

**Washington Parish Communications District  
Minutes of November 1, 2011**

A properly posted Washington Parish Communications District board meeting was held on November 1, 2011 at the Washington Parish Courthouse, Council Chambers, Franklinton, Louisiana, at 6 PM.

Members present were:	Mr. James Coleman	Chairman
	Mr. Mike Stogner	Vice-Chairman
	Mr. Gary Fenner	Treasurer
	Mrs. Cynthia August	Secretary
	Mr. Joshua bridges	
	Mr. Jason Verret	
	Mr. Mike Miller	

Others present were:	Mr. Dan Foil	Attorney
	Mrs. Joanna Thomas	Manager

Chairman Coleman called the meeting to order at the appointed time of 6 PM. Mr. Fenner opened with prayer and the pledge of allegiance to the flag of the United States.

**ROLL CALL OF BOARD MEMBERS**

Mrs. Thomas called the roll. The results of that roll call are recorded above.

Mr. Coleman called for a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes from the October, 2011, subcommittee meeting. The minutes were mailed out to each member prior to this meeting. Mr. Miller made the motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes. Mr. Verrett seconded the motion. Motion passed by a unanimous vote.

Mr. Miller made a motion to approve the minutes from the October, 2011, subcommittee meeting. Mr. Bridges seconded the motion. Motion passed by a unanimous vote.

Chairman Coleman called for a motion to accept and ratify the recommendations of the subcommittee that met on October 4, 2011. Mr. Fenner made the motion to accept and ratify the recommendations of the subcommittee as documented in the minutes as approved. Mr. Verrett seconded the motion. Motion passed by a unanimous vote.

**MANAGER'S REPORT**

This office has been acting during the month of October both normal daily operational issues of office plus supporting our special projects.

We have given out 26 new addresses in the parish in the month of October. The location of these addresses were as follows:

Franklinton	08
Pine	05
Bogalusa	10
Varnado	01
Angie	02
Total	26

I've been working with Ron Bloom our wireless consultant on 9-1-1 related cell phone issues. We continue to do cell phone testing for wireless accuracy and the routing of all cell phone calls to the correct PSAP. We have had several online meetings and testing sessions this month pertaining to those issues.

The accounting system is working well. Mr. Fenner and I continue to input the monthly financial data. Our October books were closed out less than 12 hours after the end of the month.

Mr. Moore continues to do the addressing and both Ms. Moore and Ms. Jones are working on all the map updates. It's that time of year and we will be issuing new maps to the various public safety agencies. Ms. Jones will be notifying all the agencies to come up their new maps.

The new maps have been placed on our web site, [www.wpcde-911.com](http://www.wpcde-911.com). In addition, map updates have been sent to Tele Atlas and NavTech, the two major suppliers of electronic maps to commercial GPS units.

The following publically requested road name change petitions have been received and should be acted on by the board tonight in a public hearing.

The petitions are:

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|--------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 2010-8 | Old road name:                                                                | Nobles Cemetery Road  |
|        | New road name:                                                                | Faith Tabernacle Road |
|        | The reason for the request of this change is geographically misleading.       |                       |
| 2011-4 | Old road name:                                                                | Mecklin Dr.           |
|        | New road name:                                                                | Sweetwater Dr.        |
|        | The reason is due to existing road name was issued or is being used in error. |                       |
| 2001-5 | Old road name:                                                                | Sweetwater Dr.        |
|        | New road name:                                                                | Mecklin Dr.           |
|        | The reason is due to existing road name was issued or is being used in error. |                       |

This has been an interesting and productive month and I like to thank the board for their support and input.

Chairman Coleman called for any questions concerning the Manager's report. Hearing none, Chairman Coleman called for a motion to accept and approve the Manager's report. Mr. Miller

made the motion to accept and approve the manager manager's report as given. Mr. Bridges seconded the motion. Motion passed by a unanimous vote.

## **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

### ***Public 9-1-1 Education***

Our 9-1-1 web site was visited by 129 new users during the month of September with 355 page hits.

### **Communications Center**

Lambert's building re-design has been completed and will be reviewed on Thursday. Our target for re-bid is during the month of November. The actual date will depend on how quickly the Louisiana Office of Facility and Control can review our new documents. I will hand deliver our revised plans to them on Friday.

The target is to have a building cost of \$ 1,300,000.

