

AGENDA
ST. LANDRY PARISH COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JULY 15, 2026 @ 6:00 P.M.
OLD CITY MARKET, 131 W. BELLEVUE ST.
OPELOUSAS, LOUISIANA

- I. CALL TO ORDER**
- II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & INVOCATION (Councilman Ken Marks)**
- III. ROLL CALL:**
- IV. CONDOLENCES:**
- V. PERSONS TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL:**
- VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**
 - **Regular Meeting: June 17th, 2026**
 - **Special Meeting: July 1st, 2026**
- VII. PARISH PRESIDENT’S REPORT:**
- VIII. NEW BUSINESS:**
 - *Items passed through committee.

- 1. Vote to appoint June Avila for one appointment to St. Landry Parish Waterworks District #5 for the remainder of a three-year term. (4-21-2025 to 4-21-2028)
- 2. Vote to appoint one appointment to Lawtell Water District No. 1 for the remainder of a four-year term ending 08-12-2027. Applicants are: Angela Deculus and William J. Fontenot.
- 3. Vote to re-appoint Nelene Guidroz, David Edwards, and John Barron for three appointments to East St. Landry Consolidated Gravity Drainage No. 1 for a four-year term. (09-04-2026 to 09-04-2030)
- 4. Authorize the Council Clerk to advertise for one appointment to Bellevue & Coulee Crouche Gravity Drainage District No. 20 for the remaining of a four-year term ending 05-02-2029.
- 5. Authorize the Council Clerk to advertise for two appointments to St. Landry Parish Solid Waste Disposal District for a four-year term expiring 09-02-2030.
- 6. Authorize the approval of a Variance for Mr. Brett Michael Clark, 3706 HWY 360, Melville, LA.

IX. ORDINANCES TO BE INTRODUCED:



ORDINANCE NO. 2026-025

AN ORDINANCE TO SELL ADJUDICATED PROPERTY BEARING PARCEL NUMBER 0300098500 TO AN ADJOINING LANDOWNER OF THE ADJUDICATED PROPERTY AS PER LA R.S. 47:2202 (B)



ORDINANCE NO. 2026-026

AN ORDINANCE TO SELL ADJUDICATED PROPERTY BEARING PARCEL NUMBER 0402457700 TO AN ADJOINING LANDOWNER OF THE ADJUDICATED PROPERTY AS PER LA R.S. 47:2202 (B)



ORDINANCE NO. 2026-027

AN ORDINANCE TO SELL ADJUDICATED PROPERTY BEARING PARCEL NUMBER 0101772480 TO AN ADJOINING LANDOWNER OF THE ADJUDICATED PROPERTY AS PER LA R.S. 47:2202 (B)



ORDINANCE NO. 2026-028

AN ORDINANCE TO SELL THE FOLLOWING 32 PROPERTIES LISTED ON THIS ORDINANCE THAT HAVE BEEN ADJUDICATED TO ST. LANDRY PARISH GOVERNMENT

X. ORDINANCES TO BE ADOPTED:



**ORDINANCE NO. 2026-023
(Sponsored By: Councilman Ernest Blanchard)**

AN ORDINANCE TO REPEAL ORDINANCE NO. 2025-030, WHICH IS AN ORDINANCE TO SELL ADJUDICATED PROPERTY TO AN ADJOINING LANDOWNER OF THE ADJUDICATED PROPERTY, DUE TO THE FACT THAT THE ADJOINING LANDOWNER WITHDREW HIS REQUEST TO BUY THE ADJUDICATED PROPERTY PRIOR TO THE CONVEYANCE BEING EXECUTED

WHEREAS , Ordinance No. 2025-030 was enacted by the St. Landry Parish Council on October 15, 2025, and said Ordinance ordained that adjudicated property bearing parcel number 8102326075 would be sold to the adjoining landowner, Herman Manuel, Jr., as per LA R.S. 47:2202 (B).

WHEREAS , Ordinance No. 2025-030 was recorded in the Conveyance records of the St. Landry Parish Clerk of Court on October 16, 2025, under Act number 1274245.

WHEREAS, the owner of the property adjoining the adjudicated property, Herman Manuel, Jr., withdrew his request to buy the adjudicated property prior to the conveyance being executed.

WHEREAS, no Conveyance or Non-warranty Cash Sale conveying the property to Herman Manuel, Jr., has been signed or recorded with the St. Landry Parish Clerk of Court.

WHEREAS , the St. Landry Parish Council shall repeal Ordinance No. 2025-030.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL FOR ST. LANDRY PARISH GOVERNMENT that St. Landry Parish Ordinance number 2025-030, which conveys adjudicated property bearing parcel number 8102326075 to an adjoining land owner, and said adjudicated property is described as 1 LOT 7 (51 X 150) BLK 2 OAK PARK ADD N HALL ST S LOT 18 BLK 2 E LOT 6 BLK 2 W LOT 8 BLK 2 FRONTING 51' ON HALL ST 953986 (R-41-438) 1001477, is hereby repealed.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL FOR ST. LANDRY PARISH GOVERNMENT that the St. Landry Parish Clerk of Court is hereby requested and authorized to make note of this Ordinance on the Ordinance that is being repealed which is recorded under Act number 1274245 in the Conveyance records of the St. Landry Parish Clerk of Court.



ORDINANCE NO. 2026-024
(Sponsored By: Councilman Dexter Brown)

AN ORDINANCE TO ACCEPT THE DONATION AND CONVEYANCE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY BY FAKOURI ENTERPRISES, INC. TO ST. LANDRY PARISH GOVERNMENT FOR A PUBLIC PURPOSE

WHEREAS, Fakouri Enterprises, Inc., owns a tract or parcel of land, being Lot Eleven (11) and Lot Twelve (12) of Block Forty-one (41) of the Roosevelt Subdivision to the City of Eunice in Ward 6 of St. Landry Parish, Louisiana.

WHEREAS, Fakouri Enterprises, Inc., wishes to donate and convey ownership of the property to St. Landry Parish Government.

WHEREAS, the Constitution of the State of Louisiana, Article VI, Section 23, allows a political subdivision to acquire property by donation for a public purpose. Article VI, Section 23, of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana states:

“§23. Acquisition of Property Section 23. Subject to and not inconsistent with this constitution and subject to restrictions provided by general law, political subdivisions may acquire property for any public purpose by purchase, donation, expropriation, exchange, or otherwise.”

