

**ST. LANDRY PARISH COUNCIL  
PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 6<sup>th</sup>, 2021  
OLD CITY MARKET, 131 W. BELLEVUE ST.  
OPELOUSAS, LOUISIANA**

**PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

**Due to the Covid-19 Pandemic, Council Members are using  
Zoom Conference Calling System to participate in the meeting**

1. Councilman Jerry Red Jr. called the Public Works Committee of the St. Landry Parish Council to order.
2. Councilman Easton Shelvin led the Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation.
3. Roll Call:  
**Conference Call:** Jerry Red Jr., Easton Shelvin, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Vivian Olivier. Ex. Officio Coby Clavier. ABSENT: Jimmie Edwards.  
***Public Works Chairman, Jimmie Edwards for absent for roll call but later joined the meeting.***
4. Person to address the Committee:  
There was no one to address the Public Works Committee Meeting at this time.
5. Public Works Report:
  - a. Update on Adjudicated Property in the Parish.  
Parish President Jessie Bellard stated he will form a committee to include council members, private citizens and attorneys to come up with a plan to address the Adjudicated Property and the dilapidated property in the parish. I will come to the council with some recommendations in the near future.
  - b. Update on Road Work throughout the Parish.  
Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "Little Teche Bridge on Little Teche Road has been out. We are not sure if it is going to be fixed. We got a price on it of \$144,000.00 to be fixed. It is in District No. 6. I have that on a P.O. that is ready to be signed in the next couple of weeks. The funds will come out of Fund 151, the Smooth Ride Home Tax." Councilman Jerry Red Jr. questioned if there are any funds from the Federal Government that are available to help fix the bridges. Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "Funds are not available to fix that particular bridge. Funds were available to fix a bridge further down on Little Teche a couple of years back. Councilman Gil Savoy questioned if it is necessary to put a bridge or could they put a Culvert. Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "Joe and them will look at it. The price is \$144,000.00 to re-do the Bridge. We will put a Culvert on another bridge that I am looking at to do some work on." Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated, "That bridge has been out for over a year. The repairs are very much needed because the buses have to go all the way around. It is an inconvenience. I drive that bridge often and I can't see a Culvert being placed there. If it gets open, it is very much needed." Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "The next bridge that we are looking at is Jessie B. Road by Swords. It is on the Off System Bridge Replacement. We spoke with Brad. Brad did advise us that we could remove it and put a Culvert there temporarily and it will done in the year of 2022 o 2023. This will give us access. They will give us prices on that as well. I don't need a motion. I am just letting you all know what is coming up and what is going on." Councilman Easton Shelvin asked for an update on the repairs to a bridge on Magnolia. He stated that bridge does have a sink at the junction of it. Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "I will call Joe in the morning and have him go look at it. The inspectors are going out to bridge sites and updating me with the issues. We are trying to get ahead of these issues so we don't have any closed bridges." Councilman Harold Taylor questioned the amount of funds in Fund 51. Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "We have a little over \$2,000,000,000.00 right now. This Fund is the Smooth Ride Home Tax.

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "I need something passed to the full council on this issue. We have a request from Marvin Gaudeau and Associates regarding an invoice in the amount of \$42,995.00 for Ward 1 South Gravity Drainage District. An agreement was made by our previous Public Works Director and the Gravity Drainage Board to do some work together. It didn't go in front of the council. Before we pay it, I just want to make you all aware that I need an agreement to pay this. The agreement, according to the minutes of their meeting, show us paying \$16,000.00, up to one-half of the \$16,000.00, but then the previous Director sent in a requisition for \$20,635.00 and that will be paid out of Fund 42 in District 9." Public Works Chairman Jerry Red Jr. asked if this item could be forwarded to the Administrative Finance for further discussion. Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "Yes it can be forwarded to the Administrative Finance. He also stated, "Just to update the council, we are digging ditches thru-out the parish. We are having a little more luck on the operators. We are having interviews tomorrow. We did interview and Motor Grader Operator and we will make an offer and hopefully they accept it. We are still digging ditches with local contractors to get this water draining before we do anything with roads. Public Works Chairman Jerry Red Jr. questioned if we got the tractors in so we can begin cutting the grass on the Adjudicated Properties. Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "I have the tractors. The shredders are on back order. We do have one of our tractors that have a piece of a Shredder. Nicki is back to work this week so we will definitely get started back on cleaning up these properties." Public Works Chairman Jerry Red Jr. stated the Ball Park in Lawtell needs to be cleaned up.

