

EAST BATON ROUGE REPUBLICAN
PARISH EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Minutes

Organizational Meeting
Tuesday, March 27, 2012
Metro Council Chamber
Baton Rouge, LA

The meeting was called to order by former EBR PEC Chairman Harold Williams, followed by a prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Williams welcomed the members of the PEC.

Using a Harlan Bible, Judge Darrell White swore in the following members of the PEC:

Jerry Arbour
Connie Bernard
Ryan Cross
Elizabeth Dent
Tommy French
Woody Jenkins
Jay Lindsay
Dan Richey
Phil St. Amant
Jr. Shelton
Harold Williams

In addition, attorney Jerry Arbour swore in the following member of the PEC:
Darrell White

The floor was opened for nominations for the office of Chairman. Woody Jenkins was nominated and elected without opposition.

The new Chairman assumed the Chair.

The PEC considered the adoption of Rules of Procedure. The PEC voted unanimously to adopt Rules of Procedure, which are attached. The PEC voted to file the Rules of Procedure with the Clerk of Court of East Baton Rouge Parish.

The PEC elected the following other officers:

Connie Bernard, Vice Chairman
Ryan Cross, Secretary
Dan Richey, Treasurer

Under the rules, the chairman announced the appointment of the following additional member of the Executive Committee:
Harold Williams

Under the rules, the chairman announced the appointment of the chairmen of Municipal Executive Committees:

Ryan Cross, Republican Chairmen for City of Baker
Jr. Shelton, Republican Chairman for City of Central
John Coghlan, Republican Chairman for City of Zachary

The PEC discussed and approved a resolution opposing the CATS Tax, which is attached.

The PEC discussed and approved a resolution on imposition of Filing Fees, which is attached.

The PEC heard an update on State Republican Party by Jason Doré, Executive Director

The PEC heard an update on Louisiana Caucuses of April 28, 2012 by Scott Wilfong, Caucus Chairman

The PEC heard an update on National Security by Col. Phil St. Amant, U. S. Army (retired)

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned.

EAST BATON ROUGE REPUBLICAN
PARISH EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Resolutions
Organizational Meeting
Tuesday, March 27, 2012

RESOLUTION No. 1 — Oppose CATS Tax

WHEREAS the Capital Area Transit System (CATS) has proposed a 10.6 mill property tax, which will be voted on in the City of Baton Rouge, City of Baker, and City of Zachary on April 21, 2012; and

WHEREAS the tax would require property owners to pay more than \$184 million over a 10-year period, when taxpayers are already overtaxed; and

WHEREAS the CATS Board purports to have the authority to waive the homestead exemption and require that the 10.6 mill tax be imposed without deducting the homestead exemption; and

WHEREAS CATS is a body politic of the State of Louisiana created by an act of the Louisiana Legislature in 2005 and is not municipality or a municipal district; and

WHEREAS the Louisiana Constitution provides that only municipal property taxes shall not be subject to the homestead exemption; and

WHEREAS the wording of the CATS tax proposition is ambiguous and appears to levy 10.6 mills for operational expenses and 10.6 mills for capital construction, thereby creating the possibility of a 21.2 mill tax being imposed; and

WHEREAS ridership of CATS buses is very low and only two percent or less of the residents of the parish ride the bus; and

WHEREAS this tax would increase the annual budget of CATS from \$12 million a year to \$30 million a year, an excessive and completely unjustifiable increase; and

WHEREAS legislation is now pending in the regular session of the Louisiana Legislature, which would reduce the control over CATS by the elected members of the Metro Council.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Republican Party of East Baton Rouge Parish that the party strongly opposes the proposed tax and urges all voters to oppose it on April 21, 2012, and further that the party shall conduct a campaign against the passage of said tax.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Republican Party of East Baton Rouge Parish opposes the CATS legislation now pending in the Louisiana Legislature and urges members of the House and Senate to oppose this legislation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Republican Party of East Baton Rouge Parish reserves the right to take legal action to prevent the imposition of the CATS tax, insofar as it purports to waive the homestead exemption or levy more than 10.6 mills.