WHEREAS, the Council for St. Landry Parish Government, by this ordinance, hereby accepts the donation and conveyance of the above mentioned property by Fakouri Enterprises, Inc. to St. Landry Parish Government for the public purpose of using the property as a staging area for the St. Landry Parish Public Works Department to park trucks and machinery on the property when doing public works maintenance, repairs, and projects in that area of St. Landry Parish.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL FOR ST. LANDRY PARISH GOVERNMENT that the following property being conveyed by an Act of Donation to the St. Landry Parish Government is hereby accepted by St. Landry Parish Government, for the public purpose of using the property as a staging area for the St. Landry Parish Public Works Department to park trucks and machinery on the property when doing public works maintenance, repairs, and projects in that area of St. Landry Parish, and said property is described as follows:

A certain tract or parcel of ground, together with all buildings and improvements situated thereon, being described as Lots No. Eleven (11) and Twelve (12) of Block No. Forty-one (41) of the Roosevelt Subdivision to the City of Eunice, in St. Landry Parish, Louisiana, as per Plat of Subdivision made by Jasper L. Bourgeois, Civil Engineer and Surveyor, recorded in the records of St. Landry Parish, Louisiana, on July 25, 1945, in Plat Book 2, Page 80, and bearing Original Act No. 228648, Said property having a front on its' East side on Spatz Road.

This property bears Parcel Number 0602859860.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL FOR ST. LANDRY PARISH GOVERNMENT that St. Landry Parish President Jessie Bellard is hereby authorized to sign any and all documents and conveyances that are necessary to donate and transfer the above described property to St. Landry Parish Government.

XI. RESOLUTIONS TO BE ADOPTED:

RESOLUTION NO. 010-2026

DELTA REGIONAL AUTHORITY APPLICATION SUBMISSION

WHEREAS, the Delta Regional Authority (hereinafter “DRA”) was created by Congress by the Delta Regional Authority Act of 2000, as amended, as a federal/state partnership now comprised of 255 counties and parishes within the eight states of Alabama, Arkansas, Illinois, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri and Tennessee in order to remedy severe and chronic economic distress by stimulating economic development and fostering partnerships that will have a positive impact on the Delta Region’s economy;

WHEREAS, St. Landry Parish Government proposes to apply for funding through the Delta Regional Authority (DRA) for the Fiscal Year 2026 federal award program cycle for the St. Landry Parish Airport Hangar Expansion and Infrastructure Project;

WHEREAS, the proposed project will expand aircraft storage capacity through the construction of additional hangars and supporting utility infrastructure at St. Landry Parish Airport in order to address documented demand for hangar space, support continued aviation growth, and strengthen regional economic development opportunities;

WHEREAS, DRA requires that a person be designated, appointed, and given the authority to perform certain duties and administration of said award for and on behalf of the Awardee;

WHEREAS, St. Landry Parish Government has secured approximately \$366,000 in federal funding through the United States Department of Agriculture for airport facility improvements and intends to utilize such funds as leverage and match for the proposed St. Landry Parish Airport Hangar Expansion and Infrastructure Project;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, by the **15th**, of **July, 2026** as follows;

THAT, Jessie Bellard, St. Landry Parish President be and is hereby designated and appointed to perform on behalf of St. Landry Parish Government and has the authority to make those acts and assume any and all duties in dealing with the award with DRA for the Fiscal Year – 2026 federal award program cycle;

THAT, Jessie Bellard, St. Landry Parish President, is hereby authorized to execute and submit any and all documents including, but not limited to, applications, award closing documents, request for funds, status reports to DRA for the Fiscal Year –2026 federal award program cycle;

THAT, the Awardee agrees to provide additional funds in the amount of \$366,000 to said award;

THAT, in the event of an administration change, the new St. Landry Parish President shall continue to have such authority under this Resolution.

XII. COMMITTEE MINUTES:

Parish President Jessie Bellard was absent for this meeting due to illness.

**ST. LANDRY PARISH COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING
WEDNESDAY JULY 1st, 2026 @ 5:45 P.M.
OLD CITY MARKET, 131 W BELLEVUE ST
OPELOUSAS, LOUISIANA**

MINUTES

- I. This meeting was called to order by Chairman Wayne Ardoin.
- II. Councilwoman Mildred Thierry led the Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation.
- III. **Roll Call: PRESENT:** Nancy Carriere, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Ken Marks, Alvin Stelly, Vivian Olivier, Timmy Lejeune and Ernest Blanchard. **Ex Officio:** Wayne Ardoin. **ABSENT:** Jody White, Faltery Jolivette, Dexter Brown and Jimmie Edwards.
- IV. **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, “Do we have any public comments in reference to Resolution No. 009-2026? Is there anyone in the audience that have any comments?”

Councilman Harold Taylor questioned, “Can we get the administration to give us an overview of this.”

Mr. Van Reed, Administrator stated, “This is the first time I am seeing it so I am not prepared for that.”

Councilman Harold Taylor stated, “Okay, anyone prepared for this, Garrett?”

Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated, “Mr. Chairman, Capital Area Finance is going to sell their \$200,000,000.00 in Bonds to help finance first time home buyers of Louisiana. On June 25th, 2026 a Public Hearing was held at their location in Baton Rouge where it was approved and no objections were raised to the selling of the bonds to help finance first time home buyers in Louisiana. The Bond Commission approved the selling of those bonds and they are being sold by Capital Finance, not by the Parish Government. On June 18th, 2026 the Bond Commission approved it. This is probably for quite a number of parishes in Louisiana so they can finance loans to first time home buyers throughout Louisiana by helping people to buy homes for their first time. If the council passes it and it is signed the Council Clerk is prepared to e-mail this Resolution to Capital Finance this evening.”

Councilman Harold Taylor questioned, “So all we are doing is approving the \$200,000,000.00 deal? We are not borrowing any money?”

Legal counsel Garrett Duplechain stated, “You are not borrowing any money. You are approving this so that St. Landry Parish can participate in helping finance loans to first time home buyers. The Lady from Capital Area Finance was here last month and she explained that but she is not here this evening. You all could no process it until today because Capital Area Finance did not approve it until June 25th, 2026.”

Councilman Timmy Lejeune stated, “If I am in order I would like to make a motion to approve that Resolution.”

V. **ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:**

1. **Council to Adopt RESOLUTION NO. 009-2026**

A motion was made by Councilman Timmy Lejeune, seconded by Councilman Alvin Stelly to **Adopt Resolution 009-2026.**

On roll call vote: YEAS: Nancy Carriere, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Ken Marks, Alvin Stelly, Vivian Olivier, Timmy Lejeune and Ernest Blanchard. **NAYS:** None.

