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SABINE PARISH HOSTS REGION IV MEETING IN MANY ***2027 Meeting Host Announced: Webster Parish***

MANY, LA – Police Jury Association of Louisiana (PJAL) members and guests gathered on Thursday, October 1, 2026, at the Cypress Bend Resort for the annual PJAL region IV meeting. The meeting featured remarks from Regional Director for the Governor’s Office of Rural Development, Sabine Parish Police Jury President Ronny Bison, Deputy Chief of Staff for the Governor’s Office of Intergovernmental Affairs, Brett Robinson, PJAL President, Robby Miller and PJAL Executive Director, Guy Cormier.

Robinson discussed the shared efforts of the Louisiana Legislature and the Governor’s Office to build an expanding and diverse workforce, create new opportunities for Louisiana residents, and encourage those who have moved out of state to return home. He emphasized the state’s commitment to economic growth and reinforced the message that “Louisiana is open for business.” Robinson also discussed the newly created Louisiana State Infrastructure Bank and its role in helping state and local governments advance infrastructure projects.

Cormier provided members with legislative and regional updates. He discussed Constitutional Amendments 2 and 10 on the Nov. 3 ballot. Amendment 2 addresses the ability of a taxing authority to levy a millage rate below the maximum authorized rate under certain circumstances, while Amendment 10 addresses property tax exemptions for rehabilitated blighted or derelict property. Both amendments are supported by PJAL.

Cormier encouraged attendees to visit PJAL’s website to access legislative materials and other resources available to members, including the 2026 Legislative Session Wrap.

Cormier also announced that, thanks to all 64 parishes, Louisiana is now a 100% membership state with the National Association of Counties (NACo), giving Louisiana an additional seat on the organization's executive board.

Miller noted the beauty of Sabine Parish and the importance of focusing on the positive even in difficult times. He closed by inviting attendees to the 103rd Annual PJAL Convention, scheduled for March 3-5, 2027, at the Golden Nugget Lake Charles.

The three region IV resolutions committee members were re-elected into their positions: Glenn Benton of Bossier Parish, Bruce T. Blanton of Webster Parish, and Dan Lord of Lincoln Parish. Region members also re-elected Caddo Parish Commissioner Stormy Gage-Watts to continue serving as region IV executive board member.

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Guests in attendance observed a moment of silence honoring the late Willaim Ruffin who served as a juror for the Sabine Parish Police Jury for 34 years. Bison shared that Ruffin was a dedicated and involved member of the police jury who will be dearly missed.

A special thanks from the PJAL goes to the entire Sabine Parish team for hosting a great meeting in their home parish. In addition to Sabine, region IV includes Bienville, Bossier, Caddo, Claiborne, DeSoto, Lincoln, Natchitoches, Red River and Webster.

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