Done this 27th day of March, 2012

Secretary, East Baton Rouge Republican Parish Executive Committee

RESOLUTION No. 2 — Republican Filing Fees

WHEREAS the East Baton Rouge Republican Parish Executive Committee has the authority under Louisiana law to impose a filing fee of up to 50 percent of the cost of candidates' filing fees when a candidate desires to use the label "Republican," and WHEREAS the Committee must notify the Clerk of Court of the Parish of its intention to continue levying such fees at the beginning of every four-term period.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the East Baton Rouge Republican Parish Executive Committee does hereby re-impose such fees, and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the chairman shall give notice to the Clerk of Court that the committee has voted to impose such fees.

Done this 27th day of March, 2012

Secretary, East Baton Rouge Republican Parish Executive Committee

EAST BATON ROUGE REPUBLICAN
PARISH EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Minutes

Thursday, April 12, 2012

The meeting was called to by chairman Woody Jenkins, which was followed by a prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

The following members were present:

Connie Bernard
Ryan Cross
Elizabeth Dent
Woody Jenkins
Jay Lindsay
Dan Richey
Phil St. Amant
Jr. Shelton
Darrell White
Harold Williams

The following members were sworn in by Darrell White:

Karla Doucet
Richie Edmonds

The PEC discussed the nomination of members of City of Baker Republican Municipal Executive Committee, City of Central Republican Municipal Executive Committee, and City of Zachary Republican Municipal Executive Committee

The PEC considered and adopted the following resolutions, all of which are attached:

Resolution No. 3 — South Baton Rouge community school districts
Resolution No. 4 — The Endorsement Process
Resolution No. 5 — A resolution honoring Senator David Vitter

Events

The PEC discussed holding a monthly luncheon, the Ronald Reagan Newsmaker Luncheon, which is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, May 8, 2012

The PEC discussed honoring a prominent conservative with the first Ronald Reagan Award

The PEC discussed the CATS' \$184 million property tax increase on ballot April 21, 2012, and HB 865 by Rep. Regina Barrow, which is now up on Final Passage in the Louisiana Senate

The PEC discussed the Louisiana Caucuses of April 28, 2012

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned.

EAST BATON ROUGE REPUBLICAN
PARISH EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Resolutions

Thursday, April 12, 2012

RESOLUTION No. 3 — Resolution on South Baton Rouge Community School Districts

WHEREAS legislation is being considered in the Louisiana Legislature to create one or more independent community school districts in the southern part of East Baton Rouge Parish; and

WHEREAS the creation of the Zachary and Central community school districts demonstrates that this approach can result in high quality public schools for all students; and

WHEREAS the boundaries of any such new community school districts are critical to their viability, especially considering the existence or absence of adequate school facilities within those districts.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Republican Party of East Baton Rouge Parish that the party strongly supports the concept of creating one or more new community school districts in the southern part of East Baton Rouge Parish.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Republican Party of East Baton Rouge Parish supports the creation of one large community school district encompassing much of South Baton Rouge, or the creation of two or three community school districts in South Baton Rouge.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Republican Party of East Baton Rouge Parish believes that it is of utmost importance that existing school facilities in South Baton Rouge should be equitably shared among all new community school districts created and that no one new community school district should get an undue portion of school facilities or property in South Baton Rouge, so as to make the creation of other new community school districts unfeasible.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Republican Party of East Baton Rouge Parish supports a constitutional amendment that would make it possible to create new community school districts in East Baton Rouge Parish by act of the legislature without the necessity of a further constitutional amendment.