ABSENT: Jody White, Faltery Jolivette, Dexter Brown and Jimmie Edwards.

ABSTAINED: None.

WHEREUPON, this motion was adopted on this, the 1st, day of July, 2026.

RESOLUTION NO. 009-2026

**CERTIFICATE OF ST. LANDRY PARISH
EVIDENCING PUBLIC APPROVAL OF BONDS**

**PURSUANT TO SECTION 147(f) OF THE
INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1986, AS AMENDED**

WHEREAS, the Capital Area Finance Authority (the “**Authority**”), a public trust created pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 2-A of Title 9 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended (R.S. 9:2341-9:2347, inclusive) (the “**Act**”) has, by resolution dated May 21, 2026, in accordance with the requirements of the Act, and the Rules and Regulations of the Louisiana State Bond Commission (the “**Commission**”), duly authorized the issuance of not exceeding \$200,000,000 of Capital Area Finance Authority Revenue Bonds in one or more series (the “**Bonds**”) to finance loans to first-time homebuyers within the jurisdictional parishes of the Authority and such other governmental units (the “**Participating Jurisdictions**”) whose governing authority authorized and directed the execution of a cooperative endeavor agreement (a “**CEA**”) with the Authority under the provisions of the Act and other applicable constitutional and statutory authorities; and

WHEREAS, the Commission, on June 18, 2026, duly authorized the issuance and sale of the Bonds in accordance with law and the Commission's Rules and Regulations; and

WHEREAS, the Bonds are classified as exempt facility bonds under the provisions of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the “**Code**”) and the provisions of Section 147(f)(2)(A), (B) and (E) of the Code require that issuance of Bonds be approved by the “applicable elected representative” of the governmental unit which issues such bonds or on whose behalf such bonds are issued and by the “applicable elected representative” of such other Participating Jurisdictions that have executed a CEA with the Authority under the provisions of the Act; and

WHEREAS St. Landry Parish (the “**Governmental Unit**”) has executed a CEA with the Authority to permit the financing of loans to first-time homebuyers within geographic area of the Governmental Unit; and

WHEREAS, the applicable elected representative (the “**Approving Representative**”) of the Governmental Unit for purposes of approving the Bonds is Jesse Bellard and

WHEREAS, in compliance with the requirements of the Code, Notice of Public Hearing (attached as **Exhibit “A”** hereto), was published in (i) The Advocate, Baton Rouge, Louisiana on June 5, 2026, (ii) The Daily Advertiser, Lafayette, Louisiana on June 5, 2026, (iii) the Houma Courier, Houma, Louisiana on June 5, 2026, (iv) the Lake Charles American Press, Lake Charles, Louisiana on June 5, 2026, (v) The News Star, Monroe, Louisiana on June 5, 2026, (vi) the Times-Picayune, New Orleans, Louisiana on June 5, 2026, (vii) The Times, Shreveport, Louisiana on June 5, 2026, and (viii) The Town Talk, Alexandria, Louisiana on June 5, 2026, and

WHEREAS, in compliance with the requirements of the Code, the public hearing with respect to the issuance of said Bonds was held on June 25, 2026, at 10:00 a.m., Louisiana Time, at 601 St. Ferdinand Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, and simultaneously held by teleconference using the following link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9940303250?omn=88470185621> or by dialing US toll-free: (833) 928-4610; meeting ID: 994 030 3250 in accordance with Rev. Proc. 2022-20 after due notice thereof was published in the official journal of the Authority and in the aforementioned publications sufficient to inform the public within the geographic area of the Participating Jurisdictions of the subject, date and place of said public hearing; and

WHEREAS, no objections were raised by any person present at the said hearing or by any person participating by teleconference relative to the issuance of the Bonds; and

WHEREAS, the undersigned, Approving Representative of the Participating Jurisdiction, desires to approve the issuance of the Bonds for the purposes of the Code;

NOW, THEREFORE, the undersigned does hereby certify that the chief elected executive officer/governing authority of the Participating Jurisdiction, hereby approves and confirms the issuance of the Bonds. The Authority, and its officers, are authorized to cause this certificate to be filed of record in the transcript of proceedings for the Bonds and to file a copy thereof with any State or Federal agency, board or commission as may be required by any applicable State or Federal laws, rules or regulations.

June 25th, 2026, at Louisiana.

VI. ADJOURN:

A motion was made by Councilman Faltery Jolivette, seconded by Councilman Jimmie Edwards to adjourn the Special Meeting.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Nancy Carriere, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Ken Marks, Alvin Stelly, Vivian Olivier, Timmy Lejeune and Ernest Blanchard. **NAYS:** None.

ABSENT: Jody White, Faltery Jolivette, Dexter Brown and Jimmie Edwards.

ABSTAINED: None.

WHEREUPON, this motion was adopted on this, the 1st, day of July, 2026.

Parish President Jessie Bellard was absent for this meeting due to illness.

(FIRST MEETING)

**ST. LANDRY PARISH COUNCIL
PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JULY 1st, 2026
OLD CITY MARKET, 131 W. BELLEVUE ST.
OPELOUSAS, LOUISIANA**

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

1. **Councilman Ernest Blanchard** called this meeting of the Public Works Committee of the St. Landry Parish Council to order.
2. **The Pledge of Allegiance & Invocation was said earlier in the meeting by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry.**
3. **Roll Call:** Mildred Thierry, Alvin Stelly, Vivian Olivier and Ernest Blanchard.
Ex-Officio: Wayne Ardoin. **ABSENT:** Jody White and Jimmie Edwards.
4. **Person to address the Committee:**

- **Mr. Brett Michael Clark addressed the council. He stated,** “I am Brett Michael Clark. My address is 3706 HWY 360, Melville LA, 71353. I bought a mobile home for some farm laborers and I am trying to get a permit to put a sewer system down and get electricity. The mobile home is 28 years old.”

Councilman Ernest Blanchard stated, “So you need a variance is that sen what you need.”

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere questioned, “Was the mobile home already there or was it moved there?”

Mr. Brett Michael Clark stated, “It was moved there.”

Chairman Wayne Ardoin questioned, “Does everyone have it in their packet?”

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere questioned, “It was moved there but I see a structure that is in front of it.”

Mr. Brett Michael Clark stated, “That was a porch that came with it.”

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated, “There is no one here to answer questions regarding the footage and all of that but I think you just need a variance because of the age of the trailer?”

Mr. Brett Michael Clark stated, “Yes, ma’am.”

