

Bunches Bend Protection District Meeting. May 22, 2025. 11 a.m. East Carroll Parish Police Jury Meeting Room.

Commissioners present: Steve Brown, David Oswald, Tap Parker, Jordan Yates, and Gary Giddings; Absent: Teddy Schneider

Others present: Attorney Andy Brister, Jacob Brister, April Knight

1. Steve Brown made a motion to approve March meeting minutes.  
Seconded by David Oswald. Motion passed unanimously.
2. Old Business:
  - a. Financial Report – Steve Brown presented financial report. Gary Giddings made a motion to accept; David Oswald seconded.  
Motion passed unanimously.
  - b. Levee Maintenance – Discussion that Steve would contact Moe Taylor to start mowing and slide at Blue Hole needs addressing.
3. New Business:
  - a. Tap Parker read the resolution on setting the millage rate. The resolution passed unanimously with five present members voting yea and one absent.
  - b. Tap Parker read the acreage resolution. The resolution passed unanimously with five present members voting yea and one absent.
  - c. Pumping station was discussed.
  - d. Bridge at Longwood – discussion regarding closure of bridge. Parish is now responsible for bridge but does not currently have funding to repair. Parish Engineer has recommended bridge be replaced with two 100-ft pipes. Juror Roger Clement has indicated the Parish would take responsibility for portions of the project if the District would provide the pipe. Approximate cost as estimated by Steve would be approximately \$50,000. There would be additional expense related to installing pipe as well. Recommendation was made to contact engineer to see if he would reconsider reduction to one pipe. Points were made as to why it

would be in the District's scope and best interest to provide the pipe in order for the crossing to be utilized.

- i. Steve Brown made a motion that the District be involved with ECPJ on rehabilitation of the crossing on the South end of Bunches Bend Road.; David Oswalt seconded; the motion passed unanimously.
  - ii. Steve Brown made a motion to approve spending \$75,000 on the project without further board approval; Gary Giddings seconded; the motion passed unanimously.
- e. Public comment – none

Meeting adjourned at 11:43 a.m. Next meeting August 20, 2025, at 11 a.m.