If the building comes in at \$ 1,300,000, our total project costs (revised) will be as follows:

\$ 1,300,000	Building
\$ 115,000	Design Fees
\$ 500,000	UPS, IT, Security, Audio Visual, Consoles
\$ 80,000	Generator
\$ 1,995,000	Total

Funds will be available as follows:

\$ 700,000	Louisiana State Funds
\$ 350,000	Homeland Security EOC Grant Funds
\$ 500,000	WPCD Retained Earnings
\$ 405,000	WPCD Loan
\$ 40,000	Parish Generator Surplus Equipment Sale
\$1,995,000	Total

### **Other Financial Information**

\$ 150,000	Retained Earnings Balance after Construction (estimate)
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### ***Communications Tower***

Work has begun on the site and groundbreaking occurred on October 14<sup>th</sup>.

Project completion is projected to be on February 14<sup>th</sup>.



Also, the Homeland Security Office is furnishing a \$ 30,000 antenna combiner which has been delivered.

### ***Conclusions***

The challenges of fine tuning and improving our system continues. I would like to thank both the board, Mrs Thomas and her staff for their hard work on the many complex challenges currently facing us.

Chairman Coleman called for any questions concerning the Chairman's report. Hearing none, Chairman Coleman called for a motion to accept and approve the Chairman's report as given. Mr. Stogner made the motion to accept and approve the Chairman's report. Mr. Fenner seconded the motion. Motion passed by a unanimous vote

### **TRESURER'S REPORT**

Mr. Fenner reviewed all the financial statements for the month of October beginning with the balance sheet, both assets and liabilities. In reviewed the income and budget statements. Next, he reviewed the check register, cash receipts, the account reconciliation statement, and the 9-1-1 funds statement with cash disbursements. Mr. Fenner made the recommendation to allow the CD held at Citizens Bank for \$50,000 roll over for another year and to approve the budget for 2012 which is the same as the ending 2011 budget.

Chairman Coleman called for any questions concerning the Treasurer's Report. Hearing none, Chairman Coleman called for a motion to accept and approve the Treasurer's report, the financial statements, checklist, the YTD 2011 spending, the 2012 budget, and the Citizens Bank CD to roll over for another year. Mr. Fenner made the motion to accept and approve the Treasurer's report, the financial statements, checklist, the YTD 2011 spending, the 2012 budget, and the Citizens Bank CD to roll over for another year. Mr. Stogner seconded the motion. Motion passed by a unanimous vote

### **PUBLIC HEARING ON PETITION 2010-08, NOBLES CEMETERY RD**

Chairman Coleman called for any other urgent business before going into a Public Hearing to consider publically requested road name change petitions. Hearing none, Chairman Coleman opened a Public Hearing to consider publically requested road name change petition 2010-8.

Chairman Coleman asked our attorney Mr. Dan Foil to explain Washington Parish Ordinance 09 – 500 pertaining to naming roads and changing road names.

Mr. Foil summarized the ordinance as follows. In 2009 the parish council gave the authority to the Washington Parish Communications District to name new roads and to change the names of existing roads and the specific criteria pertaining to each of those subjects.

The pertinent part of the ordinance that we are concerned with tonight is the part that deals with the changing of a road name based on a public request and that is in Section 5. Section 5 states, “Public requests for changes of names for existing named roads shall not be granted in order to avoid potential confusion with the Emergency Response System.”

“However, the Washington Parish Government grants the authority to make publicly requested road name changes to the Washington Parish Communications District. Road name changes may only be granted by the Washington Parish Communications District if one of the following criteria is met and if public health, safety and welfare will be maintained by the change:”

One of the criteria listed in Section 5, which is the basis for Petition 2010-8, is as follows :

d. The road name is geographically misleading.

Mr. Foil continued, thus, there has to be an issuing by the Board that the name Nobles Cemetery Road is geographically misleading.

Chairman Coleman asked Mrs. Thomas who was the official applicant for the change of Nobles Cemetery Road to Faith Tabernacle Road as per Petition 2010-8. Mrs. Thomas stated that the Rev. Jerry Cox was the official applicant for the change.

Chairman Coleman then called for Rev. Cox to help the board understand his petition for the road name change.

**Rev. Jerry Cox, 28101 Nobles Cemetery Road.**

Stated that one of the reasons for the change is they feel it would be to the best interests of 9-1-1 because when the Sheriff's office and fire departments are sent out to their community the location is referred to as Faith Tabernacle Church Rd.

Rev. Cox continued to say that they have been there since 1953 and that they save the Government and or Washington parish \$300,000 a year with their school, which has no cost to anyone but the church, which is Faith Tabernacle Christian Academy.

