

Official Proceedings of the Grand Prairie Levee Board.

Pointe a la Hache, Jan. 4th 1909. The Board of Commissioners for the Grand Prairie Levee District met this day with the following members present; I. L. Haspel, Thos. Brophy, Marcus Walzer, Attorney John Dymond Jr; Inspector C. Henritzy and Secretary M. David Hissel. Mr. Edgecombe and Engineer absent.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and adopted. President I. L. Haspel reported that he had the Secretary issue vouchers for the employees of the Board, and called the attention of the Board of the levying of taxes for 1909.

Secretary M. David Hissel reported that the balance on hand to the credit of the district amounted to \$2004.21; the disbursements of warrants Nos. 959-967 both inclusive, were approved of.

On motion of Com. Brophy, duly seconded, it was resolved that the conditional permit heretofore issued to Sam M. Fuchich to construct locks at Nestor Canal be and the same is hereby revoked.

On motion of Com. Walzer, duly seconded, it was resolved that from and after this date Jan. 4, 1909, that the Lower Coast Gazette instead of the Plaquemines Protector, be and is hereby selected and elected the official journal of this board, at the same salary \$100 per annum and that the secretary issue the necessary instructions in the premises.

By Mr. Brophy, duly seconded, Be it resolved by the Board of Commissioners for the Grand Prairie Levee District that in accordance with Sect. 8 of Act 24 approved July 4, 1898, for the purpose of providing a revenue to carry out the object contemplated by said act there be and is hereby levied for the year 1909, upon all property in the Grand Prairie Levee District subject to taxation for levee purposes, a district tax of 10 mills on the dollar on its assessed valuation. Be it further resolved that the Secretary of the Board notify the assessor of this parish to extend said tax on his rolls and to make a separate roll for that part of the Parish of Plaquemines included in this district and that the secretary shall notify the Tax Collector of the levy of said 10 mills district levee tax and instruct him to collect same.

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Official Proceedings of the Police Jury of the Parish of Plaquemines.

Pointe a la Hache, La., Feb. 10, 1909. Pursuant to adjournment, the Police Jury met this day at the Court House with the following members answering the roll call: First ward, Julius Strack; Second ward, Adrien Leopold; Third ward, E. A. Schayot; Fourth ward, Thomas Brophy; Fifth ward, Joseph Bernard; Sixth ward, Cleophas Grabert; Seventh ward, Roselius Perez; Eighth ward, Dave Withan; Tenth ward, J. B. Fastingling. Absent: Ninth ward, Frank Giordano. There being nine members present and a quorum.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and on motion of R. Perez duly seconded, was adopted, excepting that portion, a petition signed by S. D. Bartolo which had never been considered at previous meeting and had been inserted by error was ordered stricken from the minutes.

Mr. Antony Lafrance, Jr., thereupon tendered his resignation as Secretary of the Police Jury, which read as follows: "To the Honorable President and members of Police Jury of the Parish of Plaquemines, Gentlemen: I hereby tender you my resignation as Secretary of your Honorable Body. Yours respectfully, Anthony Lafrance, Jr."

On motion of Mr. Joseph Bernard the resignation of Anthony Lafrance, Jr., was accepted.

On motion of Mr. Dave Withan, duly seconded by Mr. Bernard; Mr. Eldridge Perez was appointed to fill the vacancy of the office as Secretary of Police Jury.

On motion of Mr. Schayot, duly seconded, Mr. L. T. Fontenelle was appointed temporary Secretary, Mr. Perez not being present at the time of his appointment.

The President made a verbal report of the sale of public ferries, stating that on the day of sale as advertised he proceeded to the Court House at the hour specified and offered the various ferries for sale, there being but one ferry sold and but one bidder. The Pointe a la Hache ferry was sold to F. C. Mevers for \$25.00.

