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## MINUTES OF SCHOOL BOARD MEETING.

Regular Quarterly Meeting, Oct. 7, 1914.  
The School Board of West Feliciana Parish met Wednesday, October 7, 1914, with all the members present. Board was called to order by President J. P. Bowman.  
The minutes of the previous quarterly meeting and the minutes of the two meetings of the Executive Committee of the Board were read and approved.  
Superintendent Crump read his quarterly report to the Board. It was received and approved. The report reads as follows:

**Superintendent's Quarterly Report.**  
For Quarter Ending Sept. 30, 1914.  
To the School Board of West Feliciana Parish:  
In compliance with the law I beg leave to submit the following report upon the condition of the schools for the quarter ending September 30, 1914.

## FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

### Receipts During Quarter.

Balance on hand July 1, 1914	\$ 389.07
Received from poll tax	4.75
Fines and forfeitures	219.54
Municipal appropriation	500.00
Incidental fees	44.00
Total receipts during quarter	\$ 808.29
Total (balance and receipts)	\$1,197.36
Disbursements During Quarter:	
Teacher's salary colored	25.00
Superintendent's salary	250.00
Board Members—	
Milage	13.55
Per Diem	30.00
Expense, Supt.'s office	30.00
Miscellaneous—	
Postage	5.94
Express	2.56
Supplies	2.00
Telephone	1.50
Interest	6.87
Telegram	.25
Box rent	.40
Payment on note	500.00
Balance close of quarter	\$ 869.47
Grand total	\$1,197.36

Credit balance accounted for as follows:  
Feliciana Bank and Trust Co. (in liquidation) \$ 218.25  
Farmers and Merchants Bank, (in liquidation) 81.95  
Cash on hand (Treasurer's certificate) 27.69  
Total \$ 327.89

It will be seen from this statement that the amount of actual available cash on hand is \$27.69. This week closed the first month of school and we have obligations to meet to the amount of \$2,000.00. The Finance Committee of the Board has authorized Mr. C. H. Argue to borrow this sum at once and other sums as needed. We have been assured by Mr. Gottlieb that in case the Farmers and Merchants Bank is reopened here by him that he would take care of our financial needs until the first of January.

## NUMBER OF WHITE SCHOOLS.

There are in operation in the parish a total of eleven white schools with twenty-two white teachers. These schools, with one exception, have been running satisfactorily since Sept. 14. The one exception is the Grange Hall school, where, on account of the opposition on the part of some of the patrons of that school to the present principal, the work has been handicapped and the attendance is much lower than it would or should be under favorable conditions. I recommend that the school board consider the Grange Hall school with a view to remedying the conditions that exist there.

## NUMBER OF COLORED SCHOOLS.

In the absence of instructions to the contrary, I have caused to be opened seven colored schools with a total of eight colored teachers.

## NEED OF REPAIRS AND EQUIPMENT.

In company with Mr. J. M. Foote, State Inspector of Rural Schools, I visited during the past week every white school in the parish with two exceptions. At my request the State Inspector made a preliminary report on the school conditions in the form of a letter to me, which reads as follows:

"After visiting the schools of West Feliciana Parish last week, I am glad to respond to your request as to what improvements appear to be most urgent and possible to make at relatively small expense.

"Practically all of the buildings need repairs, including painting. The toilets are generally poor and unsanitary. A serviceable type of toilet that is proof against soil pollution, flies and mosquitoes can be put in at small cost. (Further details can be furnished regarding this type of toilet if you should decide to make the change). Several of the schools need globes, maps and additional blackboards; it is difficult for a school to do good work without these essential supplies.

"In order to make the repairs suggested, improve the toilets and furnish the equipment, it will be necessary for the Board to supply the material but each district should be sufficiently interested in its school to donate at least a portion of the labor required. A plan that is being carried out in one parish of the state might be used; a carpenter, wagon and team have been hired, the wagon loaded with supplies and materials for repairs needed by several schools; the patrons of the several schools are notified in advance of his coming and requested to meet at the school houses to assist in all the work that is to be done; the carpenter remains at each school one day or as long as may be necessary. At the end of the week he returns to town, again loads the wagon and is ready to visit other schools the next week. This plan is a suggestion that may or may not work out in your parish but it merits consideration.