Done this 12th day of April, 2012

Secretary, East Baton Rouge Republican Parish Executive Committee

RESOLUTION No. 4 — Resolution on Senator David Vitter

WHEREAS the Senate Ethics Committee in Washington considered a complaint filed against Sen. David Vitter because he withheld approval of a pay increase for the Secretary of the Interior; and

WHEREAS the Constitution provides that no Senator or Congressman can be appointed to a federal post if the salary of that post was increased during the Senator or Congressman's term of office; and

WHEREAS, a special law was passed by Congress to reduce the pay of the Secretary of the Interior specifically to allow a certain Senator to be appointed as Secretary of the Interior; and

WHEREAS, upon his appointment, the Secretary of the Interior refused to grant permits for offshore drilling in contravention of a federal court order; and

WHEREAS Senator David Vitter quite rightly used his power as a Senator to put a hold on a pay raise for the Secretary of the Interior until the Secretary of the Interior complied with federal law and federal court orders; and

WHEREAS the Senate Ethics Committee found that Sen. Vitter had violated no Senate ethics rule but the committee chairman nevertheless criticized Sen. Vitter's action in holding up the pay increase for the Secretary of the Interior; and

WHEREAS the press ran stories with a confusing headline saying Sen. Vitter "Undid Trust," implying that the Senator had done something untrustworthy or wrong.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Republican Party of East Baton Rouge Parish finds that Sen. David Vitter's action were entirely proper and in accordance with federal law, federal court decisions, and the best interests of the people of Louisiana.

Done this 12th day of April, 2012

Secretary, East Baton Rouge Republican Parish Executive Committee

EAST BATON ROUGE REPUBLICAN
PARISH EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Resolutions
Thursday, April 12, 2012

RESOLUTION No. 5 — Endorsement Process

WHEREAS the East Baton Rouge Republican Parish Executive Committee desires to provide information on Republican candidates to the registered voters of East Baton Rouge Parish and, where appropriate, to make recommendations or endorsements.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Republican Party of East Baton Rouge Parish does hereby adopt the following Rules on the Endorsement Process:

ENDORSEMENT PROCEDURE
East Baton Rouge Republican Parish Executive Committee

A. Candidate Eligibility

1. In order to be eligible for an endorsement from the Republican Party of East Baton Rouge Parish, the candidate must be a registered Republican upon qualifying.

2. Every Republican who offers himself as a candidate for public office, which will be voted on in East Baton Rouge Parish, shall receive an Endorsement Questionnaire from the East Baton Rouge Republican Parish Executive Committee.

3. The Endorsement Questionnaire, which shall be designed by the Endorsement Committee and approved by the PEC, shall include some questions which are appropriate for all public offices and other questions which are appropriate for the particular office sought. The questionnaire may ask for other attachments, such as a formal resumé, letters of recommendation, proof of military service or graduation from institutions of higher learning, and other documentation.

4. The candidate shall attach to the returned Endorsement Questionnaire form, a certified proof of registration signed by their Registrar of Voters, indicating that the candidate is a resident of the district from which election is sought, and evidence that the candidate actually resides at that location and has resided there for the period of time required by law for that particular office.

B. Instructions to Candidates

A. The Endorsement Questionnaire shall be accompanied by a letter from the chairman advising the candidates of the procedure they must follow if they desire to be considered for endorsement by the party. The secretary, or a designated member, shall collect the Questionnaires and distribute copies of each Questionnaire to every member of the PEC.

C. Endorsement Meeting

1. The chairman shall determine when endorsement meetings are to be held for a particular election or for a particular public office. He may call such meetings before, during, or after the close of qualifying. Upon receipt by the secretary of a petition signed by a majority of the PEC, the chairman shall call an endorsement meeting within seven days.

2. At a regular monthly meeting or a special called meeting, candidates will be given an opportunity to speak and answer questions from members of the PEC. The meeting shall be open to the public and shall be conducted with fairness to all of those seeking the endorsement.

