

AGENDA
ST. LANDRY PARISH COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 20, 2025 @ 6:00 P.M.
OLD CITY MARKET, 131 W. BELLEVUE ST.
OPELOUSAS, LOUISIANA

- I. CALL TO ORDER**
- II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & INVOCATION (Councilwoman Vivian Olivier)**
- III. ROLL CALL**
- IV. CONDOLENCES**
- V. PERSONS TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL**
- VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**
Regular Meeting: July 16th, 2025
Special Meeting: July 29th, 2025
- VII. PARISH PRESIDENT’S REPORT**
- VIII. NEW BUSINESS:**
*Items passed through committee.
 - 1. Authorize the Council Clerk to advertise for five appointments for a four-year term to Lawtell Gravity Drainage District No. 11. (10-02-2025 – 10-02-2029).
 - 2. Authorize the Council Clerk to advertise for two appointments for a four-year term to Faquetaique Gravity Drainage District No. 1. (10-02-2025 – 10-02-2029).
 - 3. Authorize the Council Clerk to advertise for one appointment for the remainder of a four-year term to Coulee Crouche Gravity Drainage District No. 22. (08-17-2024 – 08-17-2028).
 - 4. Authorize the Council Clerk to advertise for two appointments for a four-year term to Eunice Gravity Drainage District No. 9 of Evangeline and St. Landry Parishes. (10-02-2025 – 10-02-2029).
 - 5. Discuss the funds that were made from the Barbecue Festival.
 - 6. Legal Counsel update on laws in regards to issuing permits.
- IX. ORDINANCES TO BE INTRODUCED:**

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-024

AN ORDINANCE TO ABANDON THE UNDEVELOPED PART OF GENUNG AVENUE IN ST. LANDRY PARISH WHICH IS ALSO KNOWN AS PECAN ROAD

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-025

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

ORDINANCE NO 2025-026

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ST. LANDRY PARISH CODE OF ORDINANCES SECTION 44-3 TO DESIGNATE A SPEED LIMIT OF 30 MPH FOR SIDNEY CHARLES ROAD.

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-027

AN ORDINANCE TO ABANDON GRASSY LANE IN ST. LANDRY PARISH

X. ORDINANCES TO BE ADOPTED:

**ORDINANCE NO. 2025-020
(Sponsored by Councilman Wayne Ardoin)**

AN ORDINANCE TO SELL THE FOLLOWING 47 PROPERTIES LISTED ON THIS ORDINANCE THAT HAVE BEEN ADJUDICATED TO ST. LANDRY PARISH GOVERNMENT

WHEREAS, Louisiana Revised Statutes 47:2201, 47:2202, 47:2203 and 47:2204 provide that a political subdivision may provide by ordinance for the sale of adjudicated property at a public sale.

WHEREAS, the St. Landry Parish Government shall offer for sale the following adjudicated properties with a minimum bid of \$500.00 and/or any specified amount due to St. Landry Parish Government in reference to any liens, judgments, mortgages, and/or encumbrances that may be on each adjudicated property as follows.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL FOR ST. LANDRY PARISH GOVERNMENT that the following adjudicated properties shall be offered for sale at public sale and there shall be a minimum bid of \$500.00 and/or any specified amount due to St. Landry Parish Government in reference to any liens, judgments, mortgages, and/or encumbrances that may be on each of the following adjudicated properties:

	PARCEL#	PHYSICAL ADDRESS	PROPERTY OWNER
01	0101607500	(W1-OPEL) 823 N COURT	ARCHIE HILLERY
	1 LOT N LEMELLE S CUNNINGHAM E COURT ST W ROBINSON FRONTING 60' ON COURT ST. 722353 (E-30-164) 986960 (G-43-466) (LOT 11 BLK 8 N COURT ST.		
	STARTING BID: \$500.00		
02	0105907050C	(WD-1-OUT) DEBRA RD	JAMES LARRY THIBODEAUX
	1 LOT TRACT 8-C (53.75X197.24) (.243 AC) PARTITION OF LOT 8 OF LEONARD CHENIER ESTATE N TRACT 8-D S TRA CT 8-B E LA ZARD W LOT 7 IN SEC 71 T-5S R-3E 1034295 PLAT		
	STARTING BID: \$500.00		
03	8106353500	(WD-1-OUT) 347 HWY 104	JOHN J STELLY
	1 LOT 107 (49X109.1) BOUDREA UX SUB DIV 286623 1001564		
	STARTING BID: \$500.00		

04	8100039750 (WD-1-OPEL) E. BELLEVUE STREET LEONARD ALLEN ETALS 1 LOT BLK 30 IN ORIGINAL TOWN OF OPELOUSAS N BELLEVUE ST S HAAS E DESHOTELS W BATICE STARTING BID: \$500.00
05	8100231500 (WD-1-OPEL) HARPER STREET ELIZABETH BELL 1 LOT (50X100) NS E VENDOR W MONTGOMERY FRONTING ON HARPER ST (LOT 3 BLK 8 HARPER ST STARTING BID: \$500.00
06	0100121000 (WO-I-OPEL) 708 HIRAM STREET LISA JOSEPH 1 LOT 20 (50X74.5) BLK 2 BURR ADD FRONTING 50' ON HIRAM ST STARTING BID: \$500.00
07	0102810250 (WD-1-OPL) 635 ARKANSAS STREET RISMAN JENKINS III 1 LOT N 1/3 OF LOTS 13 14 15 (50X150 TOTAL) (MIDDLE LOT) BLK 12 COLO SOU ADD 1181119 (ADAIR HOLDINGS LLC) STARTING BID: \$500.00
08	0103017500 (WD-1-OPL) S. ACADEMY STREET JAMES L. SMITH 1 LOT (88.5X117.7) N FUSELIER S MADISON STE AUZENNE W ACADEMY ST PART LOT 1 OF PLAT FRONTING 117.7' ON ACADEMY ST 661999 (V-23-308) (LOT 9 BLK 6 S ACADEMY ST STARTING BID: \$500.00
09	0105783500 (WD-1-OUT) 1 646 PROGRESS ST WILVON PAPILLION 1 LOT 9 (50X75) BLK B EDWARD PITRE SUB DIV (AIRWAY SUB DIV) 639573 (P-22-367 STARTING BID: \$500.00
10	0106177100 (WD-1-OUT) HWY 104 (PRAIRIE RONDE) MICHAEL PLANTE 1 LOT 2-B (0.395 AC) FRONTING 108.87' ON HWY 104 IN SEC 15 T-6S R-3E 1108710 STARTING BID: \$500.00
11	8104887500 (WD-1-OUT) PEACE STREET CATHERINE THOMAS GUILLORY 1 LOT (86X54) N JOSEPH S ROSE E JOUBERT W ROAD BEING E 1/5 OF LOT 17 MCNEESE & BISHOP SUB DIV SEC 54 T-6S R-4E 566975 (0-18-657) STARTING BID: \$500.00

12	0103719900 (WD-1-OUT) 4527 HWY 167 TRAN PHOUNG ETALS 3.25 AC TRAC D-A IN SEC 53 107 T-SS R-3E 2.91 AC PART TRACT C IN SEC 53 107 T-SS R-3E 1222283 STARTING BID: \$500.00
13	0104204425 (WD-1-OUT) 231 LEGER DRIVE EVERETT BOUTTE JR 1 LOT 14 (90X255.4I) (.529 AC) LEGER SUBDIV N LEGER DRS LOT 7 E LOT 15 W LOT 13 FRONTING 90' ON LEGER DR IN SEC 48 T-6S R-4E 1215230 STARTING BID: \$500.00
14	8101062378 (WD-1-OUT) PROGRESS ST (PREVIOUS PITRE ST) DWAYNE DUGAS 1 LOT 10 (50X75) BLK B AIRWAY (EDWARD PITRE) SUBDIV N LOT 11 BLK B S LOT 9 BLK E SOUTHERN PACIFIC W PITRE ST FRONTING 50' ON PITRE ST 806307 (V-35-947) 907720 STARTING BID: \$500.00
15	8602173500 (W-6-EUN) LEWIS STREET RAYMOND WASHINGTON 1 LOT 13 (50X130) BLK B MAPLE ADD 574993 826826 (U-36-200) STARTING BID: \$500.00
16	860176800 (WD-6-EUN) 1040 N VIVIAN ST. SCOTTIE MCCOY /JENNIFER MCCOY 1 LOT TRACT 1-F (75X120) TERRE HAUTE SUBDIV IN SEC 29 T-6S R-1E 1001096 1076641 (2003 CAPPEART SER# CHVM180385619876 A&B) STARTING BID: \$500.00
17	8604062800AD (WD-6-EUN) ST CHRISTOPHER AVE ERNEST BUFFORD JR 1 LOT 25 (100 X 255) (0.585AC) WESTGATE VILLAGE SUBDIV FRONTING 100' ON ST CHRISTOPHER IN SEC 15 & 16 T-6S R-3E 1062102 STARTING BID: \$500.00
18	0101249400 (WD-1-OPL) 631 W. BERTHEAUD AVE CRYSTAL FRANK 2 LOTS BEING THEW I' LOT 9 (1X150) ALL LOT 10 (51X150) & E PART LOT 11 (13X150) BLK 3 OAK PARK ADD N BERTHEAUD AVE S DUNBAR E LOT 9 W LOT 11 FRONTING 65' ON BERTHEAUD AVE 1019271 STARTING BID: \$500.00
19	8401428416 (WD-4-OUT) 100 PETER SMITH RD BEVERLY C. RECARD CHARLES 1 LOT (195X105) N RIDEAU S & E COMPTON W ROAD FRONTING 105' ON ROAD IN SEC 32 T-2S R-4E 870651 (P-38508) STARTING BID: \$500.00
20	0104312450 (WD-1-OUT) BACKSIDE OF DARJEAN ST ROY DAVE 1 1 LOT (5.911 AC) TRACT 4 N DARGIN SUBDIV S SONNIER & LEGERE SONNIER W DAVE IN SEC 7 T-6S R-4E 826503 (T-36-884) (OFF HWY 3043) STARTING BID: \$500.00

21	8400333500 (WD-4-MEL) LANDRUM STREET PATSY THOMAS ETALS 1 LOT (50X111) N ROBERTSONS MOORE E LANDRUM ST W RIGG FRONTING 50' ON LANDRUM STREET 266637 (A-9-291) STARTING BID: \$500.00
22	0300086500 (WD-3-ARN) 234 SWAMP ST DANNY PAUL GUIDRY 2 LOTS 8 9 (52X137.77 EA) BLK 43 MARTIN SUB DIV 1 LOT W/2 10 (26X137.7) BLK 43 MARTIN SUB DIV 686143 (D-25-324) 1231112 STARTING BID: \$500.00
23	0100833000 (WD I-OPEL) 517 S. CANE ST. (OPELOUSAS) WILLIE DAVIS 1 LOT 8 (56X68.6) CHACHERE SUB DIV (BLUE HEAVEN) 503016-A STARTING BID: \$500.00
24	0100470000 (WD I-OPEL) 918 EMMA ST WILLIE BROWN 1 LOT 15 (50X70) BLK II MARY BURR ADD 214436 (M-7-253) STARTING BID: \$500.00
25	030055400 (WD-3-OUT) 185 HIGHLAND DR SHAYLA GOTCH 1 LOT 4 (125X375.9) HIGHLAND PARK SUB DIV IN SEC 86 T-8S R-4E &/OR SEC 50 T-8S R-5E FRONTING 125' ON HIGHLAND DR 1164767 1255906 (MH 1996 HOML 28X52 VIN# HL5196BAL) STARTING BID: \$500.00
26	0300204950 (WD-3-ARN) 150 CANAL ST IRVING JUDE ROBIN 1 LOT (FRONTING 121' ON CANAL ST) (0.23 AC) LYING SOUTH OF CANAL ST IN THE SOUTHEASTERN PORTION OF THE ORIG TOWN OF ARNAUDVILLE IN SEC 62 T-7S R-5E N CANAL ST S COULEE PARISH LINE & CORP LIMITS E GUIDRY W DARBY 162850 (N-6-371) (REDESCRIBED 1992) 903450 (P-39-795) 1216216 STARTING BID: \$500.00
27	0401926500 (WD-4-OUT) 944 HWY 361 ARTHUR HICKS 1 LOT (200X80) NS E HUDSPETH WRY IN SEC 32 T-3S R-5E 592139 (A-20-88A) 1231112 STARTING BID: \$500.00
28	0100496000 (WO-I-OPEL) PRUDHOMME LN (CHURCH ST) JOHN BUTLER 1 LOT 1 (30' FRONT) & E/2 OF LOT 2 (15' FRONT) VEAZIE ADD 674984-B (N-24- 86) STARTING BID: \$500.00
29	8601813000 (WD-6-EUN) RICHARD ST WALTER ROSENARDEN GUILLORY SR 2 LOTS 7 & 8 (48X150 EACH) BLK I MAPLE ADD 557885 STARTING BID: \$500.00