"A report on my inspection of the schools in your parish will be made shortly to Superintendent Harris and a copy will be sent to you.

"Trusting that you and the School Board will find it possible to make the

improvements in your schools as above suggested, I am,  
Yours very truly,

"JNO. M. FOOTE,  
Inspector of Rural Schools."  
In connection with the recommendations of Mr. Foote, I wish to state that the repairs mentioned must be made at once. Many window panes are out, stoves are out of repair, locks are needed for the doors, etc. The danger of typhoid fever from unsanitary closets is alarming. The schools are not prepared for the winter. Furthermore, the school buildings are rapidly rotting down for the need of paint. They should be painted as a matter of weather insurance. At the present rate of decay it will be but a question of a short time until they become utterly untenable, necessitating the erecting of new school buildings and the entailing of a heavy expense in the way of repairs. I recommend that the School Board authorize me to hire a carpenter to make the necessary repairs in co-operation with the patrons of each school and that the sum of three hundred dollars be set apart for this work.

## TRANSPORTATION FOR CAT ISLAND.

Within three or four miles of the Cat Island school there is a settlement of three or four families who have eleven children, some of whom have never had an opportunity to attend school. For an expenditure of \$30.00 per month it is possible to transport these children to the school and give them the benefit of an education. I recommend that the superintendent be authorized to arrange for the transportation of these children to school. As a whole the work for the first month appears to be very satisfactory. The teachers are doing faithful work and the children appear to be interested and enthusiastic. If we can render the school houses comfortable for the winter and secure the necessary supplies, I see no reason why we should not have a successful term in the parish schools.

## THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION WAS PASSED:

Be it resolved by the School Board of West Feliciana Parish, That it is the sense of this board that the three mills collected in taxes for the benefit of the schools of the parish should be turned over to the School Board as collected and not turned into the general funds of the parish and paid out for general purposes. We hereby request that in future this be done by the Police Jury.

In reference to the recommendations made by the Superintendent relative to the transfer for Cat Island and for the appropriation for repairs, it was the opinion of the Board that these things should be done, but that our present financial condition would hardly justify us to undertake them. Both matters were referred to the Finance Committee for further consideration.

Mr. Argue made a motion to the effect that in case where a consolidation has taken place and a transfer wagon has been installed to transport the children from the school neighborhood to the consolidated school that said children be permitted to take advantage of the transportation furnished, free of any charge, regardless of the grade. Motion carried. On notice of Mr. Argue seconded by Mr. Smith, Mr. Crump was authorized to confer with the people of the Ninth Ward relative to making necessary improvements in the school. Motion carried. In request was made that the colored school at Arton Villa be temporarily closed. The matter was referred to Supt. Crump and President Bowman for settlement.

## THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION WAS PASSED:

Be it resolved by the School Board of West Feliciana Parish, That in order to conserve the peace, secure harmony, and bring about the greatest good to the Grange Hall school, that the services of Mr. L. T. Welch as principal of said school are no longer required by the Board. The Superintendent is hereby authorized to notify Mr. Welch of this action and to reduce the school to a one-room school until such time as a successor to Mr. Welch can be secured.

This resolution was passed with but one dissenting vote—that of Mr. E. A. Wright.

Mr. Daniel made a request that a student of the eighth grade be permitted to enter the Star Hill school. The matter was referred to the Superintendent.

Mr. Rogilio asked to know if in case Mr. Darling and the patrons of the Wilhelm school should take steps to build a new building for the school, the School Board would assist in its erection. He was assured that the Board would do all that its financial condition might render advisable or possible.

Mr. Argue asked if the resolution relative to transportation applied to the children transported by train from Laurel Hill to Wakefield. The board interpreted its resolution to apply to them.

The board, on motion, adjourned.

JAS. P. BOWMAN, President.