Mr. Schayot thereupon offered the following resolution, which was seconded by Mr. Brophy and duly adopted. Resolved, that the report of the president be received and approved and that a franchise be given to F. C. Mevers for the Pointe a la Hache ferry be let for one year for the price and sum of \$25.00 and that all other old ferry franchises be hereby cancelled. Be it further resolved that the President advertise for sale the Quarantine, Ste Sophie, Oakville, English Turn and Concord ferry privileges.

On motion of Mr. Strack, duly seconded, the salary of the Parish Treasurer was fixed at \$800.00 per annum.

On motion of Mr. Withan, duly seconded, an appropriation of \$200.00 was made for the Cadet to Louisiana State University and \$150.00 for the Cadet to State Normal School.

On motion of Mr. Perez duly seconded by Mr. Bernard the following Budget of probable expenses for the year 1909 was ordered published for 30 days, to-wit: Police Jurors, \$500; Sheriff, \$4,000; Treasurer, \$800; Secretary, \$325; District Attorney, \$750; Clerk of Court \$500; Health Officer, \$500; Coroner and Jail Physician, \$700; Assessor, \$1,000; Pensioners, \$440; Cadet to Louisiana State University, \$200; Cadet to State Normal, \$150; Jurors and Witnesses \$1,000; Registrar of Voters, \$700; Justices of Peace and Constables \$600; Contingent expenses, \$500.

The following bids were then opened by the Police Jury for the public printing, to-wit: Pointe a la Hache, Feb. 10, 1909.—To the Hon. President and member of the Police Jury Parish of Plaquemines, Gentlemen—Pursuant to your notice calling for the printing and publishing of your official proceedings; the undersigned company proposes to do same at the rate of one hundred (\$100.) dollars per annum, or twenty-five cents per square. Respectfully submitted, The Lower Coast Gazette Co., per Frank C. Mevers, president.

Pointe a la Hache, Feb. 10, 1909.—To the Hon. J. B. Fastingling, President, and members of the Police Jury of the Parish of Plaquemines. The undersigned hereby submits the following bids for the publishing of the official proceeding and other official matters of the Police Jury of the Parish of Plaquemines for one year, to-wit: Fifty (50) cents per square of 100 words for the first insertion and twenty-five (25) cents per square of 100 words for each subsequent insertion. The required bond for the faithful performance of contract will be furnished the Police Jury upon the acceptance of this bid. Respectfully, F. S. Hingle, Proprietor of the Plaquemines Protector.

On motion of Mr. Perez duly seconded, the Sheriff and Ex-Officio Tax Collector, F. C. Mevers, was authorized and instructed to deposit the funds of the Parish in the New Orleans National Bank of New Orleans.

On motion of Mr. Schayot duly seconded, the President was instructed to turn over all money derived from the sale of public ferry franchises to the Public School Treasurer for public schools.

On motion of A. Leopold the Police Jury adjourned to meet on Wednesday, April 7, 1909.

J. B. FASTERLING, Pres. L. T. FONTENELLE, Sec'y Pro Tem.

Succession of Joseph K. Garr, No. 699.

State of Louisiana—29th Judicial District Court in and for the Parish of Plaquemines.

Notice is hereby given to the creditors of this estate and to all other persons interested herein to show cause within ten days from the present notification (if any they have or can) why the final account of George F. Garr, executor of said estate, should not be approved and homologated and the funds distributed in accordance therewith.

By Order of the Court, ERNEST ALBERTI, Dy. Clerk.

After duly considering the two bids on motion of Mr. Strack duly seconded by Mr. Bernard The Lower Coast Gazette Co. was awarded the official printing at the rate of twenty-five cents per square not to exceed one hundred dollars per annum.

On motion of Mr. Strack duly seconded the petition of Messrs. Felix S. Hingle, Gus Treadaway, William P. Conrad and Jos. F. Meyer, having been postponed on same was indefinitely postponed.