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "They went there but it was too wet to start cleaning it up. I tried to call the lady across the street from that area. I did leave her a message, I did not get a call back maybe she did not recognize the number.

Councilwoman Mildred Thierry stated, "Mr. Bellard, what about the cleaning of culverts. We have a lot of culverts that are so clogged with debris that the water does not flow when it rains. I have received quite a few calls that have come in. Are we having anybody dealing with the cleaning of the culverts?" Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "We have the culver cleaner and it is operational

Putting people on the machine is where we are having the issue. Whenever we have a stopped up Culvert we will someone out and clean it. We just don't have someone normally going around every day to do that. I will get with Precious in the morning to see what kind of report she has. Once we hire these other people, I am hoping it will help us get a lot of thing done." Councilwoman Nancy Carriere asked when the employees are cleaning a ditch, can they clean a culvert at that same time? Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "I would love to say that we could, but I don't want to promise something that we cannot do. We will try, what good is it to clean the ditch and the water cannot go anywhere. We are asking the contractors if they see a problem to let us know so we can go do a spot here and there." Councilwoman Nancy Carriere questioned if that was a private contractor that was hired to do the resurfacing and rolling on Jennings Road. Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "Yes, Jennings Road was failing in certain areas. They cut it out and came back with asphalt to fix the foundation." Councilman Dexter Brown questioned the culvert on WPA Road. Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "No, we did not change out the culvert, we had a problem with the bridge on WPA Road. It is a Parish Road and it is located in District 5. We are not sure of the cost to repair or replace that bridge. We just got a report on it yesterday. We are awaiting on the paper work so we can identify the structural. We will be getting with District 5 Road Commission for some assistance. It is Parish Government responsibility and the Road District usually assist. We will be asking them for some assistance on it." Administrative Finance Chairman Wayne Ardoin asked, "How many contractor do you have hired that are digging the ditches. He also asked for a report on their digging sites." Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "As the complaints come in that is how they are being assigned. We have three contractor hired now and Amanda will e-mail their names in the morning."

A motion was made by Easton Shelvin, seconded by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry to accept the Public Works Report.

On roll call vote: Easton Shelvin, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor and Vivian Olivier. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Jimmie Edwards. ABSTAINED: None.

**Motion carried.**

6. Forward all applications received for one appointment to Fire District No. 3 for a four year term. (01-01-2021 – 01-01-2025).  
A motion was made by Councilman Harold Taylor, seconded by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry forward to Regular Meeting held on **Wednesday, January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2021** all applications received for one appointment to Fire District No. 3 for a four year term. (01-01-2021 – 01-01-2025).  
On roll call vote: Easton Shelvin, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, and Vivian Olivier.  
NAYS: None. ABSENT: Jimmie Edwards. ABSTAINED: None.  
**Motion forwarded.**
  
7. Forward all applications received for two appointments to Fire District No. 5 for a two year term. (01-01-2021 – 01-01-2023).  
A motion was made by Councilman Harold Taylor, seconded by Councilman Easton Shelvin forward to Regular Meeting held on **Wednesday, January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2021** all applications received for two appointments to Fire District No. 5 for a two year term. (01-01-2021 – 01-01-2023).  
On roll call vote: Easton Shelvin, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, and Vivian Olivier.  
NAYS: None. ABSENT: Jimmie Edwards. ABSTAINED: None.  
**Motion forwarded.**
  