R. E. CRUMP, Secretary.

## WHY THEY'RE FIGHTING.

"This is why," says Dr. Cushman A. Herrick, president of Girard College:

"Germany is fighting for her very existence; France, that she might wipe out the defeats of the past; England, that she might maintain her supremacy gained at Waterloo; Russia, because she sees an opportunity; Austria, that she might have a seaport; while Switzerland through it all remains a little armed camp that has mobilized half a million soldiers to preserve her neutrality."

And Belgium because her neutrality was violated.

William Perry Brown, a leader in cotton brokerage, died in New Orleans.

## POLICE JURY PROCEEDINGS.

St. Francisville, La., Oct. 7, 1914.

The Police Jury met this day with a quorum as follows: Dr. C. F. Howell, President, and Chas. Weydert, Rufin Daniel, W. H. Richardson, Lovett Wright, J. S. Clark, Thos. H. Row, N. H. Barrow, Ike Cutler, S. L. Laverne.

Minutes of the last meeting were read. The following bills were approved:

### Salary of Constables.

J. A. Langlois	\$ 3.75
W. H. Wicker	11.25
R. D. Harvey	7.50
S. J. Muse	11.25
J. F. Auster	3.75
Jno. Orville	7.50
C. M. Davis	7.50
D. L. Lloyd	3.75
H. B. Laverne	11.25

### Salary of Magistrates.

Jas. Logan	\$ 2.50
A. Leonard	2.50
Rufin Daniel	5.00
G. H. Wilcox	7.50
J. S. Griffin	2.50
W. R. Campbell	2.50
W. B. Willis	2.50
P. E. McVaters	2.50
B. I. Barrow	2.50
J. F. Maryman	2.50
Robt. S. Towles	7.50

### Elections.

Abe Mann	\$ 3.00
T. W. Raynham	3.00
W. H. Wicker	3.00
E. S. Muse	3.00
Max Neustader	3.00
G. S. Davidson	3.00
Jas. Logan	3.00
W. R. Campbell	3.00
Harris Irvine	3.00
Jas. Aubie	3.00
C. E. Thibodaux	3.00
J. A. Langlois	3.00
J. P. Folkes	3.00
J. P. Harvey	3.00
J. M. Bookter	3.00
J. M. Pigott	3.00
G. J. Perkins	3.00
W. B. Willis	3.00
A. W. Wilcox	3.00
T. B. Lawlason	3.00
R. J. Decker	3.00
S. E. Barrow	3.00
W. R. Campbell	3.00
C. T. Tooran	3.00
Max Dampf	3.00
Dave Taylor	3.00
T. B. Hamilton	3.00
T. J. Brown	3.00
S. C. Roberts	3.00
C. H. Argue	3.00
J. A. Thom	3.00
J. A. Beckham	3.00
J. P. Folkes	3.00
A. P. Smith	3.00
Wiley McGraw	3.00
W. P. Wright	3.00
J. P. Folkes	3.00
W. R. Campbell	3.00
Earl Spillman	3.00
S. Garner Smith	3.00
Jos. Peterson	3.00
J. S. Clark	3.00
P. O. Bourgeois	3.00
W. B. Davidson	3.00
Jos. Braud	3.00
O. F. Smith	3.00
N. H. Barrow	3.00
T. O. Woods, Jr.	3.00
W. H. Woods	3.00
E. E. McGeehee	3.00
C. E. Percy	3.00
B. I. Barrow	3.00
J. F. Maryman	3.00
W. R. Campbell	3.00
Jesse Daniel	3.00
O. G. Hammond	3.00
C. D. Lloyd	3.00
W. B. Smith	3.00
Ed. Harrison	3.00
Jno. Ard	3.00
Chris Metz	3.00
P. O. Bourgeois	3.00
C. E. Sadden	3.00
C. E. Sadden	3.00
Jno. Orville	3.00
W. B. Davidson	3.00

### Attendance Police Jury.

Chas. Weydert	\$ 3.00
Rufin Daniel	7.50
W. H. Richardson	7.50
C. F. Howell	7.50
Lovett Wright	5.00
J. S. Clark	4.50
Thos. H. Row	4.50
N. H. Barrow	4.50
Ike Cutler	4.10
S. L. Laverne	7.20
R. M. Leake, finance committee	3.00

