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BEAUREGARD PARISH HOSTS REGION VII MEETING IN DERIDDER *2027 Meeting Host Announced: Acadia Parish*

DERIDDER, LA - Beauregard Parish Police Jury (BPPJ) proudly hosted the Police Jury Association of Louisiana (PJAL) Region VII Meeting on August 27, 2026, at the Beauregard Parish Fair Exhibit Building.

Parish leaders, state officials, and regional stakeholders gathered for an evening of regional collaboration and discussion featuring remarks from guest speaker Lt. Gov. Billy Nungesser, state Rep. Chance Henry, PJAL President Robby Miller and PJAL Executive Director Guy Cormier.

Lt. Gov. Nungesser announced the theme for Louisiana's 2027 Rose Parade float, "Bienvenue en Louisiane." He also praised the Broussard Sports Complex, which provides space for youth recreational sports, Olympic development programs and smaller teams that do not have a home stadium.

Nungesser also discussed the upcoming "Charters of Freedom" monument, which is scheduled to be installed at the Capitol Park Museum in Baton Rouge. His office is working with Foundation Forward Inc. on the project, which will provide life-size replicas of the Declaration of Independence, Bill of Rights and U.S. Constitution to the community.

Nungesser additionally discussed ongoing efforts to combat litter through Keep Louisiana Beautiful and the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development.

Rep. Henry provided background and information about the Louisiana Tax Exemption for Rehabilitated Property Amendment. The proposed amendment would allow optional property tax exemptions for blighted or derelict properties that have been rehabilitated. Henry encouraged attendees to vote "yes" on the Nov. 3 ballot.

Cormier provided members with legislative and regional updates, including discussion of the recently announced SpaceX project in Vermilion Parish and other potential economic development opportunities throughout the region and Louisiana.

Miller invited attendees to the PJAL Annual Convention, scheduled for March 3-5, 2027, in Lake Charles. He closed by emphasizing collaboration and the shared commitment of Louisiana leaders to enrich their parishes, region and state.

The three region VII resolutions committee members were re-elected into their positions: Anthony Bartie of Calcasieu Parish, Rondald Darby of Vermilion Parish, and Liz Touchet of Vermilion Parish. Region members also re-elected Bartie to continue serving as the Region VII Executive

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Board Member after receiving accolades on his service from Cormier.

The program featured a heartwarming acapella version of the “Star Spangled Banner” by region VII residents Missy Dear and Randy Larken followed by the Pledge of Allegiance by BPPJ Vice President O.B. Morgan and Invocation by City of DeRidder Director of Public Works, Lonnie “Gabe” Gabriel.

Special thanks from the PJAL to the entire Beauregard Parish team for hosting such a wonderful meeting in their home parish.

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