D. Member Responsibility

1. A member who is a candidate for a particular office being considered for endorsement or who anticipates becoming a candidate for that office must recuse himself from voting on the Endorsement for the office he is seeking.

2. A member who has accepted monetary or other consideration from a candidate who is seeking an endorsement for a particular office must recuse himself from voting on the endorsement for that office.

3. A member who has already personally endorsed a candidate, donated to a candidate, or holds a position in the campaign of a candidate shall disclose that fact in writing to the chairman of the Endorsement Committee prior to the vote on endorsement for that office.

4. In a race with multiple Republican candidates, each member will have the option to cast a vote in favor of "Endorsement" or "No Endorsement" in a separate vote for each candidate.

5. In a race with a single Republican candidate, each member will have the option to cast a vote in favor of "Endorsement" or "No Endorsement".

6. No member may hold more than two proxies at an Endorsement meeting. A quorum, which is a majority of the total membership of the PEC, must be present in person or by proxy at all times in order to conduct business when candidates are speaking or answering questions.

7. Every member shall be allowed to ask two questions of each candidate, after which members may request permission from the chair for an additional question. At the conclusion of the questions, the candidate shall be given the right to close for a period determined by the chair. The members of the PEC shall then be allowed to discuss the candidate's qualifications and platform.

8. When matters of character or reputation come into issue, either the candidate or the chairman may request an executive session, which shall be voted upon by the PEC. If a majority of those voting in person and by proxy agree, the PEC shall meet in executive session solely for the purpose of discussing the matters of character or reputation. All such discussion shall be confidential, and no member of the PEC shall disclose this information outside the meeting. Any member who does reveal any such confidential matter shall be censured by the PEC and barred from participating in executive sessions for the balance of the term.

9. After all candidates in a race have been allowed to address the members, the members shall, by secret ballot, vote for the candidate(s) of their choice. A candidate must receive [a majority] [at least 60 percent] of the members present in person or by proxy to receive the Endorsement.

10. "No Endorsement" shall be a Candidate in every race.

11. There shall be no automatic endorsement of any incumbent.

12. The secretary and two members designated by the Chairman shall count the votes.

13. All vote totals shall remain secret by those charged with counting the votes.

14. The chairman and any member may meet with a candidate prior to an Endorsement meeting but neither the chairman nor any member shall make a commitment to a candidate that he will receive the endorsement of the party. The chairman may call a meeting of the Endorsement Committee to meet with a candidate or to discuss issues related to an endorsement. In such case, the committee shall report its findings or recommendations to the full PEC.

Done this 12th day of April, 2012

Secretary, East Baton Rouge Republican Parish Executive Committee

EAST BATON ROUGE REPUBLICAN
PARISH EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Minutes

Thursday, May 10, 2012

The meeting was called to order by chairman Woody Jenkins, followed by the prayer and Pledge of Allegiance.

Members present were:

Jerry Arbour
Connie Bernard
Elizabeth Dent
Richie Edmonds
Tommy French
Woody Jenkins
Jay Lindsay
Dan Richey
Phil St. Amant
Jr. Shelton
Darrell White
Harold Williams

The following members were sworn in:

Dan Kyle
Linda Thomas

Jerry Arbour moved and Elizabeth Dent seconded the nomination of Members of City of Central Republican Municipal Executive Committee, which were unanimously approved:

Jr. Shelton, Chairman	Jim Lloyd
Vince Dileo, Sr.	Ted McCulley
Brennan Easley	Mike Mannino
Dr. Kim Fralick	Harry Rauls

The PEC reviewed the CATS tax election and pending litigation regarding CATS.

The PEC discussed pending legislative and tax issues:

HB 865 on Implementation of CATS tax
HB 1095 on National Popular Vote
SB 723 on International Trade
SB 744 on Obamacare Implementation
Roll Forward of Millage Rates

The chairman announced the appointment of Dan Kyle as chairman and Darrell White as vice chairman of PEC efforts to oppose the roll forward of property taxes.