### Roads and Bridges.

Wilhelm Lumber Co.	\$ 50.40
J. S. Vincel	11.00
J. D. Adams	40.70
D. B. West	25.00
J. Roth	14.97
M. E. Wolf	13.60
L. & S. Stern, parish	18.60
Hutches \$10.00	28.60
Abe Mann	3.50
R. D. Harvey	14.95
D. M. Hamilton	2.00
G. H. Hammond	2.00
C. M. Davis	12.00
L. W. Doherty	15.00
Howe Wilson	2.00
Miss Lucy Matthews	2.00
A. Spillman	1.50
W. W. Palmer	1.50
Jno. Netter	7.50
Sens. A. Mumford	1.20
E. Newman	7.25
J. M. Barrow, board	39.00
Capital City Auto Co.	35.35
W. Fullens	16.25
R. Rod. Crumpton	2.00
L. C. Brasseaux, hauling	2.00
R. & S. Stern, acct. W. Hutches	19.25
J. M. Barrow, salary	90.00
J. M. Barrow, board (Sept.)	60.50
Wade Noland	45.75
Mrs. Hugh Connell	32.50
T. J. Ard	9.00
W. Hutches, express	70.00
A. Spillman	3.10
E. E. Thompson	40.00
Dick Caine	7.75
B. C. Hamilton	6.00

### Sundry Accounts.

R. M. Leake, Clerk Police Jury	\$ 37.50
J. R. Matthews, Parish Treasurer	37.50
W. H. Taylor, Coroner, acting President Board of Health	37.50
True Democrat, one-fourth contract	50.00
True Democrat, warrant book	18.75
E. S. Muse, Clerk of Court	18.00
G. S. Davidson, care court h. clock	10.00
Dick Veal, care of court house	10.00
J. H. Clark, maintaining prisoners	104.00
H. C. Clark, same	25.00
F. M. Magearl, clerk's office	25.75
W. H. Taylor, inquest J. Netter	10.00
W. L. Stirling, coroner's jury	2.00
Joe Carter, same	2.00
Cheston Folkes, same	2.00
J. S. Griffin, same	2.00
H. A. Spillman, same	2.00
J. G. Muller, repairs	7.75
Mrs. A. Mumford	7.25
E. Newman	1.25
Jno. F. Irvine	1.25
R. E. Crump, Secty, 40 poll taxes	40.00
T. W. Raynham, soap	2.25
R. Yunkes, jail repairs	1.45
La. State University, beneficiary	100.00
Mrs. A. H. Mumford	.85
J. H. Clark, attending court	120.00
Martin Bonach, criminal expense	129.10
Chas. Tadlock, fence court house	10.90
one-half	13.85
Dr. Jas. Kilbourne	20.00
E. S. Muse, registration and interdiction papers	5.50
Israel Jackson	2.50
Mrs. J. B. Lloyd	5.00

A letter from Gov. Hall was received, authorizing appropriation for Panama Exposition, and on motion action was postponed until next meeting.

Fifth ward having exhausted pauper

account, Dr. Howell made donation of the 4th ward funds.

It was moved and carried, That bills of Messrs. Row, Wright, Barrow and Riddle be approved.

Moved, seconded and carried, That no bill exceeding \$5.00 for roads and bridges be allowed unless authorized by the board.

On motion, Mr. Laverne was authorized to work road near Solitude plantation, cost not to exceed \$10.00.

Mr. Daniel was instructed to work Muddock ford, at lowest possible cost, not to exceed \$25.00.

Secretary was requested to write to claim agent relative to claim for the killing of Mrs. Connell's mule.

Resolved, That bids be advertised for 30 days on ten miles road in the 7th and 8th wards, from Wilhelm to Mulford Ford and Mississippi line. Specifications can be obtained at Clerk of Court's office. Bond will be required.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

C. F. HOWELL, President.

R. M. Leake, Secretary.

## BOARD OF ALDERMEN PROCEEDINGS.

St. Francisville, La., Oct. 6, 1914.