8. Forward all applications received for three appointments to Fire District No 6 for a two year term. (01-18-2021-01-18-2023.).  
A motion was made by Councilman Harold Taylor, seconded by Councilman Easton Shelvin forward to Regular Meeting held on **Wednesday, January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2021** all applications received for three appointments to Fire District No 6 for a two year term. (01-18-2021-01-18-2023.).  
On roll call vote: Easton Shelvin, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, and Vivian Olivier.  
NAYS: None. ABSENT: Jimmie Edwards. ABSTAINED: None.  
**Motion forwarded.**
  
9. Forward all applications received for one appointment to the St. Landry Parish Waterworks District No. 2 (Rural) for a four year term. (01-01-2021 – 01-01-2025).  
A motion was made by Councilman Harold Taylor, seconded by Councilman Easton Shelvin forward to Regular Meeting held on **Wednesday, January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2021** all applications received for one appointment to the St. Landry Parish Waterworks District No. 2 (Rural) for a four year term. (01-01-2021 – 01-01-2025).  
On roll call vote: Easton Shelvin, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, and Vivian Olivier.  
NAYS: None. ABSENT: Jimmie Edwards. ABSTAINED: None.  
**Motion forwarded.**
  
10. Authorize the Council Clerk to advertise for one appointment to Public Works Commission District 6 for a four year term. (02-19-2021 – 02-19-2025).  
A motion was made by Councilman Harold Taylor, seconded by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry to forward to regular meeting held on **Wednesday, January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2021** authorizing the Council Clerk to advertise for one appointment to Public Works Commission District 6 for a four year term. (02-19-2021 – 02-19-2025).  
On roll call vote: Easton Shelvin, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, and Vivian Olivier.  
NAYS: None. ABSENT: Jimmie Edwards. ABSTAINED: None.  
**Motion forwarded.**
  
11. Authorize the Council Clerk to advertise for one appointment to Bellevue & Coulee Crouche Gravity Drainage District No. 20 for a four year term. (02-15-2021 – 02-15-2025).  
A motion was made by Councilman Harold Taylor, seconded by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry to forward to regular meeting held on **Wednesday, January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2021** authorizing the Council Clerk to advertise for one appointment to Bellevue & Coulee Crouche Gravity Drainage District No. 20 for a four year term. (02-15-2021 – 02-15-2025).  
On roll call vote: Easton Shelvin, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, and Vivian Olivier.  
NAYS: None. ABSENT: Jimmie Edwards. ABSTAINED: None.  
**Motion forwarded.**

12. Discuss recreating an Ordinance for all new subdivision in St. Landry Parish to have a retention pond. (Councilwoman Vivian Olivier).

Councilwoman Vivian Olivier stated, "We are having so much trouble now with new subdivision coming in and no drainage. We need to do something with these subdivisions and get them to do some drainage. I think the retention pond will be the best thing." Public Works Chairman Jerry Red Jr. asked Parish President Jessie Bellard for some clarity on the Retention Pond. Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "This is my suggestion. The committees that I am trying to form with council members and private citizens, I think we can look at that and come up with a recommendation for the full council and look at other parishes and see what they are doing and update our orders accordingly. If that is ok with you all. Councilwoman Vivian Olivier stated, "I have checked with different places and Lafayette Parish, Carencro, all of these new subdivisions that are coming up, they have to have a retention ponds." Councilman Harold Taylor stated, "I agree, we do have to look at a better land management ordinance that we have to address these issues. Perhaps what the president is suggesting is getting a committee together that can work with some private citizens and come up with a comprehensive plan for land use. I think part of that will be the retention pond thing. I think we need to look at it Parish Wide, we don't just need to look at it from one district or one area. It may not affect one area as other areas. In the Sunset area, there is tremendous growth along HWY 93 and projected in the next 10 years it will be all subdivision. The main body of water to take all that water out is Bayou Bulbay which goes into Bayou Fuselier which goes into Bayou Teche which goes into the Vermillion River and floods everything south of here. I would like to entertain a motion to send to the full council that we authorize our President to put this committee together and do a land study and a recommendation." Councilwoman Nancy Carriere asked if the Parish maintain the Retention Ponds. Councilwoman Vivian Olivier stated the subdivisions have to maintain their own retention pond. Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated, "Generally speaking, a retention pond can be owned by a number of property owners or the neighborhood in which case it is up to them to determine whether it needs to be fenced in, clean out the algae and clean it out because it is private property or the developer can convey ownership to the parish government so the parish government would be the one to decide whether or not it needs to be fenced in because a lot of them are and clean out the algae and the pond because it develops algae a lot. It would probably be easier for the Parish Government to have ownership of the pond to make sure it is kept up properly. Maybe a suggestion would be the ordinance would say that all new subdivisions, the parish council would decide whether or not it must have a retention pond because some areas flood and some don't, that way the council would have some leeway on it."

