits of said Road District No. 15, the title to which shall vest in the public.

Carried, and said bond issue as proposed is authorized and required to be proceeded with and finally extinguished by an annual levy assessment and collection of taxes on all the property of said Road District No. 15 in the Parish of Natchitoches.

Be it further ordained, etc., that the result of said election shall be promulgated by the President and Secretary of the Police Jury of Natchitoches Parish by publication in one issue of the official journal of Natchitoches Parish, signed by said President and Secretary.

Yeas, Messrs. Pierson, Williams, Adams, Knott, Page, Parker, Taylor, Cockfield and Russell. Carried unanimously.

Promulgation of Election, State of Louisiana, Parish of Natchitoches.

By the direction of the Police Jury of Natchitoches Parish Louisiana, notice is hereby given that on Tuesday the 18th day of May 1915 an election was held in Road District No. 15 in the Parish of Natchitoches to determine the

PROPOSITION, to incur debt and issue bonds of Road District No. 15 of the Parish of Natchitoches, to the amount of \$40,000.00 forty thousand dollars, to run for twenty years, bearing interest at the rate of five per cent per annum, payable annually for the purpose of constructing, graveling, improving and maintaining the public roads within the limits of said Road District. Title to which shall vest in the public.

That the majority of the tax payers voting at said election in favor of said proposition was 35 thirty-five in the number and thirty-two thousand one hundred and eighty-five (\$32,185.00) dollars in amount and therefore said proposition was carried.

Thus done and signed on this 20th day of May 1915 at Natchitoches La.

G. H. Pierson,
President Police Jury
Addie Tausin,
Secretary Police Jury.

By Mr. Pierson, seconded by Mr. Page:
AN ORDINANCE.
Providing for the issuance of Bonds in behalf of Road District No. 15 of the Parish of Natchitoches.

Whereas, the Police Jury of the Parish of Natchitoches, State of Louisiana, did on April 8th 1915, order a special election to be held on May 18th 1915 in Road District No. 15 of the Parish of Natchitoches, for the purpose of taking the sense of the qualified voters on the proposition of issuing bonds in the sum of forty thousand dollars, and said election was favorable to the issuance of said bonds and the Police Jury met on May 20th 1915 and promulgated the returns of said election therefore,

Be it ordained by the Police Jury of the Parish of Natchitoches, State of Louisiana, that the President of the Police Jury of the Parish of Natchitoches be and he is hereby authorized and directed to execute and deliver to the purchaser thereof, bonds of the Parish of Natchitoches, State of Louisiana, on behalf of Road District No. 15, payable to bearer, the aggregate sum of forty thousand (\$40,000.00) dollars in the following denominations to-wit:

(Signed)
G. H. Pierson
J. O. Williams
B. F. Adams
G. C. Parker
R. J. W. Knott
B. E. Taylor
A. P. Cockfield
W. H. Russell
W. W. Page

By Mr. Pierson, seconded by Mr. Page:
Ordinance of Promulgation.

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Whereas, said election was held, and the returns thereof were canvassed by the Police Jury of the Parish of Natchitoches according to law on the 20th day of May 1915 and the result of said election was declared to be:

That a majority in number and amount of the tax payers of the said Road District No. 15, in the Parish of Natchitoches voted in favor of said proposition; now therefore,

Be it ordained by the Police Jury of the Parish of Natchitoches in lawful session convened that the:

110, 111, 112, 2900.00 Maturing June 1, 1934.
Bonds Nos. 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 3000.00 Maturing June 1, 1935.

All of said bonds bearing interest at the rate of 5 per cent per annum from date, payable annually on the 1st day of June of each year until final payment of the principal sums thereof, together with all interest as evidenced by the coupons attached thereto, and both principal and interest of said bonds shall be payable at the office of the Treasurer of the Parish of Natchitoches in the City of Natchitoches, or at the Chase National Bank in the City of New York, or at any Bank designated by the purchaser of said bonds, and said bonds shall be signed by the President of the Police Jury of the Parish of Natchitoches and attested by the Secretary of the Police Jury, provided that said interest coupons shall be authenticated by the fac-simile signature of said President and said secretary.

It is provided that the said bonds and coupons shall be substantially the following form:

United States of America
State of Louisiana,
Parish of Natchitoches,
Road District Number 15.