30	8101723500 (WD-1-OPEL) LARCADE ST MRYTLE JEAN SMITH JOHNSON 1 LOT 3 (.39 AC) BEN STRICKNEY SUBDIV FRONTING 46.95' ON LARCADE ST 737890 (DON 47-596) STARTING BID: \$500.00
31	0103112000 (WD-1-OPEL)LARCADE ST BENJAMIN STRICKNEY JR 1 LOT 5 (0.39 AC) BEN STRICKNEY PLAT TRIANGULAR SHAPED FRONTING 120.06' ON LARCADE ST 696004 (U-25-88) STARTING BID: \$500.00
32	8601585000 (WD-6-EUN)LESTER ST BRYAN JOSEPH MOUTON 1 LOT (100X100) NAVIES STREET E ALLEY W TATE 1134170 STARTING BID: \$500.00
33	8103093100 (WD-1-OPEL) HIRSH ALY ROSA STELLY 1 LOT E 22' OF LOT 8 (22X120) LITTLE HARLEM SUB DIV 855745 (Z-37-706) 1018313 STARTING BID: \$500.00
34	8103444500 (WD-1-OPEL) HIRSH ALLEY JAMES L. JONES III 1 LOT E/2 LOT 7 (21.6X84) LITTLE HARLEM SUB DIV N HIRSCH ALLEYS LANDRY E HOLMES W GRADNEY FRONTING 21.6' ON HIRSCH ALLEY 1141678* STARTING BID: \$500.00
35	0603435000 (WD-6-OUT) IVY BABINEAUX/HWY 357 DOHMANN L. FEED 1 LOT (1.33 AC) IN NE/4 OF THE NE/4 OF SEC 9 T-7S R-3E 724659 (TAX 8-64) STARTING BID: \$500.00
36	0400830850 (WD-4-KRO) 439 PARK ST (KSPRINGS) ALBERT CASTILLE ETALS 1 LOT 6 (48' FRONT) BLK 8 SUB DIV LOT B 1 LOT 5 (48' FRONT) BLK 8 SUB DIV LOT B 1212443 1231112 STARTING BID: \$500.00
37	8100294830 (WD-1-OPEL) C-ALY (OPELOUSAS) AUSTIN FONTENOT JR 1 LOT 62 (30' FRONT) VEAZIE ADD N L & C ADD S ST E CHARLOT W EAGLAND FRONTING OF 30.0' ON STREET C 831539 STARTING BID: \$500.00

38	0101456200 (WD-1-OPEL) 948 HAAS ALY HERMAN PAUL GUILLORY SR 1 LOT 5 (49X104.6) LITTLE BEAUMONT SUB DIV FRONTING 49' ON ROOSEVELT ST STARTING BID: \$500.00
39	8300630510 (WD-3-OUT) OFF WHITE LANE EDMOND CORMIER 1 LOT (55X91.67) LOT #1 IN SEC 45 T-7S R-5E 699295 (H-26-245) 1018545 STARTING BID: \$500.00
40	8301111000 (WD-3-OUT) NORTHWOOD RD KAREN RIGGS LERSEN 1 LOT 22 (134.78X136) (.5 AC) NORTHWOOD ACRES IN SEC 47 T-7S R-5E 671117 (H-24-722) 1053644 STARTING BID: \$500.00
41	8301600167 (WO-OUT) OFF WHITE LANE EDMOND CORMIER 1 LOT 4 (55X200) N LOTS 1 2 & 3 S WHITE E LASTRAPES W REVET IN SEC 45 T-7S R-SE 743344 (M-32-71) 874617 STARTING BID: \$500.00
42	8301167500 (WD-3-OUT) NORTHWOOD RD MELVIN MAXWELL 2 LOTS 54 55 (108X179 EACH) NORTHWOOD ACRES SUB DIV 581102 (K-19-15) 1001335 STARTING BID: \$500.00
43	8300847000 (WD-3-OUT) NORTHWOOD RD W PAUL HAWLEY 2 LOTS 52 (110.86X169) & 53 (109.96X169) NORTHWOOD ACRES SUB DIV 581459 (K-19-405) 1071865 STARTING BID: \$500.00
44	0102072500 (WD-1-OPEL) 747 MERRIL ST BETTIMNA MOORE HADNOT 1 LOT 69 (50X100) BERNICE LASTRAPES SUB DIV N MERRILL ST SLOT 77 E MORRIS W LOT 70 FRONTING 50' ON MERRILL ST 1019410 1036691 STARTING BID: \$500.00
45	0104237000 (WD-1-OUT) 120 GULINO ST CLAIRE MENDEZ GUEVARA 1 LOT (117.7X141.23) N GULINO ST S FONTENOT E CORTEZ W HWY 167 FRONTING 117.7' ON GULINO ST IN SEC 50 T-6S R-4E 1219431 STARTING BID: \$20,000.00

46	0103798100 (WD-1-OUT) 310 SONNY ST ROSE MAE BERGERON 1 LOT 76 (65X160) GREEN ACRES SUB DIV 836955 (F-37-108) STARTING BID: \$5,200.00
47	8301478500 (WD-3-OUT) ANNIE CORMIER 1 LOT (55X275) N RIVETTE S WHITE E W LASTRAPES 1083221 STARTING BID \$500.00

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-021
(Sponsored by Councilman Harold Taylor)

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 2022-011 WHICH WAS ENACTED BY THE ST. LANDRY PARISH COUNCIL ON JULY 19, 2022, AND WHICH IS AN ORDINANCE TO ABANDON A PORTION OF PARISH ROAD OLD U.S. 190 IN TOWNSHIP 6 SOUTH, RANGE 6 EAST, OF SECTION 12 IN ST. LANDRY PARISH

WHEREAS, the Parish Council has received a petition to abandon a portion of Old U.S. Highway 190, beginning at a point where U.S. Highway 71 and Old U.S. Highway 190 intersect at Old U.S. 190 measuring from the center line of Old U.S. Highway 190 for 100 feet the point of beginning, thence East along Old U.S. 190 for 2,265 feet to the intersection of North/South section line of Township 6 South, Range 6 East, Section 12 the ending point.

WHEREAS, the section of Old U S Highway 190 proposed to be abandoned has been closed to traffic for more than 10 years and is of no further public use.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL FOR ST LANDRY PARISH GOVERNMENT that Ordinance No. 2022-011 which was enacted by the St. Landry Parish Council on July 19, 2022 is hereby amended and shall now read as follows:

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL FOR ST. LANDRY PARISH GOVERNMENT that beginning at a point where U.S. Highway 71 and Old U.S. Highway 190 intersect at Old U.S. 190 measuring from the center line of Old U.S. Highway 190 for 100 feet, the point of beginning, thence east along Old U.S. 190 for 2,265 feet to the intersection of North/South section line of Township 6 South, Range 6 East, Section 12, the ending point, be declared abandoned, and the property be returned to the adjoining property owners, as per LA R.S. 48:701.

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-022
(Sponsored by Councilman Timmy Lejeune)

An ordinance to authorize the incurring of debt and issuance of a Revenue Anticipation Note of the Parish of St. Landry, State of Louisiana, in an amount not to exceed Four Million Six Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$4,600,000) and providing for other matters in connection therewith.

WHEREAS, the Parish Council of the Parish of St. Landry, State of Louisiana, acting as the governing authority of the Parish of St. Landry, State of Louisiana (the "Parish"), desires to authorize the Parish to incur debt and issue its not to exceed Four Million Six Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$4,600,000) Revenue Anticipation Note, Series 2025 (the "Note") in the manner

authorized and provided by Section 1430 of Title 39 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, and other constitutional and statutory authority (the "Act"), for the purpose of (i) paying current expenses of the Parish during the term of the Note and (ii) paying the costs of issuance of the Note; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Parish Council of the Parish of St. Landry, State of Louisiana (the "Parish Council"), acting, acting as the governing authority thereof, that:

SECTION 1. Authorization of Revenue Anticipation Note. Under the terms of the Act, the Parish is hereby authorized to incur debt for the purpose of paying current expenses of the Parish during the term of the Note, in anticipation of the revenues accruing to the Parish during the term of the Note, and to represent said indebtedness, the Parish shall issue its Four Million Six Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$4,600,000) Revenue Anticipation Note, Series 2025 (the "Note"). The Note shall mature on the date and bear interest at the rate as set forth in the Note, which interest shall be computed on the basis of a 360-day year consisting of twelve 30-day months. The Note shall be issued in the form of a single fully registered note, dated the date of delivery thereof to the Lender (as defined below) and numbered R-1. The principal of the Note shall be subject to prepayment at any time, in whole or in part at the option of the Parish upon five (5) Business Days' notice to the Lender (as defined below), at a price of par plus accrued interest to the date of prepayment. The purchase price of the Note shall be advanced to the Parish by the Lender as installments, and interest shall accrue from the date of the receipt of each such installment and not prepaid by the Parish.

SECTION 2. Form and Execution of Note. The Note shall be in substantially the form attached hereto as Exhibit A, with such additions, omissions and changes as may be necessary, and the Clerk of the Parish Council and the Parish President (the "Authorized Officers") are each authorized and directed on behalf of the Parish to execute, seal and deliver the Note to the Lender (as defined below).

SECTION 3. Security for Note. The Note will be secured by and payable from a pledge of all revenues accruing to the Parish during the term of the Note, until the Note is paid in full in accordance with its terms, all in accordance with the provisions of the Act and other constitutional and statutory authority.

SECTION 4. Award of Note. The Parish hereby authorizes the Chairman of the Parish Council to accept the offer to purchase (the "Term Sheet") submitted by Washington State Bank, in Washington, Louisiana (the "Lender"), attached as Exhibit B hereto (all the terms and provisions of which shall be incorporated herein by reference). Terms of the Term Sheet not expressly stated in this Ordinance are hereby approved and adopted as if fully set forth herein. Notwithstanding the foregoing, as a condition to the delivery of the Note to the Lender, the Lender will execute a standard letter, acceptable to it and the Parish, indicating (i) it has conducted its own analysis with respect to the Note, (ii) it is extending credit in the form of the Note as a vehicle for making a commercial loan to the Parish, and (iii) it intends to hold the Note until maturity, provided that the Lender retains the right at any time to dispose of the Note or any interest therein or portion thereof, but agrees that any such sale, transfer or distribution by the Lender shall be made in accordance with applicable law and only to (a) an affiliate of the Lender; or (b) one or more banks, entities directly or indirectly controlled by a bank or under common control with a bank, other than a broker dealer or municipal securities dealer, which certifies that it is a "qualified institutional buyer" as defined in Rule 144A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended.

SECTION 5. Authorization of Officers. The Parish President and the Chairman and Clerk of the Parish Council are each hereby further authorized and directed, for and on behalf of the Parish, to accept, receive, execute, seal, attest and deliver all such documents, certificates and other instruments as are required in connection with the authorization, issuance, sale and delivery of the Note and to take such further action as may be appropriate or required by law or advised by bond counsel or the municipal advisor in connection with the authorization, issuance, sale and delivery of the Note.

SECTION 6. Severability. In case any one or more of the provisions of this Ordinance or of the Note shall for any reason be held to be illegal or invalid, such illegality or invalidity shall not affect any other provisions of this Ordinance or of the Note, but this Ordinance and the Note

shall be construed and enforced as if such illegal or invalid provisions had not been contained therein. Any constitutional or statutory provisions enacted after the date of this Ordinance which validate or make legal any provision of the Ordinance and/or the Note which would not otherwise be valid or legal, shall be deemed to apply to this Ordinance and to the Note.

SECTION 7. Disclosure Under SEC Rule 15c 2-12. The Parish will not be required to comply with the continuing disclosure requirements described in Rule 15c2-12 of the Securities and Exchange Commission [17 CFR 240.15c 2-12].

SECTION 8. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately.

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-023
(Sponsored by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry)

AN ORDINANCE TO PROHIBIT MOBILE HOMES, HOUSE TRAILERS, AND MANUFACTURED HOMES FROM BEING LOCATED ON THE SOUTHSIDE OF COMPRESS ROAD STARTING AT 107 HENRY DRIVE WHICH IS AT THE CORNER OF HENRY DRIVE AND COMPRESS ROAD RUNNING EAST ON COMPRESS ROAD TO 354 COMPRESS ROAD WHICH IS PART OF BROADMOORE SUBDIVISION IN ST. LANDRY PARISH

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL FOR ST. LANDRY PARISH GOVERNMENT THAT mobile homes, house trailers, and manufactured homes are prohibited from being located on the South side of Compress Road starting at 107 Henry Drive which is at the corner of Henry Drive and Compress Road and running East on Compress Road to 354 Compress Road which is part of the Broadmoore Subdivision in St. Landry Parish.

XI. RESOLUTIONS TO BE ADOPTED:

RESOLUTION NO. 020-2025

A Resolution authorizing St. Landry Parish Government to participate in the National Opioid Settlement with Alvogen, Amneal, Apotex, Hikma, Indivior, Mylan, Sun, and Zydus arising from or relating to St. Landry Parish's claims in the national opioid litigation, in conjunction with and pursuant to the previously agreed to Louisiana Memorandum of Understanding with the Louisiana Attorney General's Office ("Louisiana MOU").¹

WHEREAS, St. Landry Parish has suffered harm from the opioid epidemic;

WHEREAS, St. Landry Parish recognizes that the entire State of Louisiana has suffered harm as a result from the opioid epidemic;

WHEREAS, the State of Louisiana has a pending action in state court, and a number of Louisiana Parishes, Cities and Special Districts have also filed actions in state court or have been transferred to, or directly in, *In re: National Prescription Opiate Litigation*, MDL No. 2804 (N.D. Ohio) (the "Opioid Litigation" or "national opioid litigation").