A motion was made by Councilman Harold Taylor, seconded by Councilwoman Vivian Oliver to forward to Regular Meeting held on **Wednesday January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2021** to authorize the Parish President to form a committee to look into a land use ordinance.

On roll call vote: Easton Shelvin, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, and Vivian Olivier.

NAYS: None. ABSENT: Jimmie Edwards. ABSTAINED: None.

**Motion forwarded.**

13. Discuss the status of debris pickup throughout the parish. (Councilwoman Mildred Thierry).

Councilwoman Mildred Thierry asked for an update on the Debris pickup in the Parish. Richard LeBouef, Executive Director of the St. Landry Parish Solid Waste Disposal District stated, "We have made some headway approximately twenty thousand cubic yards has been picked up from the last time we spoke. We have no assistance from Waste Connections. They have three guys out with COVID. We are still utilizing our two vehicles parish wide and we are steadily at it every day. The only time we don't pick up any debris is when it is raining or lightening." Councilwoman Mildred Thierry asked if they have gotten to the local area of Opelousas and the rural areas of St. Landry Parish such as Washington, Grand Prairie and Frilot Cove? Richard LeBouef stated, "No, we have not gotten that far north yet. We are working in Opelousas right now. We already have been to Grand Coteau and we have some stuff in Arnaudville, we are moving north, trying to get everything done. I know your people are impatient, I am sorry I don't have better news. We have two vehicles and no support from the contractors due to COVID." Councilwoman Nancy Carriere asked the council to contact Richard LeBouef directly for any updated information. She also thanks Mr. LeBouef for the work that he is doing for the parish. Mr. LeBouef informed the council to give their constituents the land fill phone number so they can call regarding any issues or updates.

14. Discuss cleaning ditches and culverts throughout the parish. (Councilwoman Mildred Thierry).

Councilwoman Mildred Thierry stated Parish President Jessie Bellard has discussed this item earlier.

15. The St. Landry Parish Council would like to thank the State Delegation for the Traffic Light that was installed on Harry Guilbeau and Highway 182.

Administrative Finance Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, "Mr. Red, I ask that this be placed on the agenda. It divides Mr. Brown's and my District. The Traffic Light was requested about four or five year's age. I would like to send a letter to DOTD and thank everyone that was involved with it. I have heard good results from it and it will keep people from having a terrible accident and the traffic is moving good now. Whoever it may intend to, especially DOTD. I don't know if our St. Landry Delegation was involved but DOTD was asked to do the study, Mr. Nick Chachere who works for DOTD advised me that they are the ones that got it done and I want to say thank you.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Vivian Olivier, seconded by Councilman Harold Taylor to forward to Regular Meeting held on **Wednesday, January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2021** approving a Thank You letter be written to the DOTD for installing a Traffic Light on Harry Guilbeau and Highway 182.

On roll call vote: Easton Shelvin, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, and Vivian Olivier.

NAYS: None. ABSENT: Jimmie Edwards. ABSTAINED: None.