Councilman Harold Taylor stated, “Thank you for coming. You need a variances for a 28 year old mobile home. We passed an ordinance requiring 25 years and we have to go through a variance partition to do what you want to do. Let me ask this

administration, have this trailer been inspected for living conditions and so forth like we do with others?”

Mr. Van Reed, Administrator stated, “I don’t know about that, I will have to find out.”

Councilman Harold Taylor questioned, “Is that normal procedure?”

Mr. Van Reed, Administrator stated, “I would think so. Let me text someone and I will get you an answer real quick.”

Councilman Harold Taylor stated, “It seems to me that every time we have a variance it ought to be inspected. If it meets conditions that are conducive to someone living in it I have no problem with it, whether it is 28 years old or 30 years old. It is in the country, it is not in a subdivision that have rules that are appreciable. My thoughts is very simple, we inspect it. If it meets code and I am sure it does, you would not have bought it if it did not then I don’t see any problem not moving it on through the process.”

Councilman Ken Marks questioned, “Thank you for coming when was the trailer moved?”

Mr. Brett Michael Clark stated, “About three weeks ago.”

Councilman Ken Marks questioned, “You got a permit to move it?”

Mr. Brett Michael Clark stated, “I went through a mover.”

Councilman Ken Marks questioned, “So no one have inspected the trailer that you are aware of.”

Mr. Van Reed, Administrator stated, “I got an answer for you all. The inspection was not done yet because the permit have not been issued because it did not meet the age requirements. Apparently once you do what you have to do then an inspector will go out.”

Councilman Ken Marks stated, “Okay, great thank you.”

Councilman Timmy Lejeune stated, “We just finished changing that ordinance. We keep repeating the same things over and over again. When are we going to stand up to the laws that we write? That is what it is. I saw another trailer house today that is not in question and they want a variance too. I know you are going to rebuttal me Mr. Harold and I get it. I am not against the guy, I know what he is trying to do, he is trying to make a living and do his thing and I get that. I am going to rest go ahead Ms. Nancy.”

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated, “Mr. Bellard is not here. This is one of the proposals that I made because we may have to give a variance because we see this property. It looks like it is in a pretty good condition. I know what Mr. Timmy said we do have to stick to the law but then that is why we have such a thing as a variance so that we can see what is what. Some homes are in good condition. We did talk about the movers informing you all before you even buy it and that way you would not have to go as far but it is done, three weeks ago. Van we did talk about an inspection, I asked Mr. Bellard if a trailer can get inspected and pass an inspection it would give us a better opportunity to pass the variances. I know he said there was no one to do the inspections. I heard you say about the septic tank, the treatment plant, it have to be inspected before the lights are put on so the electric company will also inspect. If it is not up to par they will not turn the lights on. Even if we would grant them a variance we will have to wait until all of the ducks are in line before we grant a variance.”

Mr. Van Reed, Administrator stated, “My understanding is the variance have to be done first. That starts the process for the permit to be issued. Once the permit is issued then an inspection is done.”

Councilman Harold Taylor stated, “I know they want to get on with life. We are in a Committee Meeting. The only thing that we can do is move it to Full Council for a full vote on it in two weeks. We can ask all of the questions that we have and have a final vote on it. I will suggest that we move it to the Full Meeting.”

Councilman Ken Marks stated, “If we do that I would like to see if we could get a copy of the procedures for trailers meeting this criteria. A check list, an inspection and whatever the process is. I have no clue what it is but yet I am expected to approve things I am not quite aware of what needs to be done and the process. That would be helpful for us to make a decision in two weeks for full council if you could get us that information.”

Mr. Van Reed, Administrator stated, “We will get you that.”

Mrs. Brett Michael Clark stated, “Can all of that be done before we come back and waste your time and our time. Can all of the inspections and everything be done before we come back in two weeks and waste your time and out time.”

Councilman Ken Mark stated, “I would hope so.”

Mr. Van Reed, Administrator stated, “I will have to find out. We are being told that the variance have to be done first before an inspection begins.”

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated, “The variance have to be approved first then you would go forward with your inspection. It probably won’t be done until we have our next meeting.”

Councilman Alvin Stelly questioned, “How much frontage do you all have from the road to the trailer house?”

Mr. Brett Michael Clark stated, “Probably 600 – 700 feet. It is on four acres and it is towards the back of the four acres.”

Councilman Alvin Stelly stated, “That is one road that you have to have 90 feet of frontage. That is one of the requirements.”

Councilman Harold Taylor questioned, “Is this for a home or a camp?”

Mr. Brett Michael Clark stated, “It is for Farm Laborers.”

A motion was made by Councilman Alvin Stelly, seconded by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry to forward to Regular Meeting held on **Wednesday, July 15th, 2026** to approve a Variance for Mr. Brett Michael Clark, 3706 HWY 360, Melville, LA

On roll call vote: YEAS: Mildred Thierry, Alvin Stelly and Vivian Olivier.

NAYS: None. **ABSENT:** Jody White and Jimmie Edwards. **ABSTAINED:** None.

Motion forwarded.

- **Mr. Richard LeBouef addressed the council. He stated,** “My name is Richard LeBouef. My address is 728 Dufilho Road, Opelousas, LA 70570. My issue is on item 10 of the agenda. You all are going to authorize the council clerk to advertise for two appointments to the Solid Waste Commission. I want to thank the council for what they have done in the past for us. We have Mr. Stephen Quebedeaux and we have Mr. Edward Brisco who are coming back up for an appointment. Again I would like to have those guys stay on. Two years ago I wanted to make sure for the incoming people, the ones that are going to serve like on Mr. Briscos’ District, it is 1,2,3,9 and 10 from the Road Maintenance District No. 1. Mr. Quebedeaux comes from the Road Maintenance District No. 3 which is District 4, 5 and 6. I just wanted to put that out in case they have some overflow wherever their domicile is at or they

own property. I just wanted to clear that up for the council. Are there any questions? Thank you for the appointments that you have made in the past.”