The PEC reviewed the Ronald Reagan Newsmaker Luncheon, which was held on May 8, 2012, and discussed future luncheons

The PEC discussed a fundraising event honoring Sen. David Vitter as Man of the Year.

The PEC discussed Voter Registration Drives, New Registrants, Party Changes, Address Changes, In-Home Voting, the Presidential race, and races for Mayor-President, Metro Council, 1st Circuit Court of Appeal, and Supreme Court, and endorsement procedures.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

EAST BATON ROUGE REPUBLICAN
PARISH EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
Agenda

Thursday, June 14, 2012

The meeting was called to order by chairman Woody Jenkins, followed by the prayer and Pledge of Allegiance.

Members present were:

Connie Bernard
Elizabeth Dent
Woody Jenkins
Dan Kyle
Jay Lindsay
Dan Richey
Phil St. Amant
Jr. Shelton
Linda Thomas
Darrell White
Harold Williams

The following members of the City of Central Republican Municipal Executive Committee were sworn in:

Brennan Easley
Harry Rauls
Ted McCulley
Jr. Shelton

The PEC heard a report on the legislative issues it supported or opposed during the recent legislative session:

<u>Bill</u>	<u>PEC Position</u>	<u>Outcome</u>
CATS Tax Implementation - HB 865	Against	Vetoed by Governor
International Trade - SB 723 Concern: Attempts by foreign governments, especially China, to acquire ownership of U.S. infrastructure, such as ports	Against*	Amended by Rep. Valarie Hodges to prohibit foreign government ownership of toll roads in East Baton Rouge Parish, such as Baton Rouge Loop
Inspector General Office Funding - HB 1	For	Funding restored in Senate
National Popular Vote - HB 1095	Against	Defeated
Obamacare Implementation - SB 744	Against	Defeated
Quick-Taking Expropriation - HB 703	Against	Killed in House Committee
Southeast BR School District - SB 299	For	Defeated in House

The PEC considered and adopted the following resolutions:

Resolutions relative to the 2012 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature:

Be It Resolved by the Republican Party of East Baton Rouge Parish that the Chairman be authorized to draft and transmit on behalf of the Republican Party of East Baton Rouge Parish resolutions of Commemoration to the following for their efforts during the 2012 regular session of the Louisiana Legislature:

- 1) Governor Bobby Jindal for his veto of HB 865,
- 2) Rep. Valarie Hodges for her successful efforts to prohibit foreign government ownership of toll roads in East Baton Rouge Parish,
- 3) Sen. Bodi White for his efforts on behalf of the Southeast Baton Rouge School District, and

4) Ascension Parish Republican Party for their successful efforts to kill Quick-Taking Expropriation.

Be It Resolved that the Chairman be authorized to draft and transmit on behalf of the Republican Party of East Baton Rouge Parish any other commendation resolutions relative to the recent legislative session, subject to approval by the five-member Executive Committee.

Be It Resolved by the Republican Party of East Baton Rouge Parish that the Chairman be authorized to draft and transmit on behalf of the Republican Party of East Baton Rouge Parish resolutions of Commendation to each of the members of the Louisiana House of Representatives known as "Fiscal Hawks" who consistently fought the use of "one-time" money for operating expenses in the General Appropriations Bill.

The PEC discussed the proposed roll-forward of property taxes as it relates to the following public bodies:

EBR BREC	Zachary School Board
EBR School Board	Central School Board
Zachary School Board	Other governmental bodies

The PEC discussed the Ronald Reagan Newsmaker Luncheon of June 12, 2012, and future luncheons.

The PEC discussed the proposed First Annual Ronald Reagan Awards Banquet.

The PEC discussed participation in the July 3, 2012, Kenilworth 4th of July Parade by the Republican Party of East Baton Rouge.

The PEC discussed a possible Labor Parade and Picnic.