WHEREAS, St. Landry Parish is a litigating political subdivision and has a pending action in the Opioid Litigation;²

WHEREAS, St. Landry Parish recognizes, acknowledges, and accepts that it is eligible to participate in the National Opioid Settlement with Alvogen, Amneal, Apotex, Hikma, Indivior, Mylan, Sun, and Zydus;

¹ See <https://nationalopioidsettlement.com/states/louisiana/> and <https://nationalopioidsettlement.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/2021.10.21-MOU-Opioid-Litigation.pdf>.

² *St. Landry Parish, Louisiana v. Purdue Pharma L.P. et al*, Case No. 1:18-op-46042-DAP (N.D. Ohio).

WHEREAS, participation in National Settlements by a large majority of Louisiana cities, parishes and special districts will likely maximize the amount of funds allocated for Louisiana under those future Settlement Agreements;

WHEREAS, failure to participate in National Settlements will likely reduce funds available to the State, St. Landry Parish, and every other Louisiana City, Parish and Special District;

WHEREAS, St. Landry Parish's private attorneys from Neblett, Beard & Arsenault (and other co-counsel firms) have sufficiently explained the details of the National Opioid Settlement with Alvogen, Amneal, Apotex, Hikma, Indivior, Mylan, Sun, and Zydus to St. Landry Parish (through its Legal Advisor/Counsel), and St. Landry Parish has had an opportunity to ask questions concerning same, and St. Landry Parish's private attorneys have satisfactorily answered those questions to the best of their ability and based on currently available information;

WHEREAS, St. Landry Parish's private attorneys from Neblett, Beard & Arsenault (and other co-counsel firms) firmly believe that St. Landry Parish's participation in the National Opioid Settlement with Alvogen, Amneal, Apotex, Hikma, Indivior, Mylan, Sun, and Zydus is and will be in St. Landry Parish's best interest;

WHEREAS, St. Landry Parish's private attorneys from Neblett, Beard & Arsenault (and other co-counsel firms) strongly recommend that St. Landry Parish participate in the National Opioid Settlement with Alvogen, Amneal, Apotex, Hikma, Indivior, Mylan, Sun, and Zydus arising from or relating to St. Landry Parish's pending action and claims in the national opioid litigation, and agree to be bound by the terms thereof; and

WHEREAS, St. Landry Parish finds it prudent, appropriate and necessary to: (1) authorize the Parish President to agree to the National Opioid Settlement with Alvogen, Amneal, Apotex, Hikma, Indivior, Mylan, Sun, and Zydus arising from or relating to resolution of St. Landry Parish's claims in the National Opioid Litigation and its pending action; and (2) authorize the Parish President to execute any formal agreements required to effect St. Landry Parish's participation in the National Opioid Settlement with Alvogen, Amneal, Apotex, Hikma, Indivior, Mylan, Sun, and Zydus, including but not limited to, any Subdivision Settlement Participation Form(s)/Agreement(s), Release(s) or other documents required by any Settlement Agreements arising from or relating to resolution of St. Landry Parish's claims in the National Opioid Litigation and pending action.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ST. LANDRY PARISH COUNCIL:

SECTION 1. That the St. Landry Parish Council finds that participation in the National Opioid Settlement with Alvogen, Amneal, Apotex, Hikma, Indivior, Mylan, Sun, and Zydus is in the best interest of St. Landry Parish, its citizens, and its communities.

SECTION 2. That St. Landry Parish hereby re-affirms its support of a unified plan for the allocation of any funds and use of opioid settlement proceeds as generally described in the previously agreed-to and executed Louisiana MOU.

SECTION 3. That the Parish President is hereby authorized to execute any and all documents or formal agreements to effectuate St. Landry Parish's participation in the National Opioid Settlement with Alvogen, Amneal, Apotex, Hikma, Indivior, Mylan, Sun, and Zydus, including but not limited to, Settlement Participation Form(s)/Agreement(s), Releases and other necessary documents.

SECTION 4. That the Parish President is also hereby authorized to: (1) agree to any and all current and future National Settlements arising from or relating to resolution of St. Landry Parish's claims in the National Opioid Litigation and its pending action; (2) execute any formal agreements required by the Louisiana MOU or required to effect St. Landry Parish's participation in all current and future National Settlements, including but not limited to, any Subdivision Settlement Participation Form(s)/Agreement(s), Release(s) or other documents required by any

Settlement Agreements arising from or relating to resolution of St. Landry Parish's claims in the National Opioid Litigation and its pending action.

SECTION 5. That St. Landry Parish's private attorneys from Neblett, Beard & Arsenault (and other co-counsel firms) are authorized to perform any and all work necessary to accomplish resolution of St. Landry Parish's claims in the National Opioid Litigation and its pending action.

SECTION 6. That the Secretary/Clerk be and hereby is instructed to record this Resolution in the appropriate record book upon its adoption.

SECTION 7. The Secretary/Clerk is hereby directed to furnish a certified copy of this Resolution to:

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c/o Dustin C. Carter
P.O. Box 12120
Alexandria, LA 71315

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RESOLUTION NO. 021-2025

A Resolution authorizing St. Landry Parish Government to participate in the Purdue Pharma – Sackler Family Direct Settlement arising from or relating to St. Landry Parish's claims in the national opioid litigation, in conjunction with and pursuant to the previously agreed to Louisiana Memorandum of Understanding with the Louisiana Attorney General's Office ("Louisiana MOU").³

WHEREAS, St. Landry Parish has suffered harm from the opioid epidemic;

WHEREAS, St. Landry Parish recognizes that the entire State of Louisiana has suffered harm as a result from the opioid epidemic;

WHEREAS, the State of Louisiana has a pending action in state court, and a number of Louisiana Parishes, Cities and Special Districts have also filed actions in state court or have been transferred to, or directly in, *In re: National Prescription Opiate Litigation*, MDL No. 2804 (N.D. Ohio) (the "Opioid Litigation" or "national opioid litigation").

WHEREAS, St. Landry Parish is a litigating political subdivision and has a pending action in the Opioid Litigation;⁴

WHEREAS, St. Landry Parish recognizes, acknowledges, and accepts that it is eligible to participate as a creditor in the proceedings of the Purdue Pharma – Sackler Family Direct Settlement in United States Bankruptcy Court Southern District of New York, Case Number 19-23649;

WHEREAS, participation in National Settlements by a large majority of Louisiana cities, parishes and special districts will likely maximize the amount of funds allocated for Louisiana under those future Settlement Agreements;

WHEREAS, failure to participate in National Settlements will likely reduce funds available to the State, St. Landry Parish, and every other Louisiana City, Parish and Special District;

³ See <https://nationalopioidsettlement.com/states/louisiana/> and <https://nationalopioidsettlement.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/2021.10.21-MOU-Opioid-Litigation.pdf>.

⁴ *St. Landry Parish, Louisiana v. Purdue Pharma L.P. et al*, Case No. 1:18-op-46042-DAP (N.D. Ohio).

WHEREAS, St. Landry Parish's private attorneys from Neblett, Beard & Arsenault (and other co-counsel firms) have sufficiently explained the details of the Purdue Pharma – Sackler Family Direct Settlement to St. Landry Parish (through its Legal Advisor/Counsel), and St. Landry Parish has had an opportunity to ask questions concerning same, and St. Landry Parish's private attorneys have satisfactorily answered those questions to the best of their ability and based on currently available information;

WHEREAS, St. Landry Parish's private attorneys from Neblett, Beard & Arsenault (and other co-counsel firms) firmly believe that St. Landry Parish's participation in the current Purdue Pharma – Sackler Family Direct Settlement is and will be in St. Landry Parish's best interest;

WHEREAS, St. Landry Parish's private attorneys from Neblett, Beard & Arsenault (and other co-counsel firms) strongly recommend that St. Landry Parish participate in the current Purdue Pharma – Sackler Family Direct Settlement arising from or relating to St. Landry Parish's pending action and claims in the national opioid litigation, and agree to be bound by the terms thereof; and

WHEREAS, St. Landry Parish finds it prudent, appropriate and necessary to: (1) authorize the Parish President to agree to the Purdue Pharma – Sackler Family Direct Settlement arising from or relating to resolution of St. Landry Parish's claims in the National Opioid Litigation and its pending action; and (2) authorize the Parish President to execute any formal agreements required to effect St. Landry Parish's participation in the Purdue Pharma – Sackler Family Direct Settlement, including but not limited to, any Subdivision Settlement Participation Form(s)/Agreement(s), Release(s) or other documents required by any Settlement Agreements arising from or relating to resolution of St. Landry Parish's claims in the National Opioid Litigation and pending action.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ST. LANDRY PARISH COUNCIL:

SECTION 1. That the St. Landry Parish Council finds that participation in the Purdue Pharma – Sackler Family Direct Settlement is in the best interest of St. Landry Parish, its citizens, and its communities.

SECTION 2. That St. Landry Parish hereby re-affirms its support of a unified plan for the allocation of any funds and use of opioid settlement proceeds as generally described in the previously agreed-to and executed Louisiana MOU.

SECTION 3. That the Parish President is hereby authorized to execute any and all documents or formal agreements to effectuate St. Landry Parish's participation in the Purdue Pharma – Sackler Family Direct Settlement, including but not limited to, Settlement Participation Form(s)/Agreement(s), Releases and other necessary documents.

SECTION 4. That the Parish President is also hereby authorized to: (1) agree to any and all current and future National Settlements arising from or relating to resolution of St. Landry Parish's claims in the National Opioid Litigation and its pending action; (2) execute any formal agreements required by the Louisiana MOU or required to effect St. Landry Parish's participation in all current and future National Settlements, including but not limited to, any Subdivision Settlement Participation Form(s)/Agreement(s), Release(s) or other documents required by any Settlement Agreements arising from or relating to resolution of St. Landry Parish's claims in the National Opioid Litigation and its pending action.

SECTION 5. That St. Landry Parish's private attorneys from Neblett, Beard & Arsenault (and other co-counsel firms) are authorized to perform any and all work necessary to accomplish resolution of St. Landry Parish's claims in the National Opioid Litigation and its pending action.

SECTION 6. That the Secretary/Clerk be and hereby is instructed to record this Resolution in the appropriate record book upon its adoption.

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RESOLUTION NO. 022-2025

A Resolution authorizing St. Landry Parish Government to participate in the National Opioid Settlement with Sandoz, Inc. arising from or relating to St. Landry Parish's claims in the national opioid litigation, in conjunction with and pursuant to the previously agreed to Louisiana Memorandum of Understanding with the Louisiana Attorney General's Office ("Louisiana MOU").⁵

WHEREAS, St. Landry Parish has suffered harm from the opioid epidemic;

WHEREAS, St. Landry Parish recognizes that the entire State of Louisiana has suffered harm as a result from the opioid epidemic;

WHEREAS, the State of Louisiana has a pending action in state court, and a number of Louisiana Parishes, Cities and Special Districts have also filed actions in state court or have been transferred to, or directly in, *In re: National Prescription Opiate Litigation*, MDL No. 2804 (N.D. Ohio) (the "Opioid Litigation" or "national opioid litigation").

WHEREAS, St. Landry Parish is a litigating political subdivision and has a pending action in the Opioid Litigation;⁶

WHEREAS, St. Landry Parish recognizes, acknowledges, and accepts that it is eligible to participate in the National Opioid Settlement with Sandoz Inc.;

WHEREAS, participation in National Settlements by a large majority of Louisiana cities, parishes and special districts will likely maximize the amount of funds allocated for Louisiana under those future Settlement Agreements;

WHEREAS, failure to participate in National Settlements will likely reduce funds available to the State, St. Landry Parish, and every other Louisiana City, Parish and Special District;

WHEREAS, St. Landry Parish's private attorneys from Neblett, Beard & Arsenault (and other co-counsel firms) have sufficiently explained the details of the National Opioid Settlement with Sandoz, Inc. to St. Landry Parish (through its Legal Advisor/Counsel), and St. Landry Parish has had an opportunity to ask questions concerning same, and St. Landry Parish's private attorneys have satisfactorily answered those questions to the best of their ability and based on currently available information;

WHEREAS, St. Landry Parish's private attorneys from Neblett, Beard & Arsenault (and other co-counsel firms) firmly believe that St. Landry Parish's participation in the National Opioid Settlement with Sandoz, Inc. is and will be in St. Landry Parish's best interest;

WHEREAS, St. Landry Parish's private attorneys from Neblett, Beard & Arsenault (and other co-counsel firms) strongly recommend that St. Landry Parish participate in the National

⁵ See <https://nationalopioidsettlement.com/states/louisiana/> and <https://nationalopioidsettlement.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/2021.10.21-MOU-Opioid-Litigation.pdf>.

