

Minutes of the proceedings of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Gueydan, Louisiana, taken at regular meeting held January 3, 2023 at 6:00 o'clock P.M.

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Gueydan, Louisiana met in regular session with Mayor Jude Reese presiding and the following Aldermen present:

Present: EFREM LIVINGSTON, JOHN LASETER,
LAUREL PORTIE', & ANITA DUPUIS

Absent : JASON SUIRE

Public Comment any item on agenda (3 minutes per person)

Motion was made by ANITA DUPUIS, seconded by JOHN LASETER, and carried, that in as much as each member of the Board of Aldermen received a copy of minutes taken at Regular Meeting of December 6, 2022, that the reading of said minutes be dispensed with and same be adopted as written.

Motion by JOHN LASETER, seconded by EFREM LIVINGSTON, and carried, that the reports of the Bookkeeper and Tax Collector be approved as filed.

Motion by JOHN LASETER, seconded by ANITA DUPUIS, and carried that the following transfer, on the date, and amount from fund is hereby ratified and approved:

To General Fund:

December 28, 2022 Utility Fund \$30,000.00

Mayor Jude Reese recommended the appointment of John Laseter as Mayor Pro-Tempore Motion by ANITA DUPUIS seconded by EFREM LIVINGSTON and carried to appoint John Laseter as Mayor Pro-Tempore.

Mayor Reese recommended the appointment of Roxanna Richard as Town Clerk. Motion by JOHN LASETER seconded by LAUREL PORTIE' and carried to appoint Roxanna Richard as Town Clerk.

Mayor Reese recommended the appoint of Roxanna Richard as the Bookkeeper and Tax Collector. Motion by JOHN LASETER seconded by ANITA DUPUIS and carried to appoint Roxanna Richard as the Bookkeeper and Tax Collector.

Mayor Reese recommended the appointment of Roxanna Richard as Magistrate's Clerk. Motion by JOHN LASETER seconded by EFREM LIVINGSTON and carried to appoint Roxanna Richard as Magistrate's Clerk.

Mayor Reese recommended the appointment of Edward Saal, Jr. as the City Attorney. Motion by JOHN LASETER seconded by ANITA DUPUIS and carried to appoint Edward Saal, Jr. as the City Attorney,

Motion by JOHN LASETER seconded by ANITA DUPUIS and carried to designate the Bank of Gueydan as the fiscal depositor for all the Town of Gueydan funds.

The following resolution was offered by JOHN LASETER, seconded by ANITA DUPUIS and carried for the acceptance of the following signatures on all Funds and Certificates of Deposit at the Bank of Gueydan, and therefore the following signatures will be honored on all Funds and Certificates of Deposit.

RESOLUTION 1-2023

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Gueydan, in regular session convened, that the Bank of Gueydan be named as a depository for the Town of Gueydan and they are hereby authorized to honor checks and/or withdrawals of all funds on deposit in the Bank of Gueydan when signed by two (2) of the following signatures Jude Reese, Roxanna Richard, John Laseter.

This resolution having been submitted to a vote; the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: EFREM LIVINGSTON, JOHN LASETER, LAUREL PORTIE'
& ANITA DUPUIS

NAYS: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

ABSENT: JASON SUIRE

And the resolution was declared adopted on this the 3RD day of January 2023.

S/Roxanna Richard
Clerk

S/Jude Reese
Mayor

The following resolution was offered by JOHN LASETER, seconded by ANITA DUPUIS, and carried for the acceptance of the following signatures on all Funds and Certificates of Deposit at the Vermilion Bank, and therefore the following signatures will be honored on all Funds and Certificates of Deposit.

RESOLUTION 2-2023

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Gueydan, in regular session convened, that the Vermilion Bank be named as a depository for the Town of Gueydan, and they are hereby authorized to honor checks and/or withdrawals of all funds on deposit in the Vermilion Bank when signed by two (2) of the following signatures Jude Reese, Roxanna Richard, John Laseter.

This resolution having been submitted to a vote; the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: EFREM LIVINGSTON, JOHN LASETER,
LAUREL PORTIE' & ANITA DUPUIS

NAYS: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

ABSENT: JASON SUIRE

And the resolution was declared adopted on this the 3RD day of January,2023.

S/Roxanna Richard
Clerk

S/Jude Reese
Mayor

Motion by JOHN LASETER, seconded by ANITA DUPUIS and carried to authorize the following to sign and approve purchase orders. Mayor Jude Reese, Roxanna Richard, or Rachel Boudreaux. Mayor Jude Reese is authorized to sign any and all purchase orders above the amount of \$500.00.