**Motion forwarded.**

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

***Item No. 7 on the Administrative Finance Agenda has been forwarded to the Public Works Committee for discussion.***

Discuss and forward to full council the Preliminary and Final Approval of the Gardner Farms Estates-Phase II.

Councilwoman Vivian Olivier stated, "We would like to get it passed so they can start their work. We are going to get the ditches cleaned and we got the drainage taken care of and I think we need to go with it." Public Works Chairman Jerry Red Jr. questioned the reason that it was forwarded to the Committee? Councilwoman Vivian Olivier stated, "We had a drainage problem and now we have corrected that." Public Works Chairman Jerry Red Jr. stated, "We discussed that and we also discussed something about 20' being donated to the parish. I believe they were supposed to donate a portion of property to the parish."

Councilwoman Vivian Olivier stated, "Oh no, we don't need it. They were going to do that to widen the road but the road is wide enough." Jacob Jarrell stated, "Ms. Vivian, about the 10 feet, that is usually recommended by the engineer because the parish ordinance states that we have to have a 60' right-of-way for a parish road. Even if we don't need it, it is going to be there in future if the parish does need it. I am leaving it on the plat to be dedicated for future."

Public Works Chairman Jerry Red Jr. questioned if everything, including digging of the ditches is completed so it can be finalized. Councilwoman Vivian Olivier stated, "No, the ditches have not been completed yet. They are digging them and the engineer is helping with the laterals. Everything is in order and completed now." Public Works Chairman Jerry Red Jr. asked what else has to be done besides digging the ditches. Jacob Jarrell stated, "That is all." Public Works Chairman Jerry Red Jr. questioned Parish President Jessie Bellard if they will finalize digging the ditches. Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "As soon as the council approve this subdivision to be permitted then we will be able to do the ditch digging and get the front part of it taken care of. I have also spoken to Mr. William Jarrell about the Laterals off of Chris Road to see if we can get some relief on the back side which is not affecting this subdivision, just another part of the road. Everything is good to go as far as we are concerned." Councilman Harold Taylor stated, "There was much discussion on it at the last meeting, that is why it was delayed. Now that Mr. Jarrell is on the phone, there is a future Phase 3 which is behind the lots that are facing the road. Additionally, there is a note on the plat that says that each one of those land owners is going to have to drain their own property into the ditch, is that correct?" Jacob Jarrell stated, "That is correct for the lots along the road because that is where the drainage is going now. They most likely will do that in the future, that is going to be a full on construction where we are going to have to do a full drainage plan and everything, but we are going to take that water to the south." Councilman Harold Taylor stated, "Isn't that part of 40-165 that we are supposed to do a drainage study before we do a subdivision as a preliminary?" Jacob Jarrell stated, "We did that. That was all done."

Councilman Harold Taylor stated, "Of course there is a proposed road which a spot is going to