Mr. Kevin Garrick addressed the council. He stated, “My name is Kevin Garrick. My address is 279 HWY 358, Church Point, LA. I am here to ask for your support for a Proposed Assisted Living Facility that will be developed in stages beginning with a 24 bed facility and expanding to approximately 60 beds as the needs grows. Our community have a growing population of Senior Citizens who deserve access to safe affordable and compassionate care close to home. Many families are forced to travel long distance to visit loved ones because there are not enough local care options. My goal is to help address that need right here in our community. This project is about more than constructing a building it is about creating a place where our elderly residence can live with dignity and receive quality care and remain close to their loved ones and families. The facility will also benefit our community by creating local jobs including positions for care givers, nurses, administrators, dietary staff, housekeeping and maintenance personnel. It will support local businesses through the purchase of supplies and services and contribute to the local economy. I understand the importance of following every requirement. I am committed to working with the city, the fire marshal, the health department and all the appropriate agencies to ensure the project complies with zoning regulations building codes, health safety standards, accessibility requirements and all state licensing requirements. My vision is to build this facility responsibly beginning with the manageable first phase and expanding to only a demand as resources allow. This approach helps control cost while ensuring that the project remains sustainable over long term. I respectfully ask for your support as I move through the planning and the approval process. I welcome your questions, your guidance and any recommendations you may have to help make this project a success.”

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere questioned, “Where is this going to be located? I know that you live in Church Point but where is this facility going to be located? Will it be in St. Landry parish?”

Mr. Kevin Garrick stated, “Yes, Ma’am. It is in St. Landry Parish. I own eight acres in St. Landry Parish.”

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere questioned, “Where?”

Mr. Kevin Garrick stated, “At 279 HWY 358 in Church Point. It has two different parishes. Across the street is Acadia Parish and where I am at is St. Landry Parish.”

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere questioned, “So you have nothing to bring to Acadia Parish? You don’t need to ask them for any permission? Even though it is saying Acadia Parish it is St. Landry Parish.”

Mr. Kevin Garrick stated, “Yes, Ma’am it says St. Landry Parish. Like I said across the street is Acadia Parish and I am in St. Landry Parish. It is like 5 feet across.”

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated, “I understand it can get confusing. This is going to be a newly constructed building? I am sure that you got with the engineers already and is this just your first step?”

Mr. Kevin Garrick stated, “This is the first step before I go and spend money with engineers. I wanted to get the approval on the zoning area.”

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated, “I don’t think that we have a zoning area. But Van, is he going about the right process?”

Mr. Van Reed, Administrator stated, “That I don’t know.”

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated, “Because there is no zoning but as far as coming to us first before he starts the development.”

Mr. Van Reed stated, “There is no zoning in the unincorporated area of the parish.”

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere questioned, “Is he going through the right steps starting with the parish first and then he is going to get the engineer? Garrett can you answer?”

Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain, “Do you have a contractor?”

Mr. Kevin Garrick stated, “Yes, I have several that I was speaking with.”

Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated, “How many contractors do you have?”

Mr. Kevin Garrick stated, “Right now I have two sub-contractors. One for the foundation and one that does the pre planning.”

Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated, “Who is the General Contractor?”

Mr. Kevin Garrick stated, “These are all sub-contractors.”

Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated, “Are you the General Contractor? I am just checking because sometimes people do that.”

Mr. Kevin Garrick stated, “Right, I will be working with them to make it as cheap as possible.”

Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated, “Okay so what they are going to do is they are going to go through the process of getting the permits and all of the legal requirements if they are building a facility on property that you own.”

Mr. Kevin Garrick stated, “Yes sir that I own.”

Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated, “So your contractors are important in that. I am sure that they will get the permits and all of that. Is this a private facility or is it a public facility?” Who will run it?”

Mr. Kevin Garrick stated, “It will have a D.O.N. and administrators.”

Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated, “Who will run it?”

Mr. Kevin Garrick stated, “My wife and I. She been dealing with health care for years.”

Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated, “Okay, so it is a facility. If you need to you will contact the Louisiana Department of Hospitals and see what you will need because it is a facility. You will contact the Louisiana Department of Health and your contractors will do what they have to do. Is there something specific that you would like to ask the council to do for you?”

Mr. Kevin Garrick stated, “If I can get their approval on building it?”

Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated, “The Executive Branch, The Parish President’s Office issues permits.”

Mr. Kevin Garrick stated, “Okay.

Councilman Timmy Lejeune questioned, “How many beds will there be?”

Mr. Kevin Garrick stated, “24.”

Councilman Timmy Lejeune questioned, “Will it be like a nursing home?”

Mr. Kevin Garrick stated, “It is the Assistant Living. It is not a nursing home.”

Councilman Timmy Lejeune questioned, “Will they be like the elderly apartment like they have in Lawtell or something of that nature?”

Mr. Kevin Garrick stated, “Well they have care givers. It looks like that type of layout but it would be like Assistant Living. We will have caregivers that are assisting with their daily medications and food and so on.”

Councilman Timmy Lejeune stated, “It would start with the permit office and then it would come to us when you have all of your ducks lined up and that is when we will approve the permit. That is the best way that I can explain it to you. So start in the courthouse.”

Mr. Van Reed Administrator stated, “Come to the Parish Government Office.”

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, “He will have to start with the state, the hospital people because if you are going to be assisting people how are they going to fit into that criteria? You have to start someplace else besides right here. Thank you.”

Mr. Kevin Garrick stated, “Thank you. I appreciate you all. Thank you all very much.”

5. Public Works Report:

Mr. Barry Soileau, Public Works Director addressed the council. He stated, “For the month of **June** we:

Boom Axed	03	Roads
Box Blading	23	Roads
Culvert Cleaning	09	Roads
Culvert Insulation	06	Roads
Debris Removal	33	Roads
Ditching	04	Roads
Grading	38	Roads
Grass Cutting	31	Roads
Material Spreading	07	Road
Patching	15	Roads
Sign Installation	10	Roads
Tree Removal	03	Roads
Washout	04	Roads

Chairman Wayne Ardoin questioned, “What is the latest update on Tom Schexnayder Road? A little lady called about those bad spots where the cane farmer tore up the road. What are we looking at?”

Mr. Barry Soileau, Public Works Director stated, “We have a new machine. We will start doing our own repairs in those situations. Our first job will be in Lawtell near the Dollar Store. There is a bad spot, we cut it out and we placed Limestone and the rain will help us pack it and we will come back with this machine and overlay it ourselves. That will save the parish a lot of money.”

Chairman Wayne Ardoin questioned, “So you will take care of Tom Schexnayder Road.?”

Mr. Barry Soileau, Public Works Director stated, “We will do the same thing on all of the roads. Howard Venable have some areas and Tom Schexnayder have a few areas that have an issues with big trucks that are messing up our roads. We are cutting expenses a lot by using own machine.”

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, “Thank you Sir.”

A motion was made by Councilman Alvin Stelly, seconded by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry to accept the Public Works Report.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Mildred Thierry, Alvin Stelly and Vivian Olivier.