No. ————— \$ —————

FIVE PER CENT ROAD BOND.

Know all men by these presents, that the Parish of Natchitoches, State of Louisiana, on behalf of Road District Number 15, of said Parish, is indebted and for value received, hereby promises to pay to bearer ————— dollars in lawful money of the United States of America on the 1st day of June 19 ——— with interest at the rate of 5 per cent per annum from date hereof, payable annually on the 1st day of June 19 ——— on presentation and surrender of the annexed coupons, bearing facsimiles of the signatures of the President and Secretary of the Police Jury of the Parish of Natchitoches, as they serially become due.

Both principal, and interest of this bond are payable at the Office of the Treasurer of said Parish in the City of Natchitoches, State of Louisiana, or at Chase National Bank in the City of New York, State of New York or at any bank designated by the holder of this bond and of the several interest coupons. This bond is one of a series of ————— bonds of like date, tenor, and effect, except as to amount and maturity aggregating the sum of Forty thousand Dollars, State of Louisiana on behalf of Road District Number 15, of said Parish, for the purpose of —————

construction and improvement within the limits of said Road District, under and in full compliance with the constitution and laws of the State of Louisiana, and especially Article 281 of the Constitution and Act 256 of 1910 and 218 of 1912 and an ordinance duly and regularly adopted by the Police Jury of said Parish on the 20th day of May 1915, and on behalf of said District, said Parish is hereby held and firmly bound in the full faith and credit of said District are hereby pledged for the payment of principal and interest thereon at maturity.

It is hereby certified, recited and declared that ample provision for the payment of the principal and interest hereof has been made by the voting of Louisiana, that the President of the Police Jury of the Parish of Natchitoches be and he is hereby authorized and directed to execute and deliver to the purchaser thereof, bonds of the Parish of Natchitoches, State of Louisiana, on behalf of Road District No. 15, payable to bearer, the aggregate sum of forty thousand (\$40,000.00) dollars in the following denominations to-wit:

Seventy-two (72) bonds for \$500.00, numbered from one to seventy-two inclusive and
Forty (40) bonds for \$100.00 each, numbered from seventy-three to one hundred and twelve inclusive, designated as five per cent Good Roads Bond and numbered from one to 112 inclusive. All dated June 1, 1915 and maturing serially as follows:

Bonds Nos. 1, 2, 3, 73, 74, 1200.00 Maturing June 1, 1916.
Bonds Nos. 3, 4, 75, 76, 1200.00 Maturing June 1, 1917.
Bonds Nos. 5, 6, 77, 78, 79, 80, 1400.00 Maturing June 1, 1918.
Bonds Nos. 7, 8, 81, 82, 83, 84, 1400.00 Maturing June 1, 1919.
Bonds Nos. 9, 10, 11, 1500.00 Maturing June 1, 1920.
Bonds Nos. 12, 13, 14, 1500.00 Maturing June 1, 1921.
Bonds Nos. 15, 16, 17, 85, 1600.00 Maturing June 1, 1922.
Bonds Nos. 18, 19, 20, 86, 87, 1700.00 Maturing June 1, 1923.
Bonds Nos. 21, 22, 23, 88, 89, 90, 1800.00 Maturing June 1, 1924.
Bonds Nos. 24, 25, 26, 91, 92, 93, 94, 1900.00 Maturing June 1, 1925.
Bonds Nos. 27, 28, 29, 30, 2000.00 Maturing June 1, 1926.
Bonds Nos. 31, 32, 33, 34, 95, 2100.00 Maturing June 1, 1927.
Bonds Nos. 35, 36, 37, 38, 96, 2100.00 Maturing June 1, 1928.
Bonds Nos. 39, 40, 41, 42, 97, 98, 99, 2200.00 Maturing June 1, 1929.
Bonds Nos. 43, 44, 45, 46, 100, 101, 102, 103, 2400.00 Maturing June 1, 1930.
Bonds Nos. 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 2500.00 Maturing June 1, 1931.
Bonds Nos. 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 104, 105, 2700 Maturing June 1, 1932.
Bonds Nos. 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 106, 107, 108, 2800.00 Maturing June 1, 1933.
Bonds Nos. 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 109,

President of Police Jury,
Secretary of Police Jury.