We bring in 2,000 to 3,000 people a year to our help meetings which brings revenue to our parish. Rev. Cox stated that there's no one connected to Nobles Cemetery Rd that we would be hurting if the name was changed to Faith Tabernacle Church Road. We have an over \$1 million a year operation and would like for them to be noticed in Washington parish. We love Washington parish

**Troy Ingram, no address recorded.**

Mr. Ingram stated that he has family buried in Nobles Cemetery on Nobles Cemetery Road. He appreciates Rev. Cox's concerns and I know the church has been there since 1951 but Nobles Cemetery was established a lot longer before Faith Tabernacle was. A lot of people have respect for the Cemetery and I think we should keep it just like it is. We have signs located on all the entrances to all the roads including a sign for Faith Tabernacle Church and school and also for the Cemetery. The Cemetery has been a landmark for over 150 years.

**Tiffany Smith, 27505 Nobles Cemetery Rd.**

I personally had the experience to use 9-1-1 and using Nobles Cemetery Road and the response was less than 15 minutes. I do not think it would have mattered if I had said Faith Tabernacle Church. The responders knew Nobles Cemetery Road and they were there to help me and my family. It was not geographically misleading to the fire department. We give God the glory for everything.

**Ronald Dykes, Assistant Chief of Franklinton Fire Department, 2209 Magnolia Road.**

When I was approached about this change it brought back memories of an incident years ago. We had a medical emergency on what was named Rod and Gun club Road which had been changed to Joe Thompson Road. If we would have had to call for mutual aid due to a fire, we would have had a problem. By changing the name of a road, we will put all the Fire Departments in the dark.

Everyone knows Nobles Cemetery Road. I have known it ever since I was a little boy. I know Faith Tabernacle Church, but others do not know Faith Tabernacle Church. You're going to put peoples lives and property at stake by changing the name of the road. It is costly to reprint all new maps for road name changes.

**Chairman Coleman**

Chairman Coleman reminded the public that we update our electronic dispatch maps approximately three times per year and we do have updated paper maps available. Chairman Coleman stated that Nobles Cemetery Road and Faith Tabernacle Church is located in Fire District 4.

**Denford Smith, Fire Chief of Fire District 4, 28476 Nobles Cemetery Rd.**

Mr. Smith stated that yes there has been times when dispatch has said Faith Tabernacle Road, but we respond strictly off of Nobles Cemetery Road. A few weeks ago we got dispatched to a fire off of Nobles Cemetery Road. We had a 4 min. response time due to everyone knowing where Nobles Cemetery Road is located. I think it will be a big conflict if there is a change made, all emergency response agencies respond to Nobles Cemetery Road.

**Greg Seal, 27220 Nobles Cemetery Road.**

I reside on Nobles Cemetery Road as well as having rental property on this road. This property has been in our family for over 150 years. Nobles Cemetery is a true landmark. This is dividing our community but you have to pick and choose what side will benefit the community.

I choose to pick what will benefit my mother and father. My dad's father homesteaded this property so this road, Nobles Cemetery Road, could be developed. I am speaking also on their behalf since they could not be here tonight.

Mr. Seal asked the question who decides if the road name will be changed. Chairman Coleman directed the question to legal counsel.

**Dan Foil, Legal Counsel to the District**

Mr. Foil stated that to change the name of an existing road you have to meet one of the criteria and they (the applicant) are saying that this road is geographically misleading and is confusing to first responders by using the name Nobles Cemetery Road. The board will first decide tonight if the road name is geographically misleading and if the name is determined to be such, will then vote on the name change. If Rev. Cox chooses, he may appeal the decision of the board to Parish Council.

Mr Foil stated that the Washington Parish Council can only reverse or modify a decision of the Washington Parish Communications District involving naming of roads or changing the names of roads, if the Washington Parish Council finds the decision of the Washington Parish Communications District was erroneous, arbitrary or capricious. The decision has to be first made, is the name misleading to the emergency responding agencies.

**Greg Seal, 27220 Nobles Cemetery Road.**

Mr. Seal continued, nothing against Rev. Cox but he has a home on Highway 25, but mine is on Nobles Cemetery Road. Mr. Seale asked what is the procedure if we were to change the name of the road and there was an emergency on the road tomorrow. How would the agencies know where to respond ?

**Chairman Coleman**

Chairman Coleman asked Manager Thomas to briefly discuss the procedures on how road names are changed on the map.