The following letter from Governor Sanders was read: "State of Louisiana, Executive Department, Baton Rouge, Jan. 29, 1909. To the President Police Jury, Parish of Plaquemines, Pointe a la Hache, La. My Dear Sir:—The matter of good roads is one of the most important questions that effect the welfare of rural communities. Good roads are an equal benefit to the dweller in cities and towns. Mindful of the fact of the deep interest that our people have taken and are taking in this subject I have given this matter attention, looking to some practical way of demonstrating the feasibility of good roads throughout the state.

Major F. M. Kerr, Chief Engineer of the State Board of Engineers, and I have had numerous consultations and much correspondence on the subject matter.

Owing to the condition of the general fund, it was impossible at the last session of the Legislature to make any appropriation for the beginning of this work; and owing to the unprecedented floods of last year both the money and time of the State Board of Engineers have been needed to repair and rebuild the levees on the banks of our great streams.

After a good deal of planning by Major Kerr and myself we have come to the conclusion that after the stress of work placed upon his department by the high water of the past year shall have gone, his force can be in some degree used in the furtherance of a general good roads scheme throughout the state; but funds are needed for incidental expenses, and it has occurred to the Major and to me that if a fund could be raised from the various parishes for this purpose, this work could be undertaken at once. Of course, every dollar contributed to this general fund by any parish would be spent in the parish contributing same.

I am addressing this same day a similar communication to the several parishes throughout the State with the idea of ascertaining from each Police Jury whether or not their budget will permit of them setting aside of a certain sum for good roads to be spent under the supervision of the State Board of Engineers.

I would be pleased if you would lay this matter before your Police Jury at its next meeting and notify me at once of the action of your body. If the Police Jury thinks well of this suggestion, then I will ask the State Board of Engineers to work out a general scheme of good roads from parish to parish, from town to town, figure the approximate cost of the work of the State Board of Engineers in connection therewith and then assess the parishes in proportion to their area, wealth and population. I would suggest to you that no greater sum would be required for this work from any parish, a few hundred dollars contributed by each parish will, in the opinion of Major Kerr afford all the funds necessary in the premises.

Thanking you in advance for your attention, I remain, Very respectfully, J. Y. SANDERS, Governor.

For Rent.

Two hundred and thirty acres of rice land, in good condition. Best rice lands in the state, Lower Bohemia. Apply, E. Y. James, Pointe-a-la-Hache, La.

Boosville, Feb. 6, 1909. EDITOR THE LOWER COAST GAZETTE, I had wish to write this letter to the Protector, but my friend told me that I was too late this week as that paper was already maybe print, so I write to you. I would like to have write to the Protector as they say they are fair paper and because I see the peace in that paper and I know they would print this as they print the peace I see. I have see this peace about the officer get too much money but I think they leave the worst out the Secretary of the Police Jury. He gets \$350.00 and my friend tell me that all he do is to go and read the book at the meeting and write in the book and tell the Police Jury when to meet. Now this is a shame to take the people money in this way. Now we see sheriff come down for rascals and the coroner for shot and drowned people and that Marc to ask how many box of rascals we raise and how many egg the chicken lay but we never see the Secretary of the Police Jury. But he come to Jos. Hingle and I hear he make a speech there and say he is cripple but he can kick well. Now I dont think to kick is always well. Suppose he kick in Police Jury meeting. Maybe he up set Police Jury table and waste Police Jury papers and maybe spill couple bottle ink on them. That would not be nice. Now what I want to say is this; I have a son 16 year old son. I offer him to Police Jury for secretary. I charge for him \$3.00 a day and his expenses. He can read more better than Mr. Lafrance because I hear Mr. Lafrance do not read well and he can write like a lawyer and I guarantee he do not kick.

Ever truly Telemapue LeBrun Buras

Notice is hereby given in accordance with Act 176 of 1908, that I am applying to the Police Jury of the Parish of Plaquemines for permission to conduct a barroom at City Price La. J. C. COSSE.