NAYS: None. **ABSENT:** Jody White and Jimmie Edwards. **ABSTAINED:** None.

Motion carried.

- 6. Forward all applications received for one appointment to St. Landry Parish Waterworks District #5 for the remainder of a three-year term. 04-21-2025 – 04-21-2028).**

A motion was made by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry, seconded by Councilman Vivian Olivier to forward to Regular Meeting held on ***Wednesday, July 15th, 2026*** all applications received for one appointment to St. Landry Parish Waterworks District #5 for the remainder of a three-year term. 04-21-2025 – 04-21-2028).

On roll call vote: YEAS: Mildred Thierry, Alvin Stelly and Vivian Olivier.

NAYS: None. **ABSENT:** Jody White and Jimmie Edwards. **ABSTAINED:** None.

Motion forwarded.

- 7. Forward all applications received for one appointment to Lawtell Water District No. 1 for the remainder of a four-year term ending 08-12-2027.**

A motion was made by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry, seconded by Councilman Alvin Stelly to forward to Regular Meeting held on ***Wednesday, July 15th, 2026*** all applications received for one appointment to Lawtell Water District No. 1 for the remainder of a four-year term ending 08-12-2027).

On roll call vote: YEAS: Mildred Thierry, Alvin Stelly and Vivian Olivier.

NAYS: None. **ABSENT:** Jody White and Jimmie Edwards. **ABSTAINED:** None.

Motion forwarded.

- 8. Forward all applications received for three appointments to East St. Landry Consolidated Gravity Drainage No. 1 for a four-year term. (09-04-2026 – 09-04-2030).**

A motion was made by Councilman Alvin Stelly, seconded by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry to forward to Regular Meeting held on ***Wednesday, July 15th, 2026*** all applications received for three appointments to East St. Landry Consolidated Gravity Drainage No. 1 for a four-year term. (09-04-2026 to 09-04-2030).

On roll call vote: YEAS: Mildred Thierry, Alvin Stelly and Vivian Olivier.

NAYS: None. **ABSENT:** Jody White and Jimmie Edwards. **ABSTAINED:** None.

Motion forwarded.

- 9. Authorize the Council Clerk to advertise for one appointment to Bellevue & Coulee Crouche Gravity Drainage District No. 20 for the remainder of a four-year term ending 05-02-2029.**

A motion was made by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry, seconded by Councilman Alvin Stelly to forward to Regular Meeting held on ***Wednesday, July 15th, 2026*** to authorize the Council Clerk to advertise for one appointment to Bellevue & Coulee Crouche Gravity Drainage District No. 20 for the remainder of a four-year term ending 05-02-2029.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Mildred Thierry, Alvin Stelly and Vivian Olivier.

NAYS: None. **ABSENT:** Jody White and Jimmie Edwards. **ABSTAINED:** None.

Motion forwarded.

- 10. Authorize the Council Clerk to advertise for two appointments to St. Landry Parish Solid Waste Disposal District for a four-year term expiring 09-02-2026.**

A motion was made by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry, seconded by Councilman Alvin Stelly to forward to Regular Meeting held on ***Wednesday, June 15th, 2026*** to authorize the Council Clerk to advertise for two appointments to St. Landry Parish Solid Waste Disposal District for a four-year term expiring 09-02-2026.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Mildred Thierry, Alvin Stelly and Vivian Olivier.

NAYS: None. **ABSENT:** Jody White and Jimmie Edwards. **ABSTAINED:** None.
Motion forwarded.

11. **Discuss information regarding Variances on Frontage Footage of Properties.**
(Councilman Dexter Brown).

Public Works Chairman Ernest Blanchard stated, “Councilman Dexter Brown is not here. Is there anyone that would like to discuss this item?”

There was no one to discuss this item.”

12. **Discuss any other business properly brought before his committee.**
None.

13. **Adjourn.**

A motion was made by Councilman Alvin Stelly, seconded by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry to adjourn the Public Works Committee.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Mildred Thierry, Alvin Stelly and Vivian Olivier.

NAYS: None. **ABSENT:** Jody White and Jimmie Edwards. **ABSTAINED:** None.
Motion carried.

Parish President Jessie Bellard was absent for this meeting due to illness.

(SECOND MEETING)
ST. LANDRY PARISH COUNCIL
ADMINISTRATIVE/FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JULY 1st, 2026
OLD CITY MARKET, 131 W. BELLEVUE ST.
OPELOUSAS, LOUISIANA

ADMINISTRATIVE/FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

1. Administrative Finance Chairman Harold Taylor called this meeting of the Administrative/Finance Committee of the St. Landry Parish Council to order.

2. **Roll Call:** Nancy Carriere, Harold Taylor, Ken Marks and Timmy Lejeune.
Ex-Officio: Wayne Ardoin. **ABSENT:** Faltory Jolivette and Dexter Brown.

3. **Person to address the Committee.**

- **Ms. June Avila addressed the council. She stated**, “I live at 294 Kim Drive, Melville LA. 71353. I am applying to be on District 5 Water Commission Board.

Administrative Finance Chairman Harold Taylor stated, “You want to tell us a little bit about your background. Are you familiar with water systems and so forth?”

Ms. June Avila stated, “No I have never done anything with the Water Commission before. I normally work in the medical field for over 30 years but I deal with a lot of people and I love to be around people. I would really like to devote my time and help the community as much as I can. I have never had this opportunity before and I would really would like to try and do that.”

Councilman Timmy Lejeune questioned, “Did she fill out her application?”

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, “Her application is on file.”

Councilman Timmy Lejeune stated, “I have no objections. Thank you for coming.”

Ms. June Avila stated, “Thank you so much. Have a great evening.”

4. Parish President & Finance Reports:

Mr. Van Reed, Administrator stated, “I think that you have the Finance Report Packet on your desk in front of you that was handed out. The only item that I was given for tonight is the Resolution with the Delta Regional Authority. We received \$366,000.00 in Federal Appropriations from Representative Cleo Fields to build a Hanger. Our initial request was \$800,000.00 but we only received \$366,000.00 so we are reaching out to the Delta Regional Authority through their grant to see if we can fund the original size of the hanger. The Resolution is basically giving Jessie permission to apply for that Delta Regional Authority Grant to sign the paperwork that he needs. We can use the money from the USDA that was given to us by Representative Fields as a match for the Delta Regional Authority so there is nothing out of pocket from us. This Resolution basically gives us permission to apply for the grant and do whatever paperwork that we need to do to make that happen.”