**Joanna Thomas, Manager Washington Parish Communications District**

Ms. Thomas reported that if a road name is changed, the ladies in the office go through a computer program to change the name and then send the name change with the map layer to our dispatch mapping software company GeoComm. GeoComm then, in turn, changes it in the system and remotely uploads it to the dispatch positions for 9-1-1. Then after that process, the

ladies send out the page with the road name change of the map to all the agencies showing where the name is been changed. This occurs approximately three times per year.

**Teresa Cooper, 27480 Nobles Cemetery Road**

We've had to use the 9-1-1 system using Nobles Cemetery Road and there were no problems with the agencies finding Nobles Cemetery Road.

**Donald Sumrall, Nobles Cemetery Road (911 records actual address 28344 J Warren Rd)**

My opinion is if it's not broke why fix it. It's been Nobles Cemetery Road since the 1800's we've got graves dating back to the 1800's. Emergency responders respond to Nobles Cemetery Road so why change the name.

**Debbie Thomas, 30293 Highway 424**

I know it has been named Nobles Cemetery Road since 1800's but I have a request because in 1954 my grandfather started Faith Tabernacle Church. It is very important to me that you change the name from Nobles Cemetery Road to Faith Tabernacle Road. As I was thinking today, I don't want to tell anybody that my address is on the Cemetery Road. All that has ever done is brought tears to people's eyes, but Faith Tabernacle Church is alive. It brings joy to people.

What greater honor to give to my granddaddy and my daddy to have it named Faith Tabernacle Church Rd. The church is alive and well and is not going to hurt anybody in Nobles Cemetery to change the name.

As I've listened to my scanner over the years so many times I heard dispatch say on Faith Tabernacle Road by the church. My daddy is going to pass some day and my grandpa gave his life to the Faith Tabernacle Church. My daddy gave 42 years and he's dead and gone. All these people that have always had bad things to say, they will forget about it. He won't hear about it, only getting some flowers while he was living. I pray that to God be the glory and change the name to Faith Tabernacle Church Road.

**Paul Dillon, 28211 Nobles Cemetery Rd.**

I believe in the 9-1-1 system. We have invested our lives here. Road names are changed and maps are updated. If you ask anyone where Faith Tabernacle Church is located everyone will know where it is but no one will hardly know where Nobles Cemetery is located.

**Reed Kennedy, 27093 Nobles Cemetery Road.**

My father-in-law is buried in Nobles Cemetery. I feel like the road does not need to be changed.

**James Brooks, 28023 Nobles Cemetery Road.**

I do not see any reason to change the name.

**James Warren, 28463 Nobels Cemetery Rd.**

I have lived there for 50 years I think Nobles Cemetery Road should stay just like it is.

**Ray Graves, 27720 Nobles Cemetery Rd.**

Most churches on a road have the road named after the church. We have our own Cemetery but we do not want to name it Faith Tabernacle Cemetery Road

**Jamie Warren, 28383 Nobels Cemetery Road.**

I would like to leave it Nobles Cemetery Road. I think it would be a bad idea to change the name.

**Jane Addams Kennedy, 27093 Nobles Cemetery Rd.**

It's always been Nobles Cemetery Road and it should say Nobles Cemetery Road.

**Keith Thomas, 28274 Nobles Cemetery Rd.**

I suggest name drive way to the church and not change the existing road name.

**Susan Shedd, 2023 Longleaf St**

I have been a resident of Washington parish all my life. My daddy donated land for Nobles Cemetery and my parents have lived on Nobles Cemetery Road all their life. I would like for the name to stay Nobles Cemetery Road.

**Ronald Welsh, 28104 Nobles Cemetery Rd.**

I have been a lifelong resident of Washington Parish. I knew where Faith Tabernacle Church was long before I knew where Nobles Cemetery was. Faith Tabernacle Church is the largest structure in this area and if I was trying to give instructions to get somewhere, I would say go to the Church along Tabernacle Church Road. I could not imagine anyone saying to go to the cemetery. If you're not from that area you do not know where to Cemetery is.

**Mark Stuart, 28561 Nobles Cemetery Rd.**

I have heard a lot of comments and a lot of emotion but I have not heard one logical reason to change the name of the road. We have a business on the road it will cause us more confusion and inconveniences to change the name.

**Betty McWilliams, 28487 Nobles Cemetery Rd.**

I've had to call 9-1-1 and told them Nobles Cemetery Road and they had no issues locating us.