Notice. A regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners for the Buras Levee District will be held at Buras, La., Tuesday Feb. 16, 1909. J. CLERM BALLEAU, Secretary.

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State of Louisiana—29th Judicial District Court in and for the Parish of Plaquemines. Notice is hereby given to the creditors of this estate and to all other persons interested herein to show cause within ten days from the present notification (if any they have or can) why the final account of George F. Garr, executor of said estate, should not be approved and homologated and the funds distributed in accordance therewith.

By Order of the Court, ERNEST ALBERTI, Dy. Clerk.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, STATE OF LOUISIANA, PARISH OF PLAQUEMINES.

Be It Known, That on this 12th day of the month of December, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and eight and of the Independence of the United States of America the one hundred and thirty-third (133rd), before me, Ernest Alberti, Deputy Clerk of Court of the 29th Judicial District of the State of Louisiana, for the Parish of Plaquemines, and ex-officio Notary Public, and in the presence of the witnesses hereinafter named and designated, personally came and appeared the several persons whose names are hereunto subscribed, who declared that, availing themselves of the laws of the State of Louisiana and of the constitution thereof relative to the organization of corporations, they have agreed and by these presents do agree and bind themselves, as well as such persons as may hereafter become associated with them, to form and constitute a corporation and body politic in law for the objects and purposes and under the clauses, conditions, stipulations and articles hereinafter set forth and expressed, which they hereby adopt as their charter, to-wit:

ARTICLE I. The name and title of this corporation shall be, THE LOWER COAST GAZETTE CO., and its domicile shall be at Pointe a la Hache in the Parish of Plaquemines, State of Louisiana. Under this corporate name said corporation shall have the power and authority to exist and enjoy a succession for the full term and period of ninety-nine years from the date hereof. It shall have the power and authority to sue and be sued; to make and use a corporate seal and the same to break or alter at pleasure; to name and appoint such managers, directors, officers and employees as the interests and convenience may require for the transaction of business and of this corporation may require; to make and establish, as well as alter and amend, from time to time, such by-laws, rules and regulations for the proper management, conduct and regulation of the affairs of said corporation as may be deemed necessary and proper; to own, hold, receive, lease, purchase and convey, as well as mortgage and hypothecate property, real, personal and mixed; to consolidate or merge with another corporation, or own and hold stock therein.

ARTICLE II. All citations and other legal processes shall be served upon the president of said corporation, or, in the event of his absence or disability, on the vice-president, and in the case of the absence of both the president and vice-president, upon the secretary of said corporation.

ARTICLE III. The objects and purposes for which this corporation is established and the nature of the business to be carried on by it are declared to be the printing and publishing of a newspaper, devoted to the agricultural and other interests of the Lower Coast and of the State of Louisiana; to conduct and carry on a general newspaper business, with all things connected therewith, and by the sale of such newspapers and other printed matter published by said Company, to disseminate news and all matters of general information.

ARTICLE IV. The capital stock of said corporation has been and is hereby fixed at the sum of Twenty-five Thousand (\$25,000.00) Dollars, to be divided into or represented by twenty-five hundred shares of ten dollars each; said stock shall be paid for in cash as it may be called in by the Board of Directors, and the calls for said cash payment shall not exceed fifty per cent. the first year and not exceed fifty per cent. during the second year. Said calls for said cash payments shall not exceed five per cent. per month during the first year and not exceed five per cent. per month during subsequent years until the whole subscription shall have been paid.