At a regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen held this day, the following members were present: A. B. Briant, Mayor; Geo. Rettig, F. O. Hamilton, Rudolph Yunkes, L. W. Rogers, and G. W. Newman, Board of Aldermen.

Minutes of last meetings were read and adopted.

Mayor and Marshal reported one case. Road report read and filed.

Clerk submitted statement of receipts and disbursements. Same was ordered published.

Statement of Receipts and Disbursements for the Month of September.

St. Francisville, La., Oct. 1, 1914.

### Receipts—

G. S. Davidson, Marshal	\$ 9.70
Notices	.05
Water and Light	378.42
Taxes	6.60
Interest	.03

\$394.80

### Disbursements—

Southern Coal Company	\$200.00
Plant Maintenance	21.50
Plant Operating Cost	247.10
Plant Expense	166.75
Corporation Expense	223.92

\$859.27

Overdraft last report..... 249.99

\$1,109.26

### Recapitulation—

Amount received	\$ 394.80
Amount disbursed	1,109.26

Amount overdrawn..... \$ 714.46

Respectfully,  
G. L. PLETTINGER, Clerk.

Engineer's report read and filed.

### Recess Warrants:

St. Francisville, La., Oct. 1, 1914.

Booze, Jackson, road	\$ 6.00
R. W. Ball, road	6.00
Willie Chew, ditching	6.00
Ben Carter, ditching	6.00
Chas. Williams, labor at plant	.30
B. Jackson, road and plant	6.25
Robert Ball, road and plant	6.25
Willie Chew, ditching	2.00
Ben Carter, ditching	2.00
Southern Coal Co., on account	200.00
Jim Jackson, unloading coal	3.00
Eddie Reynolds, road	6.00
Booze Jackson, road	6.00
G. S. Davidson, part salary	15.00
Mrs. W. T. Forrester, insurance	145.30
B. Jackson, road	6.00
Robert Ball, road	6.00
B. Young, labor at plant	8.75

Motion made, seconded and carried, that the following appropriations be made:

G. L. Muller, salary	\$100.00
J. L. Plettinger, salary	60.00
G. S. Davidson, salary	55.00
H. R. Anderson, salary	40.00
Jas. Butler, salary	10.00
G. W. Newman, salary	1.00
George Rettig, salary	1.00
F. O. Hamilton, salary	1.00
R. Yunkes, salary	1.00
L. W. Rogers, salary	1.00
A. B. Briant, fees \$2, pauper	4.50
G. S. Davidson, fees	1.00
John A. Lawson, shop work	3.70
Interstate Electric Co., cross arms	27.17
Ahrens & Ott Mfg. Co., supplies	22.85
Holmes & Barnes, oats	33.75
Chas. Weydert, supplies	2.05
J. R. Matthews, premium on bond	20.00
True Democrat, contract and printing	43.50
G. L. Plettinger, cash expended	6.55
V. E. Smith, cash expended	18.35
Sam Jackson, pauper	2.00
Road fund appropriation	75.00
Plant contingent	250.00

Motion made by Rogers, seconded by Yunkes, That the engraving on the corner stone of reservoir be paid for by the Town. Vote as follows: Yea—Rogers, Rettig, Yunkes; Nay—Newman, Hamilton. Carried.

On motion, meeting adjourned.

A. B. BRIANT, Mayor.

G. L. PLETTINGER, Clerk.

## NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given to all persons, firms and corporations whose names appear as depositors on the books of the Farmers and Merchants Bank, of St. Francisville, Louisiana, calling upon them to present their claims for such deposits, for adjustment, to the State Examiner of State Banks, or his duly appointed Special Agent, L. W. Rogers, at the office of said bank at St. Francisville, Louisiana, on or before the eighth day of October, 1914. This notice is given in accordance with the provisions of Act 300 of 1910.

W. L. YOUNG,  
State Examiner of State Banks.

L. W. ROGERS,  
Special Agent.

(Sept. 5, Dec. 5.)