Councilman Timmy Lejeune stated, “There is no out of pocket expense in this, this is just the Resolution, I just want to make it clear. We are not spending any money and we are not using any of our dollars all we are doing is asking.”

Mr. Van Reed, Administrator stated, “Representative Fields gave us \$366,000.00 to build the hanger. We had ask for \$800,000.00. Because we did not get the full amount we would really like to build a nice big hanger so that we can put a few more airplanes in there and earn some revenue. We were presented with the Delta Regional Authority Grant and they require a match. The match can be used federally funded for the match so we will be using the USDA money that Representative Fields got us. There is no money out of pocket in this project. There is no guarantee that Delta Regional Authority will come through with the money so in that case we will build a smaller hanger.”

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated, “I know that you said that we are asking for Delta Regional Authority to match it.”

Mr. Van Reed, Administrator stated, “No ma’am. Delta Regional requires a match. Delta Regional allows us to use Federal Funds that we received for the match so we will be using the money that Cleo Fields gave us through the USDA to meet that match if we are awarded the grant through Delta Regional Authority.”

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated, “You said \$366,000.00 and it is really \$800,000.00.”

Mr. Van Reed, Administrator stated, “We requested \$800,000.00.”

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere questioned, “What is the actual cost of the Hanger?”

Mr. Van Reed, Administrator stated, “We are working on that with the engineers right now. It will be under the \$800,000.00.”

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere, “With us applying for the grant and if they don’t approve it what are we going to do next?”

Mr. Van Reed, Administrator stated, “We would build the hanger with the \$366,000.00. It will be a small hanger that can fit about two airplanes. It will generate revenue for the airport.”

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere questioned, “Will you come back and let us know if they didn’t agree?”

Mr. Van Reed, Administrator stated, “Right, yes ma’am.”

A motion was made by Councilman Timmy Lejeune, seconded by Councilman Ken Marks to forward to Regular Meeting held on ***Wednesday, July 15, 2026*** to adopt **Resolution No. 010-2026.**

On roll call vote: YEAS: Nancy Carriere, Ken Marks and Timmy Lejeune.

NAYS: None. **ABSENT:** Faltery Jolivette and Deter Brown. **ABSTAINED:** None.

Motion forwarded.

RESOLUTION NO. 010-2026

DELTA REGIONAL AUTHORITY APPLICATION SUBMISSION

WHEREAS, the Delta Regional Authority (hereinafter “DRA”) was created by Congress by the Delta Regional Authority Act of 2000, as amended, as a federal/state partnership now comprised of 255 counties and parishes within the eight states of Alabama, Arkansas, Illinois, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri and Tennessee in order to remedy severe and chronic economic distress by stimulating economic development and fostering partnerships that will have a positive impact on the Delta Region’s economy;

WHEREAS, St. Landry Parish Government proposes to apply for funding through the Delta Regional Authority (DRA) for the Fiscal Year 2026 federal award program cycle for the St. Landry Parish Airport Hangar Expansion and Infrastructure Project;

WHEREAS, the proposed project will expand aircraft storage capacity through the construction of additional hangars and supporting utility infrastructure at St. Landry Parish Airport in order to address documented demand for hangar space, support continued aviation growth, and strengthen regional economic development opportunities;

WHEREAS, DRA requires that a person be designated, appointed, and given the authority to perform certain duties and administration of said award for and on behalf of the Awardee;

WHEREAS, St. Landry Parish Government has secured approximately \$366,000 in federal funding through the United States Department of Agriculture for airport facility improvements and intends to utilize such funds as leverage and match for the proposed St. Landry Parish Airport Hangar Expansion and Infrastructure Project;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, by the **15th**, of **July, 2026** as follows;

THAT, Jessie Bellard, St. Landry Parish President be and is hereby designated and appointed to perform on behalf of St. Landry Parish Government and has the authority to make those acts and assume any and all duties in dealing with the award with DRA for the Fiscal Year – 2026 federal award program cycle;

THAT, Jessie Bellard, St. Landry Parish President, is hereby authorized to execute and submit any and all documents including, but not limited to, applications, award closing documents, request for funds, status reports to DRA for the Fiscal Year –2026 federal award program cycle;

THAT, the Awardee agrees to provide additional funds in the amount of \$366,000 to said award;

THAT, in the event of an administration change, the new St. Landry Parish President shall continue to have such authority under this Resolution.

READ AND ADOPTED, this the **15th**, day of **July**, 2026.

Mr. Van Reed, Administrator stated, “I have nothing else to report.”

Councilman Ken Marks questioned, “Van is there any way that you can give us a general assessment of what the parish did for the last two weeks with the flooding situation. It would be very helpful for people to know that.”

Mr. Van Reed, Administrator stated, “It is an unusual case and we have never faced this kind of incident before. We worked very well with the state and the National Weather Service and they were embedded with us. The National Weather Service Hydrologist worked with us closely. We had the National Guard here and we had the Wild Life and Fisheries with high water vehicles on standby as well to respond in the case that we would need it. The parish basically went door to door checking on people to see if they needed to be evacuated or if they needed help. We also checked roads and the water gages daily to try and monitor the flow of the water and how fast the water was moving down. We got numerous different reports from the Core of Engineers and the Weather Services and locals on the ground. A lot of the information that we were getting was confusing at first but we started relying on the gauges and what we were seeing on the ground. Again the National Weather Service Hydrologist was incredible. They got us some tools that we were able to use including satellite imagery of water and water depth. They got us elevation access and use of stimulations, we have not learned that process yet but we will learn to do that. They got Ariel fly over photographs for us to see where the water was and where the water was proceeding as well. We worked closely with the Core of Engineers to make sure that everything was up and to get our permit to build that dam at 3 Mile Lake if we had to build that dam if water backed up. We still to this day is checking homes and businesses and everything that are affected and we will continue to watch the water in the south. This new rainfall in the north today might not help things but we are monitoring the gauges closely. We are working with the state right now, the state volunteer organizations will come in and start helping with clean up and providing supplies. We are in talks right now with the state about possibly taking over Debris Management. They are doing all of the Debris Management in Avoyelles Parish and we are talking about that. There was a Presidential Declaration yesterday for public assistance. Public Assistance is dealing with government agencies and types of emergency. We are still working for individual assistance which would help households of those affected by the storm. We have yet to be told by the state whether the presidential declaration includes us so we are still trying to work through that.”

Councilman Ken Marks questioned, “The Topography Maps that we discussed. You have access to those and the calculations now and in the future it will give you more information and you will be better prepared.”