INTERRUPTED COUPON
On this ——— day of ——— 19—— the Parish of Natchitoches, State of Louisiana, on behalf of Road District Number 15, of said Parish, a lawful political subdivision of the State of Louisiana, will pay to the bearer ————— dollars (\$ ———) at the office of the Treasurer of said Parish in the City of Natchitoches, State of Louisiana, or at Chase National Bank in the City of New York, State of New York, or at any Bank designated by the holder of this bond, ——— and the several interest coupons, being due on that date on this bond, No. ———.

President Police Jury,
Secretary Police Jury.

Be it further Ordained Etc. That when the said bonds have been signed, registered and returned to the Secretary of the Police Jury of the Parish of Natchitoches, Louisiana, they shall be ready for negotiation and the President of the Police Jury of Natchitoches Parish Louisiana, is hereby authorized fully for that purpose.

Be it further Ordained Etc. That the Police Jury of the Parish of Natchitoches, State of Louisiana, shall annually at the same time of other tax levies, in accordance with law, and in addition to all other taxes, levy a tax sufficient to pay the principal and interest of the bonds herein directed to be issued as they mature, which tax may be levied if not already levied, and extended on the assessment rolls at any time prior to the final collection of taxes due for that particular year, and when collected, shall be used for

no other purpose than retiring the matured bonds herein issued.

Be it further Ordained Etc. That the Secretary of the Police Jury, Parish of Natchitoches, State of Louisiana, cause the original of this ordinance to be recorded in the mortgage records of the Parish of Natchitoches, and also published in the official Journal of the Parish of Natchitoches according to law, Act 256 of the Acts of the General Assembly of the State of Louisiana for the year 1910 and Amendments.

The roll called resulted as follows:
Yeas: Messrs. Pierson, Williams, Adams, Keott, Page, Parker, Taylor, Cockfield, and Russell.
Nays: None.

Carried unanimously.
Campiti, La. May 18th, 1914.
To the Police Jury,
Natchitoches, La.

We the undersigned voters and tax payers of Ward (4) Four District No. 15, hereby petition and ask your honorable body to appoint as road commissioners of above district T. Hightower, T. K. Giddens, J. E. Cloutier, W. H. Huckabay and Foster Smith, to serve and hold said position free of cost. All transactions made by them to be ratified by the Police Jury.

(Signed)
T. K. Giddens
G. R. Cloutier
L. L. Perry, Jr.
W. H. Johnson
G. J. Gillen
Dan Leahy
J. R. Mayben
T. C. Hightower
W. I. Smith
W. H. Huckabay
C. C. Hattaway
W. V. Talley

By Mr. Page, seconded by Mr. Adams:
Be it resolved by the Police Jury of the Parish of Natchitoches, in regular session convened, that in accordance with petition of more than 50 per cent of the Tax Payers of said District.

That T. C. Hightower, W. H. Huckabay, T. K. Giddens, J. E. Cloutier and Foster Smith are hereby appointed a Supervising Board, with full power and authority for and on behalf of Road District No. 15, Parish of Natchitoches to receive bids, award and sign contracts, and to provide for the construction by graveling of the public road from the Grand Ecotee Bridge to and through the Village of Campiti to a point on the Ward line between Wards Three and Four in said Road District No. 15, from the proceeds of the sale of Forty Thousand Dollars of bonds of Road District No. 15, of the Parish of Natchitoches.

Be it further Resolved, that the said road shall be constructed in accordance with plans and specifications as may be deemed proper, and the same shall be prepared by the Engineer, or such other Engineer as may be selected by said Supervising Board.

That the said Police Jury of Natchitoches, shall be made in accordance with the provisions of Act 183, of 1914, and any other laws of the State governing the letting of such contracts.

That the said Supervising Board, in the performance of its duties shall be regulated and controlled by Act 183, of 1914, and such other laws of the State governing the letting and construction of public roads in the State of Louisiana.

Yeas, Messrs. Pierson, Williams, Adams, Knott, Page, Parker, Taylor, Cockfield and Russell. Carried unanimously.

By Mr. Adams:
That Mrs. P. C. Smith be placed on the pauper list of Ward 3. Carried.