Regarding endorsements in the fall elections, the PEC agreed to contact all Republican candidates and invite their participation in the endorsement process.

The former chairman of the PEC, John Price, addressed the PEC. He said that in the past the PEC was impotent because it endorsed everyone. He said the party should endorse the best qualified candidate and get behind him.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

EAST BATON ROUGE REPUBLICAN
PARISH EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
Minutes

Thursday, July 14, 2012

The meeting was called to order by chairman Woody Jenkins, followed by the prayer and Pledge of Allegiance.

Members present were:

Jerry Arbour
Connie Bernard
John Coghlan
Elizabeth Dent
Richie Edmonds
Tommy French
Woody Jenkins
Dan Kyle
Jay Lindsay
Dan Richey
Phil St. Amant
Jr. Shelton
Linda Thomas
Darrell White
Harold Williams

Jr. Shelton reported on the work of the Central Municipal Executive Committee.

The PEC discussed the Ronald Reagan Newsmaker Luncheon. It was noted that the meetings have been packed and that there has been extensive coverage in the media. Three candidates for the Louisiana Supreme Court attended and spoke at the meeting.

Vice Chairman Connie Bernard reported on Republican participation in the July 4 Kenilworth Parade.

The PEC discussed plans for First Annual Ronald Reagan Awards on Labor Day.

Jerry Arbour moved and Tommy French seconded that the EBR PEC enter into a lease for party headquarters. The motion was adopted unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

EAST BATON ROUGE REPUBLICAN
PARISH EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Minutes

Thursday, August 9, 2012

The meeting was called to order by chairman Woody Jenkins, followed by the prayer and Pledge of Allegiance.

Members present were:

Jerry Arbour
Connie Bernard
John Coghlan
Ryan Cross
Elizabeth Dent
Karla Doucet
Richie Edmonds
Tommy French
Woody Jenkins
Dan Kyle
Jay Lindsay
Dan Richey
Phil St. Amant
Jr. Shelton
Darrell White
Harold Williams

The PEC recognized members of the Central Republican Municipal Executive Committee in attendance.

The PEC recognized candidates for the Supreme Court and City Court who were in attendance.

The PEC reviewed endorsement procedures.

The PEC invited all Republican candidates for Mayor-President to address the committee.

Mike Walker spoke to the PEC and answered questions.

On motion of Jerry Arbour, seconded by Connie Bernard, the PEC voted to endorse Mike Walker by acclamation.

The PEC discussed the Ronald Reagan Newsmaker Luncheon for Aug. 14 and the Ronald Reagan Awards Banquet for Sept. 3.

The PEC discussed the opening of the parish Republican headquarters.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

East Baton Rouge Republican

Parish Executive Committee

Thursday, September 13, 2012

Minutes

Metro Council Chamber

The meeting was called to order by chairman Woody Jenkins, followed by the prayer and Pledge of Allegiance.

Members present were:

Jerry Arbour
Connie Bernard
John Coghlan
Ryan Cross
Elizabeth Dent
Karla Doucet
Richie Edmonds
Tommy French
Woody Jenkins
Dan Kyle
Jay Lindsay
Dan Richey
Phil St. Amant
Jr. Shelton
Linda Thomas
Darrell White
Harold Williams

The PEC reviewed endorsement procedures. In compliance with those procedures, the PEC has received resumes, answers to questions, samples of legal writing, and other evidence provided by the candidates that they are well qualified to be elected.

The PEC invited all Republican candidates for Associate Justice of the Louisiana Supreme Court to address the committee.

The following candidates spoke to the PEC and answered questions:

Judge Duke Welch
Judge William Morvant
Judge Tim Kelley
Judge Jeff Hughes
Judge Toni Higginbotham

The PEC invited all Republican candidates for Louisiana Court of Appeal to address the committee.