## **Chairman Coleman**

Chairman Coleman asked twice if anyone else had any more comments or statements, and hearing none, he gave Rev. Cox the courtesy of a last statement.

## **Rev. Jerry Cox, 28101 Nobles Cemetery Road.**

Rev. Cox stated that he was asked to get petitions signed for the change of the name. All the letters were mailed in and returned to the 9-1-1 office for and against the change.

## **Donald Sumrall, Nobles Cemetery Road (911 records actual address 28344 J Warren Rd)**

Mr. Donald Sumrall asked about the petition and how it works. Chairman Coleman stated the petition for road name change is signed by the residents of the road. Mr. Sumrall related that his informal tally was 80 per cent against.

## **Washington Parish Communications District Board**

Chairman Coleman called for a motion for the public hearing to be closed. Mr. Fenner made a motion to close public hearing. Ms. August seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Chairman Coleman referred to the board members for their comments on approving or disapproving of the change from Nobles Cemetery Road to Faith Tabernacle Road.

Mrs. August - What I'm hearing tonight is they have over 80% of the residents not wanting to change the name.

Mr. Mike Miller - If you get 100% I would agree to it but there is not 100%. I would like to make a motion to name the drive into the church, Faith Tabernacle Road.

Chairman Coleman – The chair requests that the motion to name the drive into the church, Faith Tabernacle Road be held on the table for a short while. Mr. Miller withdrew his motion.

Mr. Stogner - I feel the majority of the residents do not want to change the name. So if the majority is for keeping the name Nobles Cemetery Road that's what it should stay.

Mr. Bridges – I would vote not to change the name.

Mr. Gary Fenner- I have not heard anything proving that it is geographically misleading. I am against the change.

Mr. Jason Verret - I have called the responding agencies and have talked to their personnel regarding this issue. They all recognize Nobles Cemetery Road. Our job as the 9-1-1 board is to consider the response time of the agencies and how it is going to affect that if it is changed. So

basically the Fire Departments and all other emergency agencies (law enforcement and EMS) tell me the same thing. They recognize it as Nobles Cemetery Road.

### **Chairman Coleman**

Chairman Coleman – Mr. Coleman asked Ms. Thomas, in regards to the petition, were the residents of Nobles Cemetery Road notified by letter of the petition ? Ms. Thomas states yes.

Chairman Coleman asked what the official response from the residents was. Manager Thomas related that the official tally based on the pre-meeting response was 22 in favor (67 %) and 11 (33%) against.

The Chairman then stated that he would entertain a motion from the board that the present road name of Nobles Cemetery Road is geographically misleading as specified by the Washington Parish Ordinance 09 – 500, Section 5, Paragraph B, Subparagraph d. Mr. Coleman stated, “If anyone on the board would like to make that motion please do so”.

When no motion was made, the Chairman again said that he would entertain a motion that the present road name of Nobles Cemetery Road is geographically misleading as specified by the Washington Parish Ordinance 09 – 500. Again, no motion was forthcoming from the board.

Chairman Coleman then stated that the request to declare that Nobles Cemetery Road is geographically misleading, as required by Ordinance 09-500, is denied due to the lack of a motion to that effect and thus, the petition cannot be accepted and must be deemed as being invalid.

Chairman Coleman then asked Mr. Miller if he wished to formally introduce the motion to name the drive into the church, Faith Tabernacle Road. Mr. Miller declined to make a motion to that effect.

Chairman Coleman referred to legal counsel for comments about the action of the board. Mr. Foil informed Rev. Cox that they can appeal the board’s actions to the Washington Parish Council in January.

### **PUBLIC HEARING ON PETITIONS 2011-4 AND 2011-5, SWEETWATER DRIVE AND MECKLING DRIVE**

The next petition involves Sweetwater Drive and Meckling Drive as per Petitions 2011-4 and 2011-5.

Chairman Coleman opened a Public Hearing to consider publically requested road name change petitions 2011-4 and 2011-5.

Chairman Coleman reminded the board of Mr. Foil’s previous comments which included the following:

Mr. Foil summarized Ordinance 09-500 as follows. In 2009 the parish council gave the authority to the Washington Parish Communications District to name new roads and to change the names of existing roads and the specific criteria pertaining to each of those subjects.

The pertinent part of the ordinance that we are concerned with tonight is the part that deals with the changing of a road name based on a public request and that is in Section 5. Section 5 states, "Public requests for changes of names for existing named roads shall not be granted in order to avoid potential confusion with the Emergency Response System."

