

PABI April 2016 General Membership Luncheon Bayou Barriere Golf Club

PABI's April 2016 General Membership Luncheon was held on Wednesday, April 27, 2016 at Bayou Barriere Golf Club. The topic of the meeting was the Parish financial deficit. Parish President Amos Cormier, Jr., Council Chairman Kirk Lepine and PABI Board Member Greg Abdelnoor spoke following a presentation of the Parish finances by Tommy Serpas, Plaquemines Parish Finance Manager. Pastor Jason Allen of First Baptist Belle Chasse gave the invocation and blessing. An invitation was extended to all Council Members to speak. Mr. Serpas' presentation included information on the current state of Parish finances and the prediction that the Parish will be short on cash by August or September of 2016. President Cormier spoke on his desire to put a 5 mil property tax increase in place so that funds would be available in 2017, if they are needed. He suggests including a stipulation that the increase would not go into effect if the price of oil increased above a certain threshold. Council Chairman Lepine also supported having this tax available in case it is needed. Council Members Rousselle, Black, Williams and Juneau were not in support of the 5 mil tax increase. Mr. Abdelnoor suggested a focus on other opportunities besides a tax increase, such as increased service charges on the revenue side and increased efficiencies on the expenditure side.





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