⁶ *St. Landry Parish, Louisiana v. Purdue Pharma L.P. et al*, Case No. 1:18-op-46042-DAP (N.D. Ohio).

Opioid Settlement with Sandoz, Inc. arising from or relating to St. Landry Parish’s pending action and claims in the national opioid litigation, and agree to be bound by the terms thereof; and

WHEREAS, St. Landry Parish finds it prudent, appropriate and necessary to: (1) authorize the Parish President to agree to the National Opioid Settlement with Sandoz, Inc. arising from or relating to resolution of St. Landry Parish’s claims in the National Opioid Litigation and its pending action; and (2) authorize the Parish President to execute any formal agreements required to effect St. Landry Parish’s participation in the National Opioid Settlement with Sandoz, Inc., including but not limited to, any Subdivision Settlement Participation Form(s)/Agreement(s), Release(s) or other documents required by any Settlement Agreements arising from or relating to resolution of St. Landry Parish’s claims in the National Opioid Litigation and pending action.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ST. LANDRY PARISH COUNCIL:

SECTION 1. That the St. Landry Parish Council finds that participation in the National Opioid Settlement with Sandoz, Inc. is in the best interest of St. Landry Parish, its citizens, and its communities.

SECTION 2. That St. Landry Parish hereby re-affirms its support of a unified plan for the allocation of any funds and use of opioid settlement proceeds as generally described in the previously agreed-to and executed Louisiana MOU.

SECTION 3. That the Parish President is hereby authorized to execute any and all documents or formal agreements to effectuate St. Landry Parish’s participation in the National Opioid Settlement with Sandoz, Inc., including but not limited to, Settlement Participation Form(s)/Agreement(s), Releases and other necessary documents.

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SECTION 5. That St. Landry Parish’s private attorneys from Neblett, Beard & Arsenault (and other co-counsel firms) are authorized to perform any and all work necessary to accomplish resolution of St. Landry Parish’s claims in the National Opioid Litigation and its pending action.

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RESOLUTION NO. 023-2025

**RESOLUTION TO ADOPT RESIDENTIAL ANTIDISPLACEMENT
AND RELOCATION ASSISTANCE PLAN**

WHEREAS, St. Landry Parish Government has received approval of a Louisiana Community Development Block Grant Program for fiscal year 2025; and

WHEREAS, the LCDBG Program requires that all grant recipients adopt by resolution a Residential Antidisplacement and Relocation Assistance Plan,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that St. Landry Parish Government hereby adopts the attached Residential Antidisplacement and Relocation Assistance Plan.

RESOLUTION NO. 024-2025

RESOLUTION TO ADOPT LCDBG AND PARISH PROCUREMENT POLICIES

WHEREAS, St. Landry Parish Government has received approval of a Louisiana Community Development Block Grant Program for fiscal year 2025; and

WHEREAS, the LCDBG Program requires that all grant recipients adopt by resolution an LCDBG procurement policy and a Parish procurement policy.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that St. Landry Parish Government hereby adopts the attached LCDBG procurement policy and Parish procurement policy.

RESOLUTION NO. 025-2025

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PARISH PRESIDENT TO EXECUTE AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN ST. LANDRY PARISH GOVERNMENT AND THE STATE OF LOUISIANA THROUGH THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND DEVELOPMENT TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR THE BAYOU DES CANNES DRAINAGE PROJECT, AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, the St. Landry Parish Government and the Department of Transportation and Development agree to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement to provide for funding for the Bayou des Cannes drainage project, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto;

WHEREAS, it is necessary to authorize the Parish President to execute the Intergovernmental Agreement by and between St. Landry Parish Government and the Department of Transportation and Development to provide for funding for the Bayou des Cannes drainage project, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the St. Landry Parish Council that the Parish President is hereby authorized to execute an Intergovernmental Agreement by and between St. Landry Parish Government and the Department of Transportation and Development to provide for funding for the Bayou des Cannes drainage project, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto;

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the St. Landry Parish Council that the Parish President is also authorized to execute any and all other agreements, documents, or other writings necessary to carry out the intent and purposes of this Resolution.

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the St. Landry Parish Council that this Resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption by the St. Landry Parish Council.

XII. COMMITTEE MINUTES:

**ST. LANDRY PARISH COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING
TUESDAY JULY 29th, 2025 @ 5:00 P.M.
OLD CITY MARKET, 131 W BELLEVUE ST
OPELOUSAS, LOUISIANA**

MINUTES

- I.** This meeting was called to order by Chairman Jody White.
- II.** The Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation was said by Councilman Alvin Stelly.
- III. Roll Call: PRESENT:** Faltery Jolivette, Mildred Thierry, Alvin Stelly, Vivian Olivier, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards and Ernest Blanchard. Ex Officio: Jody White. **ABSENT:** Nancy Carriere, Harold Taylor, Ken Marks and Wayne Ardoin.
- IV. PUBLIC COMMENT:**
None.
- V. ORDINANCES TO BE INTRODUCED:**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2025-022
(Sponsored by Councilman Timmy Lejeune)**

An ordinance to authorize the incurring of debt and issuance of a Revenue Anticipation Note of the Parish of St. Landry, State of Louisiana, in an amount not to exceed Four Million Six Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$4,600,000) and providing for other matters in connection therewith.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2025-023
(Sponsored by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry)**

An Ordinance to Prohibit Mobile Homes, House Trailers, and Manufactured Homes from being located on the Southside of Compress Road starting at 107 Henry Drive which is at the corner of Henry Drive and Compress Road running East on Compress Road to 354 Compress Road which is part of Broadmoore Subdivision in St. Landry Parish.

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-024

An Ordinance to abandon the undeveloped part of Genung Avenue in St. Landry Parish which is also known as Pecan Road.

Councilman Timmy Lejeune stated, “I would like to ask that we Table this item until further information is provided to us. It is in my District and I spent several hours trying to locate that property and I cannot seem to find it. I will request that the individuals that have requested that we do this get in contact with us to show us exactly what they are talking about. They need to get in touch with Mr. Barry Soileau and take him to the site so we will have a better understanding of what they are asking for. At this point I say Table it.”

Chairman Jody White questioned, “How did this come up? How did the discussion of this actually start?”

Councilman Timmy Lejeune stated, “There was a letter that was sent out by Charlie Jagneaux requesting that this be placed on the agenda. The letter was sent to Mr. Bellard. The letter was sent, I think everyone may have gotten it, I can’t seem to find mine in front of me but never the less it was requested that this road be abandon. There was an Ordinance drafted in respect of that request.

After looking and trying to find the road we can't seem to understand that Pecan Road has housing on both sides. We just blacktopped that road so they have to have a mix up in their request. That is why I am saying that this be tabled until they provide us enough information that we can make a good decision."

Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated, "There was a Title Opinion done on this land owned by H & H Housing by Attorney Bruce Gaudin. In 1906 it was made a public road and it was never developed and it was never used. It runs through property that the council does not determine who owns property, the Conveyance Records in the courthouse does that. It is H & H Housing that owns it. To get a complete title to their property Attorney Mr. Gaudin had requested that the road be abandon. He can contact Timmy, if you want, so he can explain it to you and he can also contact Barry Soileau, I was just given the information. If the road is abandon we have to get the exact measurements of the road which we have here. We don't want to abandon part of Pecan Road because that is a Public Road that is being used right now. We do have the property description of this undeveloped road, Genung Avenue and we have a Title Opinion, a Plat and the Tax Assessor's Records that all corresponds to it."

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "There are two sections on this. The middle section of Pecan Road goes from Tony Road maybe, it is all new names on the road now. It is for the undeveloped portion, would it be on the north side or the south side of Pecan Road that is what we are trying to figure out?"

Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated, "It would be on the northeast side of Genung Avenue. The undeveloped road runs southwest from Colder Lane which use to be called Pine Street. It runs southwest from Colder Lane which used to be called Pine Street. If the council decides to abandon this undeveloped road we would need to get the exact dimensions so they don't abandon part of a public road."

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "So Garrett looking at the Plat, I am assuming everybody have this same Plat. It shows 271' x 317'. If that is the section there are houses there. I am a little lost on that one that is why we are not sure."

Legal counsel Garrett Duplechain stated, "If there are any property owners that border on that road would own up to the middle of the road if it is abandon. If they have more than one land owner or who the land owner is, Attorney Bruce Gaudin would have that information. He would have to come here and explain further information if the council needs it. The council can do what they want with the information. If they need more information it would be from the Attorney Bruce Gaudin. He would be happy to contact Timmy or come here before the council to give further explanations whether or not the road should be abandon."

Councilman Timmy Lejeune stated, "Can I make a motion on this?"

Chairman Jody White stated, "Hold on sir, I recognize Mr. Blanchard has a comment."

Councilman Ernest Blanchard stated, "If there are houses right here and there is a road we need to check and see if there are utilities running along that road before we abandon it. Are there utilities?"

Councilman Timmy Lejeune stated, "I would like to make a motion please."

Chairman Jody White stated, "I still have another comment on this side but Mr. Lejeune I will come back to recognize you sir."

Councilwoman Mildred Thierry stated, "I simply wanted to second the motion from Mr. Lejeune. I think that we do need to gather more information and the right information before we move forward on this."

Chairman Jody White stated, "I agree. So the motion is to table this?"

Councilman Timmy Lejeune stated, "I am making a motion that we Table this until the owners of H & H Corporation get in touch with Mr. Soileau and show him the exact point

that they would like to have abandon so we can truly understand that, then we can move forward. Until that point the answer is tabled.”

A motion was made by Councilman Timmy Lejeune, seconded by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry to **Table Ordinance No. 2025-024**. An Ordinance to abandon the undeveloped part of Genung Avenue in St. Landry Parish which is also known as Pecan Road until the owner of H & H Corporation get in contact with Mr. Barry Soileau and show him the exact point that they would like to have abandoned.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Faltery Jolivette, Mildred Thierry, Alvin Stelly, Vivian Olivier, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards, and Ernest Blanchard. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** Nancy Carriere, Harold Taylor, Ken Marks and Wayne Ardoin. **ABSTAINED:** None. WHEREUPON, this motion was adopted on this, the 29th, day of July, 2025.

VI. ADJOURN:

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

On roll call vote: YEAS: Faltery Jolivette, Mildred Thierry, Alvin Stelly, Vivian Olivier, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards, and Ernest Blanchard. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** Nancy Carriere, Harold Taylor, Ken Marks and Wayne Ardoin. **ABSTAINED:** None. WHEREUPON, this motion was adopted on this, the 29th, day of July, 2025.

**ST. LANDRY PARISH COUNCIL
PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 6th, 2025
OLD CITY MARKET, 131 W. BELLEVUE ST.
OPELOUSAS, LOUISIANA**

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

1. Public Works Chairwoman Nancy Carriere called this meeting of the Public Works Committee of the St. Landry Parish Council to order.
2. Pledge of Allegiance & Invocation. (Councilwoman Vivian Olivier).
3. **Roll Call:** Nancy Carriere, Mildred Thierry, Alvin Stelly, Vivian Olivier, Wayne Ardoin and Jimmie Edwards. Ex-Officio Jody White. **ABSENT:** None.
4. **Person to address the Committee:**

Mr. Walter Smith addressed the council. He stated, “I am Walter Smith. I live t 212 St. Mary Avenue, Magnolia Ridge Subdivision. I am here concerning a blight issue.”

Public Works Chairwoman Nancy Carriere questioned, “Is it a light issue or blighted property issue?”

Councilman Wayne Ardoin stated, “He has a photo of it. I gave some of the councilmembers a copy but we don’t have enough copies but we can all share.”

Public Works Chairwoman Nancy Carriere stated, “Mr. Smith can you come to the mic.”

Mr. Walter Smith stated, “First of all, good afternoon to all of you members. I want to give a shout out to my councilman Mr. Wayne Ardoin. He has always been the best to us and I want to thank you.”

Councilman Wayne Ardoin stated, “Thank you Sir. I am glad you came.”

Mr. Walter Smith stated, “I want to thank you for the things that you do for us and all the things that you have done.”

Councilman Wayne Ardoin stated, “This needs to be addressed.”

Mr. Walter Smith stated, “I live at 212 St. Mary Avenue. Behind my house is St. Ann Avenue and that address is 215 St. Ann Avenue. You can look at the pictures for the ones who have them and you can see the Blighted Property. I don’t know if your Code Enforcement is here tonight but I was going to ask some questions about Code Enforcement and what the Code is. I am going to show you all this Blighted Property. They have mowed the front on St. Ann Street but what you will see on the back is my property, I have it written down and you see some areas that are mowed. That is my neighbor on the left and myself that keep a certain 10 feet mowed, we keep it trimmed but for the rest of it I would not mow it with my mower because I would probably burn it up, I would probably have to have bush hog.”

Public Works Chairwoman Nancy Carriere questioned, “Mr. Smith have you made a complaint with our Code Enforcement?”

Mr. Walter Smith stated, “We have made a complaint with our councilmember and he has probably called my wife 10 times. He is always letting her know what is going on and what the progress is. Like I said, he is the best. I am pretty sure that she knows about it.”