be needed if everybody faces the road I understand. But from my observation, the property where the subdivision is, it is about 2 ½ to 3 feet above Chris Road, is that correct?" Jacob Jarrell stated, "I don't know if that is the case, it is all pretty flat out there. I would have to double check the elevation Mr. Harold." Councilman Harold Taylor stated, "Here is my concerns, if you are going to drain into the road ditch, there will be some wash out, what do we have to mitigate the wash out because of the elevation problem. My second question is, when we do Phase 3, if we do it, they will have to have permission to get water thru the subdivision being developed along the road? How are you going to move the water out of there?" Jacob Jarrell stated, "The lots along the road, the land drain there now. If they go to the future and we build the road in there and develop some other lots, then we are not going to take that water to Chris Road. They will have to do a drainage plan and shape up that rear property and construction and build the ditches and get that to drain into the lateral to the southwest of that property." Councilman Harold Taylor questioned, "Who is paying for the cleaning of the ditches, should that be a developer's cost?" Councilwoman Vivian Olivier stated, "That is a parish Road and those ditches should have been dug two years ago. They are having problems out there right now. It they have a little shower, the road goes under water and I get calls because the buses can't pass." Councilman Harold Taylor questioned, "Do you suggest that we go along with what they are proposing now or do you want a further studies?" Councilwoman Vivian Olivier stated, "I want to do the ditches. I want them to dig the ditches like they are supposed to dig them and get finished with it." Councilman Harold Taylor stated, "I don't understand what we are trying to do here. Are we trying to approve the subdivision or, are we trying to say dig the ditches, then approve the subdivision." Councilwoman Vivian Olivier stated, "No we are going to approve the subdivision, because the ditches will be dug and the drainage will be taken care of." Councilman Harold Taylor stated, "So if the road floods when there is a small rain, does these folks know that will be buying these lots that the road floods?" Councilwoman Vivian Olivier stated, "They could look at it and see that." Jacob Jarrell stated, "I believe that they have been informed by the owners and the relator that the road has some drainage issues but we are trying to take care of it to the best that the parish can and that will include reshaping the ditches to get some drainage out from the water that it holds." Administrative Finance Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, "Mr. Jarrell, Would you tell me that two cars can pass next to each other at the speed limit that is on that road right now. It is probably a 25 or 30 mile speed limit right now. Would you tell me that both cars can pass without having one to pull off and having the other one pass." Mr. Jacob Jarrell stated, It depends on how big the vehicle. I have done it in our work truck which is a 2500 Chevy. I have done it because I have been out there staking that property." Administrative Finance Chairman Wayne Ardoin questioned, "All of these services like Electrical, Gas, everything, is that on the south side of the road?" Mr. Jacob Jarrell stated, "I believe the water is on the north side, there is electrical on the north side." Administrative Finance Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, "Is that will be alright for these people. I just don't want these people coming back to the meeting and we just discussed that a while ago that people come and they start venting. We don't want them to vent and say why did you all approve this subdivision." Mr. Jacob Jarrell stated, "Are you talking about the people that will be buying these lots? Administrative Finance Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, "That is right, the people that will be buying. The have both of their eyes open and they realize they are buying in the country and I know that they want to get out of the city. Do they realize what they are getting ready to get into? They are going to have a little ditch on each side of each other property line to drain to that road." Mr. Jacob Jarrell stated, "If they so choose, that is private land." Administrative Finance Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, "I went and ride down that road, I meet a white van down there, probable the gentleman lives down there, we both had to pull over to the side real good so we don't hit mirrors. These questions need to be asked because when these people are going to come and complain, I don't want them to come and jump on Marvin Godeau and Associate, Ms. Vivian or any of the councilmembers while you all approve that. What Ms. Vivian wants to do, I am good with it because when they said Chris Road, it rang a bell to me because I knew that road floods, Ms. Vivian said that road floods. She said it again tonight even after a little rain. If that is what she wants in her area, I am good with that. I will respect her beliefs." Councilman Timmy Lejeune stated, "I do have some concerns about bringing more water to that ditch. I know that once that they establish that subdivision we are going to have more water that will come to that road and that road is already flooding. Are we going to make it aware on those lots that those roads, that particular road, goes under water that they are subject to not being able to get to their resident. I get that these developers want to sell land and they need to sell lots and they want to make money, I get all that, but are we making them