Motion by JOHN LASETER, seconded by ANITA DUPUIS and carried to appoint Gilbert Hebert as Street Commissioner (no salary attached).

Mayor Reese recommended the reappointment of Anita Dupuis to represent the Town of Gueydan on the Economic Development Board. Motion by JOHN LASETER seconded by LAUREL PORTIE’ and carried to reappoint Anita Dupuis as the representative on the Economic Development Board.

The following resolution was offered by JOHN LASETER, seconded by ANITA DUUIS and carried:

RESOLUTION 3-2023

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT OF A DIRECTOR AND AN ALTERNATE DIRECTOR TO REPRESENT THE TOWN OF GUEYDAN, STATE OF LOUISIANA, ON THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE LOUISIANA MUNICIPAL NATURAL GAS PURCHASING AND DISTRIBUTION AUTHORITY AS PROVIDED BY CHAPTER 10-B OF TITLE 33 OF THE LOUISIANA REVISED STATUTES OF 1950.

WHEREAS, the Town of Gueydan, State of Louisiana, has previously become a member of the Authority in accordance with the Act; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 4546.2 of the Act, the governing authority of the Town of Gueydan, State of Louisiana, desires to approve the appointment of Roxanna Richard to serve as a Director of the Authority and to approve the appointment of Jason Suire to serve as an alternate Director to act in the absence of the director herein above named:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the governing authority of the State of Louisiana, acting in such capacity:

Section 1. That, pursuant to the Act, the appointment of Roxanna Richard to serve as a Director of the Authority for a term of four (4) years form the date hereof is approved and that the appointment of Jude Reese to serve as an alternate Director, for like term, to act in the absence of the director is approved.

Section 2. That this resolution shall take effect immediately.

Passed and adopted by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Gueydan, State of Louisiana, on this 3rd day of January 2023, by the following votes:

YEAS: EFREM LIVINGSTON, JOHN LASETER, LAUREL PORTIE’
& ANITA DUPUIS

NAYS : NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

ABSENT: JASON SUIRE

And the resolution was declared adopted on this 3RD day of January 2023.

S/Roxanna Richard
Clerk

S/Jude Reese
Mayor

Sellers & Associates had nothing to report.

Motion by JOHN LASETER seconded by ANITA DUPUIS and carried to pay mileage for meetings approved by Mayor benefiting the Town of Gueydan.

Mayor Jude Reese recommended a resolution to adopt the System Survey & Questionnaire required for the Town audit and thereupon, the following resolution was offered by ANITA DUPUIS, seconded by JOHN LASETER:

RESOLUTION 4-2023

**A RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE SYSTEM SURVEY
AND COMPLIANCE QUESTIONNAIRE IN ACCORDANCE
WITH LOUISIANA REVISED STATUTES 24:517**

BE IT RESOLVED that the System Survey and Compliance Questionnaire which was received from the Office of the Legislative Auditor, State of Louisiana, and which was properly completed by the Clerk of the Town of Gueydan and presented to the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Gueydan and the same is hereby approved and adopted.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of said System and Compliance Questionnaire be filed in the records of the Town of Gueydan and certified copy of this resolution be forwarded to the firm of Kolder, Champagne, Slaven & Co. LLC, of Abbeville, Louisiana, whose proposal was accepted by the Governing Body for the audit of the records of the Town of Gueydan for the period of January 1, 2022, to December 31, 2022. The auditors will during the course of his regular audit, test the accuracy of the answers of the questionnaire and submit to the Legislative Auditor and the Municipality a report containing his opinions as to the validity of the answers therein contained.

YEAS: EFREM LIVINGSTON, JOHN LASETER, LAUREL PORTIE’
& ANITA DUPUIS

NAYS : NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

ABSENT: JASON SUIRE

And this resolution was declared adopted on this 3RD day of January,2023.

S/Roxanna Richard
Clerk

S/Jude Reese
Mayor

Ms. Ursula Maxile requested to speak on her concerns Policy -n- Procedures on disconnection of utilities inclement weather or known incoming inclement weather. Ms. Maxile voiced her concerns of utilities being cut when the weather is inclement or when it is known to have incoming inclement weather. After a lengthy discussion no action was taken.

Mayor Jude Reese presented the 2022 Employee of the Year plaque to Wilson Williams, employee of the electric department for his hard work.

There being no further business to come before the meeting thereupon motion by JOHN LASETER, seconded by LAUREL PORTIE’, and carried the meeting thereupon adjourned at 6:33 o’clock P.M. on this 3RD day of January,2023.

S/Roxanna Richard
Clerk

S/Jude Reese
Mayor