Councilman Wayne Ardoin stated, “Ms. Nancy, fellow Councilmembers, Mr. President, Ms. Alyssa went out there and looked at the property. There is some signs on the door under the carport that says the property is a Sheriff Sale. They supposed to have had a Sheriff Sale, I don’t know if they ever had the Sheriff Sale and she has tried to contact those people from that phone number that is on there to no avail. All that I am asking is that we please have someone go out there and cut the grass and we send the bill to someone because someone will sell that property.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “So, as you all know we cannot go on people property without going through the process. This is the first that I hear of it.”

Councilman Wayne Ardoin stated, “Mr. Bellard, I spoke to you about it.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “If you spoke to me about it I don’t remember but I will tell you like this, I will take care of it tomorrow. See, this is what happens, whenever there is an issue with this type of stuff it is on my side not the council side. I have to see about it, not the council.”

Mr. Walter Smith stated, “I understand that but I think part of it is on the council.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “No Sir it is not. It is not on the council’s side at all.”

Mr. Walter Smith stated, “Mr. Ardoin represents us.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “I understand what you are saying but it is not their job, but I will take care of it.”

Mr. Walter Smith stated, “He represents us, he represent our district and he is the guy that we talk to when we have an issue.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “I will take care of it on my end. So that is how that works.”

Mr. Walter Smith stated, “I don’t know what the codes are maybe somebody does but all I am saying is this, if I am sitting here and the code is what I am getting ready to talk to you about and they were that way it would be very simple.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “I wish it was that simple.”

Mr. Walter Smith stated, “I am just saying. I would send a letter to the landowner and let them know that they have 30 days or whatever it would be if you don’t take care of it we would send you a bill. If you don’t want to pay it we will take you to court.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “I wish it was that simple but it is not. I will take care of it. How about we do this, if you want to discuss it further we can do it tomorrow or we can do it after the meeting but I am not going to discuss it in an open meeting.”

Mr. Walter Smith stated, “Okay.”

Councilman Wayne Ardoin stated, “Thank you Mr. Smith. Mr. Bellard, Alyssa went out there and looked at that property. She is very aware of it. I know that she is trying.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “The problem is ownership. If you don’t get to the right owner we cannot go on the property.”

Councilman Wayne Ardoin stated, “She has tried.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “Yes I know but there is a lot to it than just cutting somebody’s grass. I wish it was that easy.”

Public Works Chairwoman Nancy Carriere stated, “I know that it is a process just like with adjudicated property. If it is in the neighborhood how much time do they have to cut it?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “They have 15 days once we can get to the right owner.”

Public Works Chairwoman Nancy Carriere stated, “I just wanted to clarify that so that the people can hear.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “It is the same thing in the country as it is anywhere else. If it is farm land you have to be farming it in order to stay away from it but if it just weeds and stuff and not being farmed for hay or anything then it is the same process.”

Mr. Walter Smith stated, “I want to thank you all for letting me address this tonight.”

Public Works Chairwoman Nancy Carriere stated, “The next person to address the council is Ms. Jade Lavergne.”

Ms. Jade Lavergne stated, “Hello my name is Jade Lavergne. I live at 566 Iseringhausen Road, Church Point LA. I have been there for roughly 15 years. I call probably 3-4 times a week as far as the road conditions and the drainage problem. The minute we get rain, even if it is one hour of down pour or two days of down pour we are flooded in all 3 ways to get in and out. I keep calling to address this issue and nothing is being done about it and I don’t know what the next step is? I was told they are going to raise the road 6 inches but I don’t know how that is going to make a difference. I have my phone right here with pictures of one hour of rain and how bad the rain came up. If we don’t have a heads up we can’t put vehicles out therefore we can’t go to work and we can’t pay our bills. This is not just myself but everyone that lives on that road. I have two daughters that live on Martinez Road that connect to Iseringhausen and they have the same problem of getting in and out. We used our tractor and the clutch went out from water getting inside of the tractor. We just took a truck out of the shop right now that the mechanic said it was due to going through water. If you don’t have a choice you have to go to work to pay your bills you have to do what you have to do but something have to be done about the road. I don’t know who I am addressing on this board.”

Councilman Alvin Stelly questioned, “Whose district is that for?”

Chairman Jody White stated, “That is District 8.”

Councilman Wayne Ardoin stated, “District 8 that is Ms. Vivian.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “So, it is me. The council have nothing to do with that as well. It is a simple process for us to take care of that problem. The problem is in Lafayette Parish the water backs up on St. Landry Parish, yes Ma’am.”

Ms. Jade Lavergne stated, “No it does not. I can show you pictures from Lafayette Parish where it crosses into Lafayette Parish and there is no water on the road at all. It is all on St. Landry Parish. I have been calling for 15 years. I don’t know when you stepped in and it became you but nothing has ever been done. They come and grade the road and they dig it deeper and deeper and deeper. My son is 6’2” and it was to his waist and we were trying to get out on boats and canoes to get out. If we need groceries or anything. So when does it stop?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “Like I just finished explaining to you we are talking with Lafayette Parish and we are dealing with them.”

Ms. Jade Lavergne stated, “It has nothing to do with Lafayette Parish. Why are we blaming it on Lafayette Parish? There is no water on Lafayette Parishes side. The canal are not full. I can show you all of the pictures.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “Then I don’t have an answer for you.”

Ms. Jade Lavergne stated, “Why now that it is being brought up next week you all are starting to lift the road. Why after 15 years?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “I went on that road this week Monday, yes, I went on that road Monday and I went to see for myself. We are going to lift that road up. When I went to look at it myself. That is what I am trying to tell people, I don’t have the time to go and ride every road so whenever somebody calls and complain to me I will see about it. If I don’t know about it I can’t fix it.”

Ms. Jade Lavergne stated, “Okay, for how long have you been in office now?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “This is the first time that I get a complaint regarding that.”

Ms. Jade Lavergne stated, “I have tagged you in every Facebook Post when it is flooded. I take pictures to show that we are trying to get out.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “Yes, Ma’am, I get so many Facebook Post and all kind of stuff, I don’t look at everything on Facebook because most of the time it is a bunch of extra stuff that I don’t need to see.”

Ms. Jade Lavergne stated, “But you responded to the one that I just did this past week.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “Yes because the comment was made about the money situation stating that we can’t use that same money about the drainage.”

Ms. Jade Lavergne stated, “Okay, there was money that was allocated for the road.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “I am not going to discuss this in an open meeting. If you want I will be more than happy to have a meeting with you in my office. I can meet you at your house or whatever it is and I can explain it to you where we are going from here. Once I am notified of something I don’t let it sit.”

Ms. Jade Lavergne stated, “Okay, so you have never been notified, not once.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “Once I am notified I don’t let it sit.”

Ms. Jade Lavergne stated, “We’ll see. It is in the open and everybody can hear it today so we will see how long it sits.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “Everybody on this council can attest to that,”

Public Works Chairwoman Nancy Carriere stated, “I just want to clarify one thing for our viewers. Her road is a Church Point Address but it is in St. Landry Parish.”

Ms. Jade Lavergne stated, “Yes, I am borderline. St. Landry, Acadia and Lafayette Parish.”

Public Work Chairwoman Nancy Carriere stated, “I just wanted to clarify that because a lot of times people may wonder why it is in Church Point but it is in St. Landry Parish.”

Ms. Jade Lavergne stated, “I am all three parishes so I guess it is Acadia’s Parish problem also.”

Public Works Chairwoman Nancy Carriere stated, “Mr. Bellard, do you want to exchange numbers and maybe you can meet with him.”

Ms. Jade Lavergne stated, “Oh yes, I am free any day and every day, anytime. I would love to see what it is going to be.”

Public Works Chairwoman Nancy Carriere stated, “Maybe you all can continue this discussion. The next person to address the council is Ms. Sarah Arceneaux.”

Ms. Sarah Arceneaux addressed the council. She stated, “Hello my name is Sarah Arceneaux and I happen to be Jade’s mom. I don’t live on the flooded road I live up front on the highway but I do live in St. Landry Parish. I need to ask Mr. Bellard who is Mr. Soileau to you?”

Mr. Barry Soileau, Public Works Director stated, “Public Works Director.”

Ms. Sarah Arceneaux stated, “How is Mr. Soileau connected to Mr. Bellard?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “He is the Public Works Director.”

Ms. Sarah Arceneaux stated, “Who does he answer to?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “To me.”

Ms. Sarah Arceneaux stated, “To you.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “Yes Ma’am.”

Ms. Sarah Arceneaux stated, “Okay with that being said you should be very well aware of what has been going on because me and Mr. Soileau rode during COVID. He in his truck and myself in my car. I pointed out to him all what was going on back there when he approached me to clean out the canal. I have been made aware since then and I don’t know who can look at these documents and tell me what is the validity of them because it is my understanding that the canal that he keeps talking to me about digging and cleaning and now he wants to spray herbicide in is not actually a canal, it is a drainage ditch. I have all of this paper work from the Clerks’ Office that identifies it as a drainage ditch and not a canal so who can tell me what it is?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “You can give it to me and I can get our Engineers to look at it.”

Ms. Sarah Arceneaux stated, “Well the point that I am trying to make by being here tonight is that the ditches on Martinez Road are deeper than the so called drainage ditch/canal whatever it is to be, they are deeper than the drainage ditch. The water cannot drain off of Martinez Road onto our properties because it would have to jump and that is impossible. The point that I made to him when I road in the truck and the car during COVID was that he told me there was a third party that had been hired to dig the ditches

and for whatever reason they had been fired but they dug ditches on the north and the south side of Martinez Road that are deeper than any of the ditches. They hold water through droughts, no matter what, they are full of water and I have pictures I should have printed for everyone to see but I don't guess that it matters to anyone but him if it is only him that is suppose to take care of it. My question is this, if this is a ditch does it matter? Do you all have jurisdiction and the easement requirements to be able to dig on people's property?"

Mr. Barry Soileau, Public Works Director stated, "I can answer that because I am the one who called you."

Ms. Sarah Arceneaux stated, "Right."

Mr. Barry Soileau, Public Works Director stated, "Gerald Faul who is on the Drainage Board asked me to call the three landowners to get permission to spray."

Ms. Sarah Arceneaux stated, "Right that was last week."

Mr. Barry Soileau, Public Works Director stated, "If I called it a canal I am sorry, a ditch, it drains the road okay. The Drainage Board is trying to lead that water down a canal, it needs to be cleaned and that is why I contacted you. I told you that on the phone. We dug the ditches to grade where they suppose to be but the canal is higher because it needs to be cleaned. You all won't allow the drainage board to do their job. You are complaining about the ditches being full but if we can't clean the canal or ditch, excuse me to drain it then what do we do?"

Ms. Sarah Arceneaux stated, "I am on the end. I am the last person on the end of the ditch. Mr. Prejean's property is the first one that is way higher than the road or your ditches. You told me that you all were going to sue him or you all were going to force him."

Mr. Barry Soileau, Public Works Director stated, "No Ma'am that is not what I told you. I told you the next action the drainage board will have to take is take the landowner to court. That is what I said."

Ms. Sarah Arceneaux stated, "Have that happen?"

Mr. Barry Soileau, Public Works Director stated, "I am not on the drainage board. I was helping the Drainage Board to try and get their job done. These guys are appointed so I was trying to get my ditches drained to allow to help you."

Ms. Sarah Arceneaux stated, "Okay if you don't dig on Prejean you don't need to dig on me was the point. My mother-in-law allowed you all to dig. There is Prejean, Arceneaux and Arceneaux Property in this little bitty drainage ditch okay. My mother-in-law was kind enough to let Mr. Soileau's people dig so now she has a retention pond in the middle and I have pictures. She holds everybody's water."

Mr. Barry Soileau, Public Works Director stated, "No Ma'am."

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "This is what we are going to do. This have nothing to do with the council."

Ms. Sarah Arceneaux stated, "Maybe they should listen and see what is going on."

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "They have no jurisdiction on what I do. That is what I am trying to tell you all. They can't tell me what to do. So this is what we are going to do, if you want to meet and discuss it I am more than happy to do that but in an open meeting is not the place to do this."

Ms. Sarah Arceneaux stated, "I have called your office and left numerous messages that have never been returned. I have actually called you Ms. Olivier and left messages. The only person I have ever spoke to is him."

Councilwoman Vivian Olivier stated, “That is because when you called me I have to call him to go out and see. I mean I can’t go out there.”

Ms. Sarah Arceneaux stated, “I understand completely, yes but I am just saying that when he comes he only gets a yes from Ms. Mitzie Arceneaux which is my mother-in-law. Mr. LA Prejean, the Prejean Property have a padlock on their gate, they are not letting no-one in there. My question tonight was this: Is there a difference between a drainage ditch and a canal? Why haven’t someone, the Parish Attorney, send them a letter to require them to let them dig.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “There is a lot that goes into that. We had that same problem on the north end of the parish. They required us to get our engineers to go and do a study.”

Ms. Sarah Arceneaux stated, “Have that been done on our end?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “If you want to discuss this we can discuss it somewhere else. I will not discuss it in an open meeting anymore.”