By Mr. Williams:
That M. M. Lowery be placed on the pauper list Ward 2. Carried.

By Mr. Pierson, seconded by Mr. Cockfield:
That Mr. J. W. Knott, B. F. Adams, and G. C. Parker be appointed a committee to contract with Caspari for painting Court House porch his bid and that sufficient amount be appropriate out of General Fund to pay cost for work and material. Also contract with some competent man to patch the walls in court-house where the plaster has given away. Carried.

By Mr. Adams:
Be it ordained by the Police Jury of the Parish of Natchitoches that acting under the authority vested in it by Article 291 of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana and laws of such amendatory thereto relating thereto that in order to raise additional funds for the purpose of constructing, maintaining and repairing public roads and bridges in road District No. 6 Ward 3, there is hereby levied a per capita tax of One Dollar per annum for the year 1915, and each subsequent year upon each able bodied male inhabitant of said Road District No. 6, between the ages of Eighteen and Fifty Five, years, except those residing in incorporated and municipalities, villages, towns that maintain their own streets who shall not be subject to this per capita tax aforesaid.

Be it further ordained that the failure to pay said per capita tax on or before the 1st day of November 1915, and on the 1st day of November of each subsequent year is hereby declared to be guilty of a misdemeanor and any party neglecting or refusing to pay said per capita tax within the time above prescribed, on convicting they shall be fined in the sum of not less than one dollar nor more than Twenty Five Dollars, and in default of payment be imprisoned in the Parish jail for a period of not less than one day nor more than Sixty days or both at the discretion of the Court.

Be it further ordained that for the purpose above enumerated there is hereby levied a license tax for the year 1915, and each subsequent year on all vehicles including bicycles, automobiles, motorcycles, kept and used for locomotion over the public roads in said Road District No. 6 Ward 3, which license tax is graded as follows: The annual license tax on each wagon and automobile shall be one dollar, on each two horse wagon, two horse carry and hack the license shall be Fifty cents, and on each single buggy, single wagon, dray, cycle the annual license shall be Twenty Five cents. On each drumm-

er wagon or buggy the license shall be Twenty Five cents. On each drummer wagon or buggy the license shall be Seventy Five Cents. and each Vehicle not herein enumerated the annual license shall be the sum of Twenty Five cents.

Be it further ordained that it shall be the duty of the Assessor of the Parish of Natchitoches to place said per capita license and tax on his rolls in and for Road District No. 6 Ward 4.

And for the payment of said license tax the Parish shall have a privilege superior to all liens and privileges under existing laws, which said license tax shall be collected within the time and manner that taxes on movables are now collected under the laws of the State of Louisiana.

Yeas: Messrs. Pierson, Williams, Adams, Knott, Page, Parker, Taylor, and Russell. Carried.

By Mr. Russell, seconded by Mr. Page:
That the minutes of the Mass meeting Citizens Road Dist. No. 3 Ward Ten be accepted.

Be it resolved by the resident tax payers of Road Dist. No. 3 Natchitoches Parish La. in mass meeting assembled, that the following rules and regulations for the working and maintenance of the roads in said District, and for the handling and expenditures of the funds accruing out of the special tax voted therefor for such purpose be and are hereby adopted.

First. All inhabitants of such district over the age of fifty years, may if they desire, are tax payers and physically capable of doing good work, be allowed to do so on such roads of the District.

Second. There shall be three grades or class of workmen, No. 1, 2 and 3, those in first class shall receive the sum of One dollar and Fifty cents per day, those in second class to receive One dollar and Twenty-five cents per day, and those in 3rd class to receive One dollar per day. Ten hours shall constitute a days work.

Third. Persons using on such road teams, with either scraper, wagon or plow shall receive from the tax dollars per day, the price to be paid to be fixed by the Overseer, but in no case shall they receive more than Four dollars, the owners of the teams to also furnish the wagon and other implements. No single team to be allowed worked on such roads. The Overseer to be appointed by the member of the Police Jury of ward Ten of the Parish of Natchitoches, La.