"However, the Washington Parish Government grants the authority to make publicly requested road name changes to the Washington Parish Communications District. Road name changes may only be granted by the Washington Parish Communications District if one of the following criteria is met and if public health, safety and welfare will be maintained by the change:"

One of the criteria listed in Section 5, which is the basis for Petitions 2011-4 and 2011-5, is as follows:

g. The existing road name was issued or is being used in error or contains errors in spelling.

Chairman Coleman asked Mrs. Thomas who was the official applicant for the changes as per Petitions 2011-4 and 2011-5. Mrs. Thomas stated that Joel Pouche for 2011-4 and Allen Singletary for 2011-5 were the official applicants for the change. The basis for the change was that the existing road name was issued or is being used in error or contains errors in spelling.

Mr. Coleman asked Ms. Thomas, in regards to the petition, were the residents of Sweetwater Dr. and Meckling Dr notified by letter of the petition? Ms. Thomas states yes.

Chairman Coleman asked what the official response from the residents was.

### **Joanna Thomas, Manager Washington Parish Communications District**

Manager Thomas related that 16 notification letters were mailed and no objections to the requested name change were received.

Ms. Thomas explained that our office received a call several years ago requesting an address on an un-named road. No records or maps existed in our office concerning a name for this road. Our staff realized that this road needed to be named due to multiple residences on the road. Residents were receiving mail either via a PO Box or an address on an adjacent highway. The actual roads were not on our map.

Ms. Jones spoke with several residents on each road and after getting conflicting opinions of which road was unofficially known as Sweetwater Drive and which was known as Meckling Drive, she went and researched all available official documents to find which was the appropriate road name of which road.

After researching and being unable find any record of the roads, so Ms. Jones had to make the best decision possible and name the roads.

Four years later a resident called warning to know their physical address. When Ms. Jones informed them of their Meckling Drive address, they informed her that their road should have been named Sweetwater Drive.

Ms. Jones researched this issue for a second time and after much research she discovered a surveyor's map that showed the roads in question. Sweetwater was shown as Macklin and Meckling was shown as Sweetwater.

### **Chairman Coleman**

Chairman Coleman asked if there was anyone who wished to speak concerning Sweetwater Drive and Meckling Drive as per Petitions 2011-4 and 2011-5.

### **Joel Pouche for 2011-4 and Allen Singletary for 2011-5**

Joel Pouche for 2011-4 and Allen Singletary for 2011-5 informed the board that they supported the road name change request for the reason so indicated and that they knew of no opposition.

### **Chairman Coleman**

Chairman Coleman asked if anyone had any additional input for the board, and hearing none, called for a motion for the public hearing to be closed. Mr. Fenner made a motion to close public hearing. Ms. August seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Chairman Coleman called for a motion that the existing road name was issued or is being used in error as specified by the Washington Parish Ordinance 09 – 500, Section 5, Paragraph B, Subparagraph g. Mr. Stogner made the motion confirming that the existing road name was issued or is being used in error as specified by the Washington Parish Ordinance 09 – 500, Section 5, Paragraph B, Subparagraph g. Mr. Verret seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous decision.

Mr. Stogner made the motion to correct the error by reversing the road names and make appropriate adjustments to the address numericals and the beginning and ending map points. Mr. Verret seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous decision.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

There were no committee reports.

## **NEW AND OLD BUSINESS**

Chairman Coleman asked about our yearly Christmas party. Mr. Stogner volunteered to have the Christmas party at his home during the month of December. Mrs. Thomas will notify us of the date chosen by Mr. Stogner.

Chairman Coleman also asked the board to recognize Mr. Joshua Bridges for his long length of service on the board by appointing him Board Member Emeritus for life. Mr. Mike Stogner made the motion to appoint Mr. Bridges Board Member Emeritus for life. Mr. Verrett seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Chairman Coleman also asked the board to approve a recommendation to parish government that Mr. Gary Fenner be re-appointed to the board for another four year term. Mr. Mike Stogner made the motion to recommend to parish government that Mr. Gary Fenner be re-appointed to the board for another four year term. Mr. Verrett seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

## **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

There was no participation by the public.

Chairman Coleman asked if there any more business, hearing none chairman Coleman called for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Mike Miller made the motion to adjourn Mr. Jason Verett seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

As recorded by: Mrs. Joanna Thomas

Approved by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mrs. Cynthia August, Secretary