Ms. Sarah Arceneaux stated, “So, why did we come over here?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “I did not ask you to come here ma’am.

Ms. Sarah Arceneaux stated, “Well no I had to because you don’t return my calls.”

Councilman Wayne Ardoin stated, “He want to be smart mouth.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “Yes that is right Wayne.”

Ms. Sarah Arceneaux stated, “You can be smart all day long.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “Have a good day Ma’am.”

Public Works Chairwoman Nancy Carriere stated, “Okay, Mr. Bellard you will schedule a meeting to meet so you all can try to resolve it.”

Ms. Sarah Arceneaux stated, “Sure.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “It is not needed here that is what I am trying to say.”

Public Works Chairwoman Nancy Carriere stated, “That is fine but she needs to get some closure. Maybe you can give her your number.”

Ms. Sarah Arceneaux stated, “Yes, I need somebody to tell me if that is a ditch or a canal.”

Public Works Chairwoman Nancy Carriere stated, “Maybe you can give her your number.”

Ms. Sarah Arceneaux questioned, “Why haven’t a letter been sent to Mr. Prejean?”

Public Works Chairwoman Nancy Carriere stated, “We will let you all finish that discussion. She can get with you. The next person is Mr. Norman Saltzman.”

Mr. Norman Saltzman addressed the council. He stated, “I am Norman Saltzman. I live at 328 Martinez Road. I am here for the same issues they have. I have learned since the last time that I came that you all are elevating the road which will give us an escape route because the water does get 12-14 inches high in some places. I was just here to find out what is the progress on that ditch/canal that drains most of my property. It backs up

all the way to my property so that is what I was here for. I am not sure if they have done something because I have come here 2-3 months ago and talked about it.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “We are raising that road. We are trying some new chemicals and hopefully this is going to hold it tight. As you know it is not as easy as just raising a road we have to do a lot drainage work.”

Mr. Norman Saltzman stated, “I am good with that. I came after I found out about the road and I came to find out about the drainage, the canal easement or whatever she is talking about what is going to be done.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “We will bring it to our attorney and he can look at it to see if we have any legal rights on that property. If we do have something there is a lot of work that goes into that. Just like I was saying we are just starting a project on Fauborg Gin Road that took us almost 2 years because of the legal process. I am not saying that is not going to happen we are just saying that it takes a while to get the drainage canals done.”

Mr. Norman Saltzman stated, “Just like my neighbor told me. He has documentaries from 11 years back about this issue. Mr. Soileau and I have been talking about it off and on. We can meet all together I guess.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “Alright, I appreciate it.

Public Works Chairwoman Nancy Carriere questioned, “Mr. Bellard, when is the road expected to be raised?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “We have it planned for someone to come out next week to look at the type of dirt that we are going to put on it. There are a lot of different things that goes into play but it is in motion.”

Public Works Chairwoman Nancy Carriere stated, “Moving along we need the Public Works Report.”

5. Public Works Report:

Mr. Barry Soileau, Public Works Director stated, “This is for the month of July we:

Boomed Axed	12 Roads
Culvert Cleaned	17 Roads
Culvert Insulation	12 Roads
Debris Removal	45 Roads
Ditching	13 Roads
Grading	65 Roads
Material Spreading	4 Roads
Pot Hole Patching	43 Roads
Shredded	8 Roads
Sign Installation	10 Roads
Tree Removal	16 Roads
Washout	10 Roads

Councilwoman Mildred Thierry stated, “I think that it is appropriate to say at this time. I want to personally thank Mr. Barry Soileau and his team for being so swift when a call is made after hours. On Wednesday last week I received a call at about 8:00 or 8:30 p.m. saying a large branch was down across one road. Thirty minutes later I received another call on the very same night saying that a large tree had fallen down. Both times all I did was text Mr. Soileau and said please send someone out and I named the two roads. He said okay, we have someone going out there. The next morning at 6:30 a.m. I got another call with another tree across the road. I text Mr. Soileau immediately and it was okay. As for me, I am not sure about the others, I am sure that you react the same way with every councilmember and I just wanted to let you know that we really do appreciate that

because that means a lot when you have a constituent who calls and says we have a tree down and we can get it done quickly, thank you again, we appreciate that.”

Mr. Barry Soileau, Public Works Director stated, “You are welcome. Thank you all so much.”

Public Works Chairwoman Nancy Carriere stated, “I want to second that Mr. Soileau.”

A motion was made by Councilman Wayne Ardoin, seconded by Councilman Alvin Stelly to accept the Public Works Report.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Mildred Thierry, Alvin Stelly, Vivian Olivier, Wayne Ardoin and Jimmie Edwards. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** None. **ABSTAINED:** None.

Motion carried.

6. **Authorize the Council Clerk to advertise for five appointments for a four-year term to Lawtell Gravity Drainage District No. 11. (10-02-2025 – 10-2-2029).**

A motion was made by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry, seconded by Councilman Alvin Stelly to forward to Regular Meeting held on **Wednesday, August 20th, 2025** to authorize the Council Clerk to advertise for five appointments to Lawtell Gravity Drainage District No. 11.

(10-02-2025 – 10-02-2029).

On roll call vote: YEAS: Mildred Thierry, Alvin Stelly, Vivian Olivier, Wayne Ardoin and Jimmie Edwards. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** None. **ABSTAINED:** None.

Motion forwarded.

7. **Authorize the Council Clerk to advertise for two appointments for a four-year term to Faquetique Gravity Drainage District No 1. (10-02-2025 – 10-02-2029).**

A motion was made by Councilman Jimmie Edwards, seconded by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry to forward to Regular Meeting held on **Wednesday, August 20th, 2025** to authorize the Council Clerk to advertise for two appointments for a four year term to Faquetique Gravity Drainage District No. 1. (10-02-2025 – 10-0-2029).

On roll call vote: YEAS: Mildred Thierry, Alvin Stelly, Vivian Olivier, Wayne Ardoin and Jimmie Edwards. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** None. **ABSTAINED:** None.

Motion forwarded.

8. **Authorize the Council Clerk to advertise for one appointment for the remainder of a four-year term to Coulee Crouche Gravity Drainage District No. 22. (08-17-2024 – 08-17-2028).**

A motion was made by Councilman Wayne Ardoin, seconded by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry to forward to Regular Meeting held on **Wednesday, August 20th, 2025** to authorize the Council Clerk to advertise for one appointment for the remainder of a four-year term to Coulee Crouche Gravity Drainage District No. 22. (08-17-2024 – 08-17-2028).

On roll call vote: YEAS: Mildred Thierry, Alvin Stelly, Vivian Olivier, Wayne Ardoin and Jimmie Edwards. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** None. **ABSTAINED:** None.

Motion forwarded.

9. **Preliminary approval for a Residential Subdivision “JJED TITHES, LLC” being Tract B & Tract D of the Stuart Meche Partition showing a 16,000 acre tract of land partitioned as lots 1-32 located on ‘Proposed Street’ off of Miller and Montgomery Road, Opelousas, LA.**

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “I am not bringing that to the council tonight.”

Public Works Chairwoman Nancy Carriere stated, “Will we Table that item? Do you have a question Mr. Stelly?”

Councilman Alvin Stelly stated, “Not on item No. 9.”

A motion was made by Councilman Wayne Ardoin, seconded by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry to **Table** the Preliminary approval for a Residential Subdivision “JJED TITHES, LLC” being Tract B & Tract D of the Stuart Meche Partition showing a 16,000 acre tract of land partitioned as lots 1-32 located on ‘Proposed Street’ off of Miller and Montgomery Road, Opelousas, LA.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Mildred Thierry, Alvin Stelly, Vivian Olivier, Wayne Ardoin and Jimmie Edwards. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** None. **ABSTAINED:** None.

Motion carried.

10. Discuss any other business properly brought before this committee.

Councilman Alvin Stelly questioned, “Mr. Bellard, I have a question. Did you all stop that project on that Coolie today?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “Yes.”

Councilman Alvin Stelly stated, “NRCS says culverts will not work on that at all.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “I got the report this afternoon.”

Councilman Alvin Stelly questioned, “Is that what they said? Now what is going to happen? Are we going to pull them out?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “We are going to fix it, yes. We are going to take them out and put a bridge across, not a bridge but a rail cord.”

Councilman Alvin Stelly stated, “Alright. I had called today and it was unreal about that.

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “I talked to some people. Whenever we got the report from NRCS it was pretty clear what they wanted and that is their recommendations. Obviously we don’t have to do it but we are not going to go against them.”

Councilman Alvin Stelly stated, “Will we have to put two rails? One will not be wide enough.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “Joe is going tomorrow morning to make sure. We will fix it to where they can pass on the right-of-way side.”

Councilman Alvin Stelly stated, “They are putting that off of the right-of- way.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “That is what I am saying it is going to be on the right side where it belongs. It should have been placed where the old bridge was. So they are fixing that.”

Councilman Alvin Stelly stated, “So we got it straight. Thank you. I appreciate it.”

Councilman Dexter Brown questioned, “Mr. Barry, first of all I want to thank you and your crew for all that you do for the constituents of St. Landry Parish. I have two lots that I need you to check into. One we had spoken about. It is on Richard Road just off of Richard Kolder Lane, I will text you the address. I know that it is on Richard Kolder Lane. Another property is at 213 Oliver Road, Lawtell, LA.”

Mr. Barry Soileau, Public Works Director questioned, “What is the issue?”

Councilman Dexter Brown stated, “Overgrown trees and overgrowth in the yard.”

Mr. Barry Soileau, Public Works Director stated, “Okay I will get with Alyssa.”

Councilman Dexter Brown stated, “Basically it is just a nuisance. I will text you that last know owners name.”

Council Clerk Sherell Jordan stated, “Madam Chair, the council needs to take a vote about Item No, 9 to table that item.”

Councilman Alvin Stelly stated, “Mr. Bellard, I have another question. On that same project what is that going to cost us to pull that out and put some rail.

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “I will find out about that tomorrow.”

Councilman Alvin Stelly questioned, “Who asked to put that?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “Mr. Danny.”

Councilman Alvin Stelly questioned, “Will the money come from the Road and Bridge Fund?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “That is right.”

Councilman Alvin Stelly stated, “That is using everybody’s money to serve in my district. I don’t have nothing against it but it will cost us \$70,000.00.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “It will be close to that, yes.”

Councilman Alvin Stelly questioned, “Do you all have an issue with that?”

Public Works Chairwoman Nancy Carriere stated, “I would have to look at it a little bit more Mr. Stelly because you did not want to share your money with us.”

Councilman Alvin Stelly stated, “In one district really it should serve only one person.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “It will serve all of the farmers that own that property back there.”

Councilman Alvin Stelly stated, “It drains eight thousand acers of land. Eight thousand, not eight hundred but eight thousand acers of land.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “Let me explain what we do. Every day we do things in districts I look at it this way. I look at what the issue is at hand. I don’t look at a district. If it is in District 7 or District 8 it does not matter to me.”

Councilman Alvin Stelly stated, “I understand that. I appreciate what you are doing but that is private land. We are doing work on private land.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “No we are not. We are doing it in the canal that is for the Parish of S. Landry.”

Councilman Alvin Stelly stated, “That is all on private land Jessie.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “Not the canal.”

Councilman Alvin Stelly stated, “Yes it is, you checked it, I am telling you it is, it is private land.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “No it is not.”

Councilman Alvin Stelly stated, “Ask those Olivier’s, ask them.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “At the end of the day we are doing something that is going to help the farmers in that area like I do in any part of the parish. If we can legally do something we do it to help.”

Councilman Alvin Stelly stated, “We are going to spend almost \$100,000.00 on this project just in District 7. It is taking from all of the board members in here because we are taking it from Road and Bridge, right? So that serves everybody in here.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “It serves the Parish of St. Landry which is what I am in control of and I do it every day. If somebody calls for some help no matter what district it is we help them.”

Councilman Alvin Stelly stated, “They have another man that called me this afternoon and said if you all can do that for this person on private land I want a bridge myself. Then what is going to happen? You are going to build him a bridge?”

Councilwoman Vivian Olivier questioned, “Will my district pay for your bridge?”

Councilman Alvin Stelly stated, “Yes.”

Councilwoman Vivian Olivier stated, “No.”

Councilman Alvin Stelly stated, “Some of it, yes. Road and Bridge. If it is Road and Bridge isn’t that for the Parish?”

Councilman Wayne Ardoin stated, “Let’s move on Madam Chair.”

Public Works Chairwoman Nancy Carriere stated, “I know that Mr. Stelly had some concerns. I guess you can talk to him more about it.”

Councilman Alvin Stelly stated, “I don’t want to take money from your district or Mr. Lejeune district at the other end. I just wanted that to be cleared because we are spending a lot of money to serve one person in that district, one person.”

Councilwoman Mildred Thierry stated “Bring it all down to District 4.”