Fourth. Be it further resolved, that said Road District for the purpose of working such roads therein, be and are hereby divided into three divisions as follows: Roads 8 and 9 of said District shall constitute and comprise Division No. One in which there are 10 1/2 miles. Roads No. 5 and 12 shall constitute and comprise Division No. 2 in which there are 15 miles and roads 2 and 10 shall constitute and comprise Division No. 3 in which there shall be three persons elected to be known as Road Commissioners, one from each division, he to be taxpayer and to reside therein Three Commissioners to be elected by this Mass Meeting this day, and hereafter to be elected by the tax payers of said Road District, at an election to be called each year by the Police Jury at their January meetings.

The Commissioners elected today to serve until their successors are elected and thereafter to serve for one year, each commissioner to look after the roads in his respective divisions, keep a true and correct account of the funds and expenditures thereof in his division and to render an account when requested to do so. No payment shall be made to any one for work or otherwise except upon order of the overseer and voucher taken therefor. Each for said commissioner to receive the sum of \$10.00 per year for their services.

(Signed) T. J. Thompson,
Chairman.
Squires,
Secretary.

At a mass meeting this day held at Wm. Bells in Road District No. 3 of the Parish of Natchitoches, the following persons were selected as Road Commissioners of said District to serve until their successors are elected at an election to be called for such purpose by the Police Jury of the Parish of Natchitoches, Louisiana in January 1916, to-wit: J. M. Johnson as Road Commissioner in Division No. 1, Eugene Kerry for Division No. 2 and Adolph Gallien for Division No. 3.

(Signed) T. J. Thompson,
Chairman.
S. W. Squires,
Secretary.

By Mr. Adams:
That the following petition of citizens of Ward Three be accepted:

To the Hon. Police Jury of the Parish of Natchitoches:
We the undersigned taxpayers of Ward Three of the Parish of Natchitoches, in order to construct and maintain a gravel road from the Ward Four line at the Dirt Bridge between Ward Three and Four line to the Red River Parish line along the North side of the L. R. & N. Ry. Co., and we ask your Hon. Body to create Road District No. 16, and embracing the following territory and portion of Ward Three viz: Commencing at the range line between 7 and 8 starting at the dirt bridge on said line running North to the Northeast corner of Section 24, Township 11, Range 8; thence West to the Southeast corner of Section 16, Township 11, Range 8; thence North to the Northeast corner of Section 9, T. 11, R. 8; thence West to the Southeast corner of Section 5, T. 11, R. 8; thence North to the Red River Parish line

to the range line between 8 and 9; thence South to the stream of Red River; thence East along Red River to the point of beginning.

The same to be designated as Road District No. 16; we agree to vote a special tax when submitted to a vote to incur an indebtedness of Ten Thousand Dollars, (\$10,000.00) the same to bear interest at the rate of five (5) per cent per annum, principal and interest to be paid by special tax on all assessable property in said Road District Number 16, the amount of said tax to be fixed by the Police Jury not to exceed ten mills in any one year to run for Twenty Years, the said tax to be devoted to the construction and maintenance of a gravel road running from the Dirt Bridge from the line between Ward Three and Four through Grappes Bluff La., along the North side of the L. R. & N. Ry. to the Red River Parish line; the territory above designated and described as Road District Number 16, it being understood when a sum sufficient to pay said principal and interest shall be collected there shall be no further assessment and levy of said tax, and that the tax so voted shall be funded into bonds to run for Twenty Years the amount of said bonds and etc. to be fixed by the Police Jury the same to bear five per cent per annum interest and we further pray that your Hon. Body submit said matter to the qualified voters of said Road District Number 16 as soon as possible, and the election to be held at Grappes Bluff, La.

Respectfully submitted
(Signed) H. A. Carlisle
C. L. Mayben
Oscar Lattier
F. P. Dunn
D. E. DeBluez
T. C. Bandaries
Mrs. M. E. Nelson
Mrs. Mattie Robin
R. H. Simmons
J. C. Copelliar
Lucy Simmons
Mr. M. M. Bandaries
Jas. J. Copelliar
L. R. Perot
J. Q. Adams
Emile L. Adams
John F. Scopini
W. E. Clark
Clara G. Scopini
W. V. Talley

Be it ordained by the Police Jury of the Parish of Natchitoches Louisiana:

Sec. 1. That the following portion of Ward Three of this Parish of Natchitoches, is hereby created into a Road District to be known as Road District No. 16, to-wit