The following candidates spoke to the PEC and answered questions:

Judge Mike McDonald
Judge Trudy White

The PEC considered a resolution (see attached) to find all of the Supreme Court candidates well qualified and delay an endorsement until October 24. As a substitute, Jerry Arbour moved and Jr. Shelton seconded that the PEC proceed with the endorsement process. That motion passed 12-5.

The PEC voted on endorsements. The ballots were counted by a committee chaired by the Secretary. As a result of the balloting, Toni Higginbotham and Tim Kelley were endorsed for Supreme Court and Mike McDonald was endorsed for Court of Appeal.

East Baton Rouge Republican

Parish Executive Committee

Thursday, September 13, 2012

City-Parish Metro Council Chamber

A RESOLUTION

WHEREAS a special election will be held on Tuesday, November 6, 2012, for a vacancy on the Louisiana Supreme Court; and

WHEREAS five Republican candidates — Judges Toni Higginbotham, Jeff Hughes, Tim Kelley, Bill Morvant, and Duke Welch — are seeking this post and have sought the endorsement of the Republican Party of East Baton Rouge Parish; and

WHEREAS the members of the East Baton Rouge Republican Parish Executive Committee have investigated the qualifications, judicial philosophy, and writings of each of the five Republicans; and

WHEREAS the committee has determined that all five of the candidates are WELL QUALIFIED for this important position; and

WHEREAS only two Democratic candidates are seeking the same Supreme Court seat, which presents the possibility of those two candidates taking advantage of a large Republican field and crowding any Republican candidate out of the runoff; and

WHEREAS it is important that Republican voters be united behind the best candidate or candidates for this important office; and

WHEREAS the campaign for the Supreme Court has not developed far enough for the Parish Executive Committee to make an endorsement in such a way that it will be of maximum value to Republican voters.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Republican Party of East Baton Rouge Parish that the following candidates are determined to be WELL QUALIFIED for the position Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of Louisiana:

Judge Toni Higginbotham

Judge Jeff Hughes

Judge Tim Kelley

Judge Bill Morvant

Judge Duke Welch

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all five candidates are most welcome to utilize Republican Party headquarters and to represent to the voters that they have been determined to be WELL QUALIFIED by the Republican Party.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Republican Party will continue to monitor this campaign and will meet again on Tuesday, October 24, or on another date of its choosing, to determine whether it would be advantageous to make further recommendations to Republican voters, such as the recommendation of a “unity candidate” who would best represent the Republican Party in the runoff election.

DONE THIS 13th DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2012.

Chairman

East Baton Rouge Republican

Parish Executive Committee

Thursday, September 13, 2012

City-Parish Metro Council Chamber

ENDORSEMENT BALLOT

ASSOCIATE JUSTICE, LOUISIANA SUPREME COURT

Toni Higginbotham	<input type="checkbox"/> Endorsement	<input type="checkbox"/> No Endorsement
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Jeff Hughes	<input type="checkbox"/> Endorsement	<input type="checkbox"/> No Endorsement
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Tim Kelley	<input type="checkbox"/> Endorsement	<input type="checkbox"/> No Endorsement
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William Morvant	<input type="checkbox"/> Endorsement	<input type="checkbox"/> No Endorsement
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Duke Welch	<input type="checkbox"/> Endorsement	<input type="checkbox"/> No Endorsement
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East Baton Rouge Republican

Parish Executive Committee

Thursday, September 13, 2012

City-Parish Metro Council Chamber

ENDORSEMENT BALLOT

LOUISIANA COURT OF APPEAL

Michael McDonald	<input type="checkbox"/> Endorsement	<input type="checkbox"/> No Endorsement
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Trudy White	<input type="checkbox"/> Endorsement	<input type="checkbox"/> No Endorsement
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East Baton Rouge Republican

Parish Executive Committee

Thursday, September 19, 2012

Minutes

Metro Council Chamber

The meeting was called to order by chairman Woody Jenkins, followed by the prayer and Pledge of Allegiance.