Public Works Chairwoman Nancy Carriere stated, “I have one comment that I would like to make to you Mr. Bellard. I constantly have constituents that will call me personally because they know me. When I ran I walked those neighborhoods so they know my face. A lot of times people will call us and we know that everything will land on your lap but we are the faces. We ask people to vote for us and a lot of people still believe in the old Police Jury way. I do explain to them but I am a go-to person and I will forward it. I don’t think that you should take it so offensively if a constituent calls us because they know us and they are asking us. Sometimes we will pass it on to you. I understand that sometimes you have not heard of any of those situations. People call me all the time and I am a people person so I will answer them and I will try to find the best solution to their problem. I understand that it lies with you and I think that you should not be offended because the buck stops with you and people do know us and they see us.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “It is not a problem whenever they contact you all and you all contact Public Works or any department. The problem is whenever these certain councilmembers tell people to come to a council meeting for no reason. It is making them spend a lot of time and a lot of gas money for no reason. So that is the part that I am making. It is easier just to handle it in my office but whenever they come to a full council meeting it is wasting their time.”

Public Works Chairwoman Nancy Carriere stated, “I just want to say one last thing. I do have a note that I will discuss with you on behalf of one of my constituents that could not make it to a meeting. They have told me that they have been constantly calling you and they have not received any resolution. So therefore they ask me to speak for them. Later on in the Finance Department area I will speak on it. I think if they have made several attempts and they have not been able to reach anybody they reach out to us. We try to forward it and sometimes after a while they try to reach you and they can’t I would say to them then maybe you need to voice it, you maybe need to come in, you can catch him here.”

11. Adjourn.

A motion was made by Councilman Wayne Ardoin, seconded by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry adjourn the Public Works Committee.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Mildred Thierry, Alvin Stelly, Vivian Olivier, Wayne Ardoin and Jimmie Edwards. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** None. **ABSTAINED:** None.

Motion carried.

**ST. LANDRY PARISH COUNCIL
ADMINISTRATIVE/FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 6th, 2025
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:** Harold Taylor, Ken Marks, Dexter Brown and Timmy Lejeune. Ex-Officio Jody White. **ABSENT:** Faltery Jolivette and Ernest Blanchard.
3. **Person to address the Committee.**
None.
4. **Parish President & Finance Reports:**

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “In your packet you should have a Resolution, well you should have two Resolutions that was brought to our attention this week in regards to the Clarence Grant that we received. They are asking us to pass ***Resolution No. 023-2025.*** It is a Resolution to Adopt Residential Anti-displacement and Relocation Assistance Plan. What it is saying is that we are not going to displace anybody out of their homes in the process of doing the Clarence Grant. At the end of the day the people that are asking to have their houses torn down, they won’t be living there, you have to have this policy in place for the state.”

A motion was made by Councilman Dexter Brown, seconded by Councilman Timmy Lejeune to forward to Regular Meeting held on ***Wednesday, August 20th, 2025*** to Adopt ***Resolution No. 023-2025.***

On roll call vote: YEAS: Ken Marks, Dexter Brown and Timmy Lejeune.

NAYS: None. **ABSENT:** Faltery Jolivette and Ernest Blanchard. **ABSTAINED:** None.

Motion forwarded.

Resolution No. 023-2025

**RESOLUTION TO ADOPT RESIDENTIAL ANTIDISPLACEMENT
AND RELOCATION ASSISTANCE PLAN**

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “The second one is ***Resolution No. 024-2025.*** It is a Resolution to Adopt the LCDBG and Parish Procurement Policies. It is for the same reason to give to the state in regards to the Clarence Grant.”

A motion was med by Councilman Ken marks, seconded by Councilman Dexter Brown to forward to Regular Meeting held on ***Wednesday, August 20, 2025*** to Adopt ***Resolution No. 024-2025.***

On roll call vote: YEAS: Ken Marks, Dexter Brown and Timmy Lejeune.

NAYS: None. **ABSENT:** Faltery Jolivette and Ernest Blanchard. **ABSTAINED:** None.

Motion forwarded.

Resolution No. 024-2025.

**RESOLUTION TO ADOPT LCDBG AND PARISH PROCUREMENT
POLICIES**

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “That is all that I have.”

Administrative Finance Chairman Harold Taylor stated, “Mr. Bellard I was looking at the Revenue, Statement and Expenses. On page 3 it says Revenue Account 011-999-999999, Cancel Revenue, \$16,695.52. What is Cancel Revenue?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “I am looking at it right now. When the auditors come in they have to do some Journal Entries and they log it into that category. That is what the auditors send us to do at the end of the audit. They come in and it is an audit adjustment.”

Administrative Finance Chairman Harold Taylor stated, “Okay thank you.”

A motion was made by Councilman Timmy Lejeune, seconded by Councilman Ken Marks to Accept the Parish President and Finance Report.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Ken Marks, Dexter Brown and Timmy Lejeune.

NAYS: None. **ABSENT:** Faltery Jolivette and Ernest Blanchard. **ABSTAINED:** None.

Motion carried.

5. **Discuss the funds that were made from the Barbecue Festival.
(Councilman Timmy Lejeune).**

Councilman Timmy Lejeune stated, “Mr. Bellard.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “Jamie is telling me that the invoices are still coming in. She does not have a complete form yet. Hopefully she will have it for the next council meeting.”

A motion was made by Councilman Timmy Lejeune, seconded by Councilman Ken Marks to forward to Regular Meeting held on ***Wednesday, August 20th, 2025*** to authorize the Parish President to present the council with a full report of the funds that were made from the Barbecue Festival.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Ken Marks, Dexter Brown and Timmy Lejeune.

NAYS: None. **ABSENT:** Faltery Jolivette and Ernest Blanchard. **ABSTAINED:** None.

Motion forwarded.

6. **Discuss having the attorney research the law in regards to issuing permits.
(Councilwoman Mildred Thierry).**

Councilwoman Mildred Thierry stated, “I would like to have this forwarded to the full council so that we can have a discussion. I experienced something a little over a month ago in one of the subdivisions. I could have cried when I saw what had been delivered and placed in a residential area. Something that totally devalued the value of the other land owner’s property. I think that we need to have a discussion and see what we can do to try and put something in place to protect other land owners in the future. I would like to forward this to the full council.”

Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated, “Madam Councilwoman, what type of permits are we talking about?”

Councilwoman Mildred Thierry stated, “When they get ready to move something within an area you have to have a permit to be able to move it or any moveable. It can be a mobile home or some type of building. I think that we need to look into this and see what the law is.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “It is regarding the buildings, it is a building permit.”

Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated, “I understand Ms. Mildred. I will have that ready for you at the full council meeting. For today I just happen to have the permit ordinance right here so I can get you a copy of it. We will be ready to go for the full council meeting.”

Councilwoman Mildred Thierry stated, “My main concern is that I personally believe if you are going to allow something to be moved into a residential area I would think that you need to have someone go and inspect that building before it is moved in and not just issue a permit. I want to make sure that we put our heads together on this and see if it is legal and we can put an ordinance in place to protect the hard working people who worked hard to earn their property and let someone get a trailer that looks like something that have been salvaged and put it in the middle of two brick homes. You don’t know if you don’t get it inspected first on the condition of the building.”

Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated, “I will have that ready to go at the full council meeting. After this meeting that we are having right here I can get you a copy of the permit ordinances for that type of situation where they are moving a home and the structure and the building, constructing it or moving it and the penalties that can be imposed if they don’t get the permit and they don’t follow it. I can get you that today and we will be ready to go at the full council meeting.”

Councilwoman Mildred Thierry stated, “My point is that I feel that we need to get it inspected before a permit is issued. That is what I want to have a discussion about. I want you to seek and see if there is any state law or anything that is in place that would prevent us from having an ordinance passed to back this up.”

Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated, “Right, once we review the ordinance which I have here then we can see if something further needs to be done.”

Councilman Timmy Lejeune questioned, “I thought when we did this trailer house ordinance it included a year and model.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “No, so this is only for a Trailer Park. Only for a Trailer Park.”

Councilman Timmy Lejeune stated, “It does not apply to every trailer.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “Correct. I understand what Ms. Thierry is talking about but there is nothing in our ordinance that prevents this from happening. We don’t have zoning and they don’t have an HOA. We are not going to go and inspect some property or a house that they are moving if the law does not back us up. I don’t have a problem doing an inspection if we have an ordinance saying that it has to be whatever quality or everything else.”

Councilman Timmy Lejeune stated, “Therefore it just have to be added to the ordinance that exist.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “I would think so and if the law allows us but I know there are some Federal Laws that prohibit us from doing certain things because we have tried some in the past but whatever we can do to help what she is talking about. If you can go and see it nobody wants that next to their house.”

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated, “I moved my home and before I could get any lights or anything done we have a building inspector. Before that person and to me that is when that inspection would come in for her situation. They have already moved it but they would have not been able to if it had not passed an inspection then they cannot complete everything. That is one issue with the building inspector.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “That is correct. But it is moved already and it is already in place.”

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated, “I understand what she is asking but I don’t know how you would monitor that and they have already bought the property and they go to get their permit when they are moving it because I had to get a permit then they should be able to go and look at it to see what is being moved. Mine did not get looked at but fine that is what the rule is going to be. Secondly, there is a trailer on the parking lot, I am sure everybody saw it, how did it get there and how is it going to be moved. It is by the Civic Center. It is like it is broken in half. Have anyone seen it? I was trying to figure out how did it get there and how are they going to put this trailer on a parish road or any road to take it from that location. I don’t know where it came from and it is only one half of a trailer. I got a phone call today from one of my constituents who did tell me that he had contacted you all. He spoke to Ms. Alyssa and he is not getting any kind of answers. He asked me to ask these questions on his behalf. It is regarding a trailer which she went out and look at it on Ranch Street. It is Mr. Michael Edwards. I think that he is in every right, the trailer is not where it suppose to be it is against the fence. I did speak to someone at CLECO today and they do have a right to put electricity in that trail. I drove there today and I smelt a little sewage. I am not sure if they are tying into the house or if this is another home. I think that she went out there but he is not getting any answers.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “I am familiar. If that is the one where the cousins next door and they are tapping into everything, the state was notified and they were not going to go out there and enforce anything on that. That don’t stop us from going try to do what we need to do however we can’t tell him that he can’t plug into his neighbor’s electricity. On the sewerage part that is where the problem will come at and tomorrow we are going to take care of that. I found out about it this afternoon.”

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated, “From what I am understanding they did not get a permit.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “It is an old trailer from what I understand.”

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated, “It is livable and they did not get a permit to move it.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “We don’t know if they got one.”

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated, “From what I understand the research was done. They did not get a permit. So that trailer was moved there in the back yard and someone is living in it. The biggest complaint Mr. Edwards has was the sewerage and it was so close and I think that it suppose to be so many feet from the neighbor and it is not.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “So many feet from the property line.”

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated, “It needs to be move. From what I understand all of the laws are being broken, it should be moved. I don’t know how long we are going to let this go on. It is not anchored down and if it is movable it suppose to anchored down.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “If they don’t come to us to get a permit and we give them a permit and they don’t do what needs to be done and our inspector goes out there and allow this to take place then we have a serious problem. However if nobody comes and gets a permit he does not have electricity to the house. He is not legally there again, this afternoon I found out about this so guess what I am going to go and see about it. I will have to find out about it to go and see about it. I don’t know if people know this but the parish president’s position has a lot of stuff going on and I take everyone of them serious when I get it. I don’t let it go undone, I can promise you that because I am against that kind of stuff. If someone wants to come in the parish and plug next door we can’t stop that but we are not going to let them do that. That is why we passed an ordinance last year about the sewer.”

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated, “I understand that. That is why I made the comment. He did call me and he said he had no idea what other step to go. He knew that

I knocked on his door and he decided to give me a call. He went through all of the channels, he spoke to Ms. Alyssa and she did go out there and the conclusion was made.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “I will go on tomorrow.”

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated, “Thank you.”

A motion was made by Councilman Ken Marks, seconded by Councilman Timmy Lejeune to forward to Regular Meeting held on ***Wednesday August 20th, 2025*** authorizing Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain to further research the law in regards to issuing permits.
On roll call vote: YEAS: Ken Marks, Dexter Brown and Timmy Lejeune.
NAYS: None. **ABSENT:** Faltery Jolivette and Ernest Blanchard. **ABSTAINED:** None.
Motion forwarded.

7. **Authorize the Council Clerk to advertise for two appointments for a four-year term to Eunice Gravity Drainage District No. 9 of Evangeline and St. Landry Parishes. (10-02-2025 – 10-02-2029).**

A motion was made by Councilman Timmy Lejeune, seconded by Councilman Dexter Brown to forward to Regular Meeting held on ***Wednesday, August 20th, 2025*** to authorize the Council Clerk to advertise for two appointments for a four-year term to Eunice Gravity Drainage District No. 9 of Evangeline and St. Landry Parishes.
(10-02-2025 – 10-02-2029).

On roll call vote: YEAS: Ken Marks, Dexter Brown and Timmy Lejeune.
NAYS: None. **ABSENT:** Faltery Jolivette and Ernest Blanchard. **ABSTAINED:** None.
Motion forwarded.

