

**PROCEEDINGS**  
**OF THE**  
**TERREBONNE PARISH COUNCIL**  
**IN SPECIAL SESSION**  
**OCTOBER 19, 2009**

The Chairwoman, Ms. A. Williams, called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m. in the Terrebonne Parish Council Meeting Room. Following the Invocation, led by Councilman A. Tillman, Vice-Chairman J. Pizzolatto led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Upon roll call, Council Members recorded as present were: A. Williams, B. Hebert, J. Pizzolatto, K. Voisin, and A. Tillman. T. Cavalier was recorded as absent due to a community meeting, C. Voisin was recorded as absent due to being out of town, and J. Cehan was recorded as absent due to being out of town on business. P. Lambert was recorded as absent at roll call, but joined the Council on Isle de Jean Charles. A quorum was declared present.

Mr. J. Pizzolatto moved, seconded by Mr. K. Voisin, "THAT, the Council recess to board transportation to view the Isle de Jean Charles community and Island Road Bridge."

The Chairwoman called for a vote on the motion offered by Mr. J. Pizzolatto.

UPON ROLL CALL THERE WAS RECORDED:

YEAS: A. Williams, B. Hebert, J. Pizzolatto, K. Voisin, and A. Tillman

NAYS: None

ABSENT: T. Cavalier, C. Voisin, P. Lambert, and J. Cehan

The Chairwoman declared the motion adopted.

Councilman P. Lambert joined the Council at this time.

Mr. A. Tillman moved, seconded by Mr. K. Voisin, "THAT the Council reconvene into official session at 5:05 P.M. on the Isle de Jean Charles."

The Chairwoman called for a vote on the motion offered by Mr. A. Tillman.

UPON ROLL CALL THERE WAS RECORDED:

YEAS: A. Williams, B. Hebert, J. Pizzolatto, K. Voisin, P. Lambert and A. Tillman

NAYS: None

ABSENT: T. Cavalier, C. Voisin and J. Cehan

The Chairwoman declared the motion adopted.

The Chairwoman recognized Mr. Lambert who explained that most of the damage on the Isle de Jean Charles was the result of Hurricane Gustav. He said the eye of the hurricane passed directly over the island community. He went on to say that the 125+ mph winds "undressed" the road, but left the road bed in decent condition. The hurricane following Gustav actually washed away the road base and blocked the bayous with debris. Mr. Lambert said the bayous were once the primary method of transportation for the residents of the island. He said few of the residents would travel to Houma regularly in the earlier decades.

Mr. Reggie Dupre, Jr., Terrebonne Parish Levee District Director, said that the levee on the east side of the island was constructed using flood control funds and that the levee on the west side was constructed using flood control funds.

Both Mr. Dupre and Mr. Lambert explained that the canal and the road to the island were constructed in the 1950's. It was explained that the "borrow canal" along the road was once defined and that land was on the north side of the canal. Now, there is open water since the land has been washed away. They explained that prior to the road being constructed, the School Board would send a boat to pick up the children to bring them to a school near the end of Pointe-aux-Chenes.

Mr. Dupre mentioned that Father Rock Naquin was the first island resident to be educated beyond seventh or eighth grade.

Parish President M. Claudet said that the latest figures his office has is that twenty-three families live on the island.

Mr. K. Voisin asked Administration to conduct some type of informal survey or to at least compile information on the number of structures occupied on the island, how many buildings have been torn down and how many are expected to be torn down and how many structures have been elevated. Mr. Gordon said that information could be compiled shortly.

Ms. A. Williams recommended that no action be taken due to four Council members not being present.

Mr. Tillman moved, seconded by Mr. Pizzolatto, "THAT the Council defer any action on the Isle de Jean Charles Road and the Island Road to the next meeting."

The Chairwoman called for a vote on the motion offered by Mr. J. Pizzolatto.

UPON ROLL CALL THERE WAS RECORDED:

YEAS: A. Williams, B. Hebert, J. Pizzolatto, P. Lambert, K. Voisin, and A. Tillman

NAYS: None

ABSENT: T. Cavalier, C. Voisin, and J. Cehan

The Chairwoman declared the motion adopted.

Mr. A. Tillman moved, seconded by Mr. K. Voisin, "THAT there being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting be adjourned.

The Chairwoman called for a vote on the motion offered by Mr. J. Pizzolatto.

UPON ROLL CALL THERE WAS RECORDED:

YEAS: A. Williams, B. Hebert, J. Pizzolatto, P. Lambert, K. Voisin, and A. Tillman

NAYS: None

ABSENT: T. Cavalier, C. Voisin, and J. Cehan

The Chairwoman declared the motion adopted and the meeting adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

VENITA H. CHAUVIN  
MINUTE CLERK

PAUL A. LABAT  
COUNCIL CLERK

ATTEST:

/S/ARLANDA J. WILLIAMS  
ARLANDA J. WILLIAMS, CHAIRWOMAN  
TERREBONNE PARISH COUNCIL