Industrial inducement
St. Martin planning industrial park

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ST. MARTINVILLE — The St. Martin Parish Police Jury agreed Tuesday to pay for an economic study for a possible industrial park.

The parish already has an industrial park near St. Martinville, but jurors said they feel other industries could be attracted to the parish if an industrial park was located near Breaux Bridge with access to Interstates 10 and 49, said juror Scott Angelle.

"I think this is an investment in the future," Angelle commented during the meeting. Other members of the jury agreed.

"There is no better location in this parish for an industrial park (than a Breaux Bridge site)," said juror Roland Chevalier. "Anyone that comes in here brings in dollars."

Jury President Simon Angelle agreed with the project, but hesitated about the cost of

Boy Scouts.

Future plans for the site include a floating boardwalk reaching from the property to the middle of the lake to give boaters and tourists coming from Bayou Vermilion access to the nature trail.

The project will include access from the Lake Martin levee road and will serve the handicapped.

The trail is on a five-acre site owned by Texaco. Also working toward the project is the Lafayette Parish Government and Lt. Gov. Paul Hardy's office.

In other business, the jury agreed:

- to close the Leed Champagne Road bridge in District 4 for one week to replace pilings and conduct other repairs, said Parish Manager Gerard "Jerry" Durand Jr.; and

- to award bids for fire equipment, a fire truck for the Breaux Bridge Fire Department, a tractor backhoe and police jury supplies.