8. **Forward to full council RESOLUTION No. 020-2025. A Resolution to participate in the Opioid Lawsuit Settlement with Alvogen, Amneal, Apotex, Hikma, Indivior, Mylan, Sun and Zydus.**

A motion was made by Councilman Timmy Lejeune, seconded by Councilman Dexter Brown to forward to Regular Meeting held on ***Wednesday, August 20th, 2025*** to ***Adopt RESOLUTION No. 020-2025.*** A Resolution to participate in the Opioid Lawsuit Settlement with Alvogen, Amneal, Apotex, Hikma, Indivior, Mylan, Sun and Zydus.
On roll call vote: YEAS: Ken Marks, Dexter Brown and Timmy Lejeune.
NAYS: None. **ABSENT:** Faltery Jolivette and Ernest Blanchard. **ABSTAINED:** None.
Motion forwarded.

9. **Forward to full council Resolution No. 021-2025. A Resolution to participate in the Opioid Lawsuit Settlement with Purdue Pharma – Sackler Family Direct Settlement.**

A motion was made by Councilman Timmy Lejeune, seconded by Councilman Ken Marks to forward to Regular Meeting held on ***Wednesday, August 20th, 2025*** to ***Adopt RESOLUTION No. 021-2025.*** A Resolution to participate in the Opioid Lawsuit Settlement with Purdue Pharma – Sackler Family Direct Settlement.
On roll call vote: YEAS: Ken Marks, Dexter Brown and Timmy Lejeune.
NAYS: None. **ABSENT:** Faltery Jolivette and Ernest Blanchard. **ABSTAINED:** None.
Motion forwarded.

10. **Forward to full council Resolution No. 022-2025. A Resolution to participate in the Opioid Lawsuit Settlement with Sandoz, Inc.**

A motion was made by Councilman Timmy Lejeune, seconded by Councilman Ken Marks to forward to Regular Meeting held on ***Wednesday, August 20th, 2025*** to

Adopt RESOLUTION No. 022-2025. A Resolution to participate in the Opioid Lawsuit Settlement with Sandoz, Inc.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Ken Marks, Dexter Brown and Timmy Lejeune.

NAYS: None. **ABSENT:** Faltery Jolivette and Ernest Blanchard. **ABSTAINED:** None.
Motion forwarded.

11. Discuss any other business properly brought before this committee.

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated, “I know we were discussing and looking at all of the Resolutions and everything is going to be forwarded to the Full Council about all of these lawsuits I was just curious, Garrett, we should not have any more problems because last time we got in a lawsuit and then we found out a year or two later that we can’t collect on it and we can’t even be a part of the lawsuit. Is this all okay?”

Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated, “Right, this one is different. It is the Opioid Lawsuit in Federal Court Nations Wide. The lawsuit is almost finished and you see three settlements right here. There are a few defendants left to go and the lawsuit will soon be finished. The payments will continue for years. One of these defendants here will be paying out for 15 years and another defendant will be paying out for 10 years and one of them is suppose to make some of the payments immediately. I don’t know how they define immediately. At this time the funds are to be used for substance abuse abatement, drug court. It would be nice if we could use it for everything but for now that is what it is used for. These three settlements are on the table. It must be accepted by Resolution and the Resolution must be passed by the end of September so here they are. I will receive three e-mails, one for each of these settlements and it will be signed by the authorized signer which would be Jessie and it would be sent back electronically. We would have done our part. One of these suppose to make the first payment nationwide I think in 2026. Another payment will start immediately and again I don’t know what they mean by immediately. This lawsuit will end soon but the payments will continue for years.”

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated, “I have two more question. I know that everyone wants to go but I have a question and this the time that I am going to ask them. Mr. Bellard with the money that we may get hopefully with the lawsuit do we have any kind of programs that we have Narcan on hand or anything? Are you going to be able to get some of this with this money?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “We have Narcan, we always have Narcan. Believe it or not we use it frequently at the jail unfortunately.”

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated, “Is it legal that we as councilmembers can maybe get some of it?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “No, Oh no.”

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated, “I was just asking because we deal with people also. It suppose to be a tool that we should be able to use.”

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated, “The last question, it has nothing to do with Opioid. We were talking about all of the lawsuits and it is just something that came to my mind that we haven’t discussed or I don’t remember. It is a settlement or being a part of the settlement, Garrett, you remember the lawsuit around the Sunset area.”

Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated, “The Cankton Area.”

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated, “Yes, the Cankton Area, whatever happened?”

Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated, “I wanted to bring that up. In 2019 it was discovered that Exxon had put some chemicals into the ground in the late 1980 and the early 1990. It was discovered they maybe did not clean it up until the Checo Aquapahor and we don’t want it to get into the drinking water. Environmental Attorneys, the lead attorney being Bill Goodell from Lafayette who would like to come here one day and update us on it. The lawsuit was filed in District Court in the Courthouse. The Defendants, playing defense, moved it to Federal Court and it is still in Federal Court and it will end up at the United States Supreme Court where they will probably decide to go back to state court which would be in the court house Division B. At the end I am optimistic that our efforts will be fruitful and successful but for right now it is still in Federal Court. Again you have to file a lawsuit and any possibility it could get into the drinking water it is still in the ground and they have to clean it up. We could make some money from it also for damages. So that is what happening there. The Village of Cankton was also a Plaintiff and the St. Landry Parish Government is a Plaintiff. So that is where it is at right now.”

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere questioned “We did also receive a settlement from the Pharmacy Lawsuit also right?”

Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated, “That is a different one.”

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated, “I don’t remember if we ever settled it and received any money.”

Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated, “The Opioid Lawsuit came to a conclusion much faster. This one of course is still rolling through the Federal Courts and we think it is going to get back to the State District Court in that Courthouse.”

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated, “Thank you.”

Councilman Wayne Ardoin questioned, “I have a question for Mr. Duplechain. I thought Morrow and Morrow was representing us on the Opioid Lawsuit. Are they not involved with it anymore?”

Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated, “Neblett Bearb and Arsenault and Morrow and Morrow are the two Law Firms that are representing many clients in this class action Opioid Lawsuit and St. Landry Parish Government is one of the Clients. So they are involved in it and they are our attorneys in the lawsuit. Each time we receive a settlement it goes through them and to me and to you all.”

Councilman Wayne Ardoin stated, “Okay, thank you Sir.”

Administrative Finance Chairman Harold Taylor stated, “I have a couple of questions. In doing my research Mr. Bellard and getting ready for our hearing on the \$4,600,000.00 Bond Issue. The ordinances that we passed in 2024 and 2025 we have a duplicate in Mr. Ardoin’s District. Wayne do you want to explain it to him. We have Ordinance 2024-057 which was for \$2,000,000.00 and that was done in December 2024 then we did an Ordinance for \$2,500,000.00 which is Ordinance 2025-007 which was adopted in March, I think it was, and we have to repeal the first one because it is actually \$2,500,000.00 I believe, is that correct?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “I don’t have the documents in front of me but the one that passed for 1 of 11-A was just passed.”

Administrative Finance Chairman Harold Taylor stated, “That is the one. That is the \$2,500,000.00.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “\$2,500,000.00 for roads, yes.”

Administrative Finance Chairman Harold Taylor stated, “It explicitly mentions his fund, Fund 42 in Sub-District 1 of 11-A or something like that.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “Correct.”

Administrative Finance Chairman Harold Taylor stated, “The one before it says District 1.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “I don’t know why District 1 came into play on anyone of the ordinances.”

Administrative Finance Chairman Harold Taylor stated, “A couple of other questions, the ordinance that you passed which is 2025-003, I think it was, which was for \$2,000,000.00 to cover re-occurring expenses, did we execute that? Have you drawn down on that \$2,000,000.00?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “Yes Sir. That was last year though, right.”

Administrative Finance Chairman Harold Taylor stated, “The first of the year is when I think that we passed it.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “Yes.”

Administrative Finance Chairman Harold Taylor stated, “So we have spent that money?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “Yes Sir.”

Administrative Finance Chairman Harold Taylor stated, “Okay. I had another question. I understand that there was some discussion here last week regarding the Wal-Mart Distribution Project. My understanding was that you indicated that it was a done deal now.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “So the Wal-Mart Distribution, the 1999 deal that was done in 1999, that have been taken care of. SLED had actually signed papers with Wal-Mart so Wal-Mart is actually the building and the grounds and everything is under Wal-Mart’s name as of this year so they are going to be paying taxes. That is the only deal that was made. We have not finished the expansion or anything.”

Administrative Finance Chairman Harold Taylor stated, “That is going to create \$1,100,000.00 I believe is what you said.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “No, it is about \$700,000.00 a year in Property Taxes.”

Administrative Finance Chairman Harold Taylor stated, “\$700,000.00 in Property Taxes. The other piece that you are negotiating has to do with what?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “With the actual project of their expansion of \$350,000,000.00 Expansion.”

Administrative Finance Chairman Harold Taylor stated, “The state Sales Tax Portion of that coming to the Parish.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “Well the State Sales Tax Portion has been rejected as of this afternoon.”

Administrative Finance Chairman Harold Taylor stated, “So that won’t happen is that is what you are saying.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “Not at that form, no.”

Administrative Finance Chairman Harold Taylor stated, “So we can expect about \$700,000.00 in Ad Valorem Taxes next year.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “On Ad Valorem for the property but the project itself instead of 60/40 split on the project of the \$350,000,000.00 Expansion.”

Administrative Finance Chairman Harold Taylor stated, “How do we benefit from that to work? What is the number?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “I forgot the number. Everybody should get a copy of that pretty soon once SLED does their signing on that one. It has not been brought up to SLED as of right now but it will soon be coming back up. We are waiting on the State Sales Tax side.”

Administrative Finance Chairman Harold Taylor stated, “Okay, Ms. Nancy you had another question.”

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere questioned, “It just came to my attention while we were asking questions. Mr. Bellard do you have any documentation showing that Next-Era is going to agree that we are going to get that Bond money in January? Do you have anything to show that we are definitely going to get it?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “The Pilot Payment, yes we have that agreement signed since a couple of years ago.”

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere questioned, “Can we get a copy of it?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “Yes.”

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated, “Also, are you sure that we are going to get it? I think I asked that before.”

Administrative Finance Chairman Harold Taylor stated, “Ms. Nancy, can you please speak in the microphone. I can’t hear what you are saying.”

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated, “I am sorry, I was asking about the Next-Era. The Bond Payments. He said that we are definitely going to get it.”

Administrative Finance Chairman Harold Taylor questioned, “Is that the \$5,100,000.00?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “Yes, \$5,500,000.00. That is in Mr. Alvin’s District.

Administrative Finance Chairman Harold Taylor stated, “So when are we going to get that?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “That will start in the second quarter of next year.”

Administrative Finance Chairman Harold Taylor stated, “Do you have signed documentation? We need a copy of that. We are talking about using that to pay off the \$4,600,000.00, is that correct?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “That is correct.”

Administrative Finance Chairman Harold Taylor stated, “I would like to see the signatures on that.”

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated, “I was just curious. I was looking at it and I was thinking today, what is the worst case scenario?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “The worst case scenario is that we have a \$500,000.00 bond payment in our General Fund that is in there now. It just keeps on paying on the bond.”

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated, “Okay, I just wanted to get that clarified.”

Administrative Finance Chairman Harold Taylor stated, “I just have one more question. The Jail Annex, is it in service now?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “The Trustee Dorm, Yes sir.”

Administrative Finance Chairman Harold Taylor stated, “The Trustee Dorm, how many Trustees do we have in there?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “I think that last time it was about 40 or somewhat Trustees.”

Administrative Finance Chairman Harold Taylor stated, “You have capacity for 60, is that correct?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “68, yes Sir.”

Administrative Finance Chairman Harold Taylor stated, “How is that helping bringing some of those prisoners off campus?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “It is helping. It is helping to the point that the Sheriff lets it help.”

Administrative Finance Chairman Harold Taylor stated, “What do you mean?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “Like the other day I found out that we have State Inmates in that Trustee Dorm.”

Administrative Finance Chairman Harold Taylor stated, “How Many?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “State Inmates. They had 18 of them in there. We can’t tell the Sheriff where to put inmates. We have a little over 30 outside out of parish inmates right now. It is down from 60 plus, that is why we are going to court.”

Councilman Dexter Brown stated, “I would just like to make a comment about the Narcan. Yes, an ordinary person can carry Narcan. You just have to get it from one of the Louisiana Department of Health Offices but you can get it.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “Okay, thank you.”

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated, “One last thing. It is not a question. I just want to make a comment. We all received the message about Ms. Karen’s brother. I am sure that Sherell is going to provide a plant if anybody wants to make a donation or some sort. I am sure that she will be taking donations. We will keep her and her family in prayer. Thank you all. I think the services are this week if anybody wants to give Ms. Sherell something we can do it before the week is out. Thank you.”

12. Adjourn.

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

On roll call vote: YEAS: Ken Marks, Dexter Brown and Timmy Lejeune.

NAYS: None. **ABSENT:** Faltery Jolivette and Ernest Blanchard. **ABSTAINED:** None.

Motion carried.

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

XIII. ADJOURN