Members present were:

Jerry Arbour
Connie Bernard
John Coghlan
Ryan Cross
Elizabeth Dent
Karla Doucet
Richie Edmonds
Tommy French
Woody Jenkins
Dan Kyle
Jay Lindsay
Dan Richey
Phil St. Amant
Jr. Shelton
Linda Thomas
Darrell White
Harold Williams

The PEC reviewed endorsement procedures.

The PEC invited all Republican candidates for Baton Rouge City Judge, Metro Council, City Constable, and Ward 3 Constable to address the committee.

The following candidates spoke to the PEC and answered questions:

City Judge

Judge Suzan Ponder

Cliff Ivey

Metro Council District 9

Joel Boe

Ted Rush

Metro Council District 12

Smokey Bourgeois

John Delgado

City Constable

Al Jones

Ward 3 Constable

Carey Jenkins

Ron Reynolds

The PEC voted on endorsements. The ballots were counted by a committee chaired by the Secretary. As a result of the balloting, the PEC endorsed Suzan Ponder for City Judge; Smokey Bourgeois for Metro Council District 12; Al Jones for City Constable, and Carey Jenkins for Ward 3 Constable. It made no endorsement in Metro Council District 9.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

East Baton Rouge Republican

Parish Executive Committee

Monday, October 22, 2012

Minutes

Republican Parish Headquarters

The meeting was called to order by chairman Woody Jenkins, followed by the prayer and Pledge of Allegiance.

Members present were:

Jerry Arbour
Connie Bernard
John Coghlan
Ryan Cross
Elizabeth Dent
Karla Doucet
Richie Edmonds
Tommy French
Woody Jenkins
Dan Kyle
Jay Lindsay
Dan Richey
Phil St. Amant
Jr. Shelton
Darrell White
Harold Williams

The PEC considered a resolution to endorse constitutional amendments and local propositions on the Nov. 6 election ballot.

After discussion of the various amendments and propositions, the PEC voted unanimously not to make any endorsements on ballot propositions.

The PEC asked that any Republican candidates for Congress from the 2nd Congressional District seeking the endorsement of the PEC appear and address the committee.

The following candidates addressed the committee:
Dwayne Bailey

The PEC then voted by acclamation to endorse Dwayne Bailey for Congress from the 2nd Congressional District.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

East Baton Rouge Republican

Parish Executive Committee

Monday, November 12, 2012

Minutes

Republican Parish Headquarters

The meeting was called to order by chairman Woody Jenkins, followed by the prayer and Pledge of Allegiance.

Members present were:

Jerry Arbour
Connie Bernard
John Coghlan
Ryan Cross
Elizabeth Dent
Karla Doucet
Richie Edmonds
Tommy French
Woody Jenkins
Dan Kyle
Jay Lindsay
Dan Richey
Phil St. Amant
Jr. Shelton
Linda Thomas
Darrell White
Harold Williams

The PEC asked that any Republican candidates for Associate Justice of the Louisiana Supreme Court, Louisiana Court of Appeal, City Judge, and Metro Council seeking the endorsement of the PEC appear and address the committee.

The following candidate spoke seeking endorsement for Supreme Court:
Jeff Hughes

The following candidate spoke seeking endorsement for Court of Appeal:
Mike McDonald

The following candidate spoke seeking endorsement for City Judge:
Suzan Ponder

The following candidate spoke seeking endorsement for Metro Council:
Smokey Bourgeois

The PEC voted by acclamation to endorse the following candidates:
Jeff Hughes for Supreme Court
Mike McDonald for Court of Appeal
Suzan Ponder for City Court
Smokey Bourgeois for Metro Council

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

East Baton Rouge Republican
Parish Executive Committee
Thursday, December 13, 2012
Minutes

Due to the holiday schedule and various conflicts with the schedule of members of the PEC, the December 2012 meeting was cancelled.