Mr. Van Reed, Administrator stated, “That will also help with drainage just to dig in our ditches. It is an incredible map. Once we have learned how to use everything we can run stimulations. We have that access.”

Councilman Ken Marks stated, “One other thing is Drones. Does the parish own any drones to take visuals?”

Mr. Van Reed, Administrator stated, “We own two drones.”

Councilman Ken Marks stated, “We own two and they were utilized I presume.”

Mr. Van Reed, Administrator stated, “In some cases they were yes. In some cases the trees are so thick you really cannot see the water level. That satellite imagery you received from the entity of NASA they can actually reflect off of the ground and see water and they can tell us the depth and those were helpful as well. The US Core of Engineer map was helpful.”

Councilman Timmy Lejeune stated, “At this time I would like to reach out and say thank you all for a job well done. You all worked hard. It was very much appreciated

and nobody knew what was coming. You all worked tirelessly every day and continue to do that. At this time I would like to thank you all for a job well done.”

Chairman Wayne Ardoin questioned, “Barry, what is the status on that Wooden Bridge?”

Mr. Van Reed, Administrator stated, “He is on the phone right now. I will get him to answer you.”

Mr. Barry Soileau, Public Works Director stated, “We will have to get a bridge guy to come in and do all of the inspection and stuff. With the water situation right now we have no knowledge of what damage is underneath the bridge. All you can see is what is actually there. We don’t have no idea. We have to see the structure if the water played a role on the foundation of the bridge. So everything is up in the air for right now.”

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, “For now it will remain closed.”

Mr. Barry Soileau, Public Works Director stated, “It will remain closed until it is safe to cross.”

Administrative Finance Chairman Harold Taylor questioned, “Van are there any numbers on the number of homes that took on water in our parish?”

Mr. Van Reed, Administrator stated, “I would say there is anywhere from 40 to 50 homes that were affected. I believe there were 13 homes with major damage and 23 homes with minor damage and that was as of yesterday afternoon. GOHSEP has an App that we use. It is damage.la.gov. There is a private side and there is a public side. On the public side the homeowner can report their own damage. They would provide photographs to FEMA and GOHSEP and FEMA and GOHSEP looks at that App daily and they review the status of those homes and they select whether they are minor or major damage. We were lucky enough to get GOHSEP, FEMA and Small Business Development Association here on the ground. They actually went door to door to the people that we had reported and the ones that reported their own damage and they did damage assessment. That saved us a lot of work because after a storm we have to do damage assessment but they came ‘booths on the ground’ and they did all of that for us. I think it is 23 minor and 13 major. It is only about 40-60 homes that have been affected and that have been reported to us so far. Some people may not have been back in their homes yet and when they get to their homes they may find some type of damage. But FEMA, GOHSEP and Small Business Development went door to door.”

Councilman Ken Marks questioned, “With the FEMA organization, we were told last year that they were in the process of getting reestablished to better serve the public. Is that official yet? Or are they still in the process?”

Mr. Van Reed, Administrator stated, “I attended the meeting in Lafayette today. We meet with GOHSEP Representatives and they are still saying the same thing. FEMA has not yet decided how they want to approach disasters.”

Councilman Ken Marks stated, “So it is still a work in progress.”

Mr. Van Reed, Administrator stated, “Yes, still a work in progress.”

Administrative Finance Chairman Harold Taylor questioned, “I read in the paper where Avoyelles Parish had 1500 homes that were affected by this. Is that the number that you have?”

Mr. Van Reed, Administrator stated, “Yes that is all coming from the GOHSEP App. They had 123 submissions to our GOHSEP App through St. Landry Parish but FEMA had only verified those that I gave you. A lot of people would report their garage was damage or a fence was damage but FEMA does not recognize those.”

Administrative Finance Chairman Harold Taylor stated, “I understand that the President have signed off on \$8,600,000.00 of funds that are available to assist these folks. If you add the numbers up and divide by the number of folks that are affected it is about \$5,700.00.”

Mr. Van Reed, Administrator stated, “That declaration is not individual assistance which is the homeowner. That declaration is for public assistance which is for parish government, school board and things like that.”

Administrative Finance Chairman Harold Taylor stated, “Can you repeat that and can you speak a little louder in your microphone.”

Mr. Van Reed, Administrator stated, “There are two different types of assistance. There is Individual Assistance which is for the homeowner and that have not been declared yet. What the president declared \$8,000,000.00 was for Public Assistance. Public Assistance is for Government Entities such as School Boards, Hospital and things like that so that is what the \$8,000,000.00 is for. I just said a few minutes ago that we are not sure yet if St. Landry Parish is included in that declaration yet. Nobody have told us yet or anybody who that money is actually going to yet but it would be for emergency protective measures and for damages to public buildings or public infrastructure, not individual assistance. Individual assistance is still being calculated and will come later.”

Administrative Finance Chairman Harold Taylor questioned, “Reimbursement for the services that you guys did for that event are we going to get reimburse for that?”

Mr. Van Reed, Administrator stated, “We are waiting to see. That all comes in that Public Assistance that hopefully we will get through President Trump’s Declaration.”

Administrative Finance Chairman Harold Taylor questioned, “Do you know about what we spent?”

Mr. Van Reed, Administrator stated, “We are still tabulating the cost.”

Administrative Finance Chairman Harold Taylor questioned, “Can you guesstimate?”

Mr. Van Reed, Administrator stated, “I could not tell you. All of that is being done through finance.”

Administrative Finance Chairman Harold Taylor stated, “Thank you.”

A motion was made by Councilman Timmy Lejeune, seconded by Councilman Ken Marks to accept the Parish President & Finance Report:

On roll call vote: YEAS: Nancy Carriere, Ken Marks and Timmy Lejeune.

NAYS: None. **ABSENT:** Faltery Jolivette and Dexter Brown. **ABSTAINED:** None.

Motion carried.

5. **Discuss any other business properly brought before this committee.**
None.

6. **Adjourn.**

A motion was made by Councilman Timmy Lejeune, seconded by Councilman Ken Marks to adjourn the Administrative/Finance Committee Meeting.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Nancy Carriere, Ken Marks and Timmy Lejeune.

NAYS: None. **ABSENT:** Faltery Jolivette and Dexter Brown. **ABSTAINED:** None.

Motion carried

I HEREBY CERTIFY THE FOREGOING TO BE EXACT AND TRUE
KAREN BARLOW, ASSISTANT COUNCIL CLERK

XIII. ADJOURN