ARTICLE V. All the corporate powers of said corporation shall be vested in and exercised by a Board of Directors to be composed of nine stockholders. Said Board of Directors shall be elected annually on the first Saturday in May, beginning in the year 1910. All such elections shall be by ballot and shall be conducted at the office of said corporation, under the superintendence of two commissioners to be appointed by the Board of Directors, and of which election ten days' previous notice shall be given in a newspaper published in the Parish of Plaquemines. Each share of stock shall be entitled to one vote to be cast by its owner, either in person or by proxy, and a majority in the amount of the outstanding stock of said corporation shall be requisite to elect. A failure to elect directors on the day above specified shall not dissolve the corporation, but the then directors shall cause another election to be held within thirty days, of which ten days' previous notice shall be given in a newspaper published in said Parish of Plaquemines. Vacancies occurring in said Board shall be filled by the remaining directors and any director of the said Board who may be absent from the State at the time of meeting of said Board of Directors shall have the right to appoint another stockholder as his proxy to sit and act in the place of such absent member for the time being and such proxy shall have and exercise all the powers and

immunities of such absent directors. Five directors shall constitute a quorum. The Board of Directors at their first meeting following each annual election shall elect one of their number to be president and another to be vice-president, and they shall also elect a secretary. Said Board of Directors may appoint from time to time, and dismiss at pleasure, such officers, clerks and agents and other employees that they may deem necessary for the business and purposes of said corporation. Said Board of Directors shall also have full power and authority to borrow money, execute mortgages, issue notes or bonds and generally do all things pertinent to the objects and purposes of said corporation, as also to issue and deliver full paid shares of stock or bonds, or obligations of said corporation at not less than par value in payment for labor done, or money borrowed, or property or rights actually received by said corporation.

ARTICLE VI. Whenever this corporation may be dissolved, either by limitation or from any other cause, its affairs shall be liquidated by three stockholders, to be appointed at a general meeting of the stockholders to be convened for such purpose, after thirty days' previous notice shall have been given by advertisement in a newspaper published in the Parish of Plaquemines and a majority in amount of the outstanding capital stock of said corporation shall be requisite to elect. Said commissioners shall remain in office until the affairs of said corporation shall have been fully settled and liquidated and in case of the death of one or more of said commissioners, the vacancies shall be filled by election by the surviving commissioners.

ARTICLE VII. This Act of Incorporation may be modified, changed or altered, or said corporation may be dissolved with the assent of three-fourths of the stock represented by any general meeting of the stockholders convened for such purpose, after thirty days' previous notice shall have been given in a newspaper published in said Parish of Plaquemines. Such changes as may be made in reference to the capital stock of said corporation shall be in accordance with the laws of the State upon this subject.

ARTICLE VIII. No stockholder shall ever be held liable for contracts or faults of said corporation in any further sum than the unpaid balance due on the shares of stock owned by him, nor shall any mere informality in organization have the effect of rendering this charter null, nor of exposing a stockholder to any liability beyond the amount due on his stock.

ARTICLE IX. Until the first election to be held under this charter on the first Saturday in May, 1910, the following named persons, or stockholders, shall constitute the first Board of Directors, with all the powers hereinabove enumerated, and shall continue in office until their successors shall have been elected, viz: F. C. Mevers, S. Leopold, Ben Michel, John Dymond Jr; Joseph Cosse, Marc Coghevic, Joseph Savoie, Dr. V. O. Schayot and Joseph Hingle with the aforesaid F. C. Mevers, as president and Simon Leopold as vice-president.

This done and passed, in my office at Pointe-a-la-Hatche, on the day and in the month and year herein written, in the presence of Messieurs L. T. Fontenelle and Gustave Favret, competent witnesses, who hereunto sign their names, together with the said applicants and me, Notary, after due reading of the whole, the said applicants declaring they placed after their signatures the number of shares of stock subscribed for by them and they likewise adopt this as their stock subscription list.

F. C. MEVERS AND OTHERS. WITNESSES L. T. Fontenelle, Gustave Favret. ERNEST ALBERTI, Dy. Clerk of Court and Dy. Ex-Officio, Not. Pub. A true copy of the original on file and of record in my office and recorded in Book 2, Folio 409 of Mortgages of this Parish on December 12, 1908. (SIGNED) ERNEST ALBERTI, Dy. Clerk and Dy. Ex-Officio Recorder.

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