aware when they look at that Plat or they look at that lot or whatever you want to call it, when they look, does it say that the road is subject to go under water because it is in a low line area. Are we making them aware of that? These people are coming out of the city or somewhere else, evidently they don't live on that road that is buying that. I am not talking about only that road, I am talking about every newly established subdivision. I have brought this up several times before. I really have a concern with that because they have people going there to buy property that have no clue that that road goes under water. I am ok with selling the land and I am ok with developing it, I am just not being ok with the road being under water. Are they putting that in there?" Councilwoman Vivian Oliver stated, "What they are planning to do and you can ask Jessie, they are going to dig the ditches and pull the dirt up on the road to build it up, then put gravel on it. So it should be alright." Councilman Timmy Lejeune stated, "I understand what you are saying Ms. Viv and I want to support the fact that you want that subdivision right there and I am good with that, but that is like developing a subdivision in the middle of a bayou. Are they required to own a boat?" Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated, "Mr. Bellard and Mr. Jerrell, when someone is buying property and they have to go out and get a permit, I understand it tells them if they are in a flood zone and it gives them the level of flooding. I want to know if there is anything that is in place to let them know about the flooding in that area." Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "Whenever they come to get a permit they have to buy a flood elevation certificate. The deal with this subdivision, as the ordinance reads right now, until you all change it, this subdivisions meets all the requirements. I am asking that the council let this subdivision go thru, let the committee join and try to come up with some more solutions because every question that you all are asking are good questions but our ordinance does not deal with those specific questions. Now if you all wish, I think the committee can put that in the next ordinance and have those stipulations addressed. As of now we don't have those stipulations in this ordinance." Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated, "Mr. Jacob Jarrell, do you feel that this subdivision and this road can handle all the water that will be going down there." Mr. Jacob Jarrell stated, "I feel that it is already draining to the road and they already have nine bigger lots that are there as we speak. So somebody can go and build nine houses right now without even having to do this, without even getting the parish involve to go and clean out whatever problem that they are having now. What this is doing, by going thru the subdivision it is getting everything involved to go and clean up the road and the ditches that we have. It is draining there now, if somebody wants to go build, they can go build now without even draining the ditches. What this subdivision is doing is getting the council and parish involved to at least go fix a problem to the best that we can." Administrative Finance Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, "Mr. Jarrell, when they are going to build their house, what size culvert they will have to put in, 18 inches before they did the ditches? Mr. Jarrell stated, "At minimum 18 inches, I think that is the Parish requirements." Administrative Finance Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, "The parish will have to go did the ditches after the culverts are put in right. Let's say we approve this thing and you say that nine are ready to start driving the stock, they are going to put a culvert so they can get up on that property because there is an embankment there if I am not mistaken." Mr. Jacob Jarrell stated, "No what I am saying is, there are nine 14 acre lots right there, right now. What we did was, we cut those short to make nine, somewhat 3 acre lots. They are going to clean the ditch before they put any kind of culverts there before they start any kind of building. We will not have any situation where the ditches will be dug deeper than what the culvert are going to be." Councilman Harold Taylor stated, "Mr. Bellard, do you know how much it will cost to get that road up to par where it won't flood and dig the ditches out? And the second part of the question is, Is that part of a Road District that will pay for that or will it come out of the General Road and Bridge Fund." Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "The going rate right now to dig the ditches is \$3.50 to \$4.00 per foot and it will come out of the taxing district number 8. As far as the road is concerned, we will do what we can so the road don't flood. I can't make any promises on that part but we are working with Marvin Godeau and Associates to clean out that lateral on the back side that will help on that far east side of that road. We are talking about the west side, just off of HWY 93. We are hoping that digging the ditches and that will help them and if we can build that road up that will definitely help them. But that is coming out of District 8 taxing district." Councilman Dexter Brown stated, "Mr. Jacob Jarrell, regarding that Gardner Farm Estate, they had a partial of land along side of the road that they want to donate to the parish. It was 10 feet that they wanted to donate to the parish. How long or how far is it?" Mr. Jacob Jarrell stated, "It is roughly about 1200 feet. It is only for those lots because it falls under the subdivision ordinance. This is more of a legal question for Garrett, but I would say that the 60 feet is in there. If they would go and redo the road they can get any additional 10

feet from each side by eminent domain if I say that correctly, if they went and redo because they made a requirement for a 60 foot right-of-way. So that is roughly two-tenths of a mile is what we are talking about. I think they will be cleaning out a lot more than that.”

Councilman Dexter Brown asked if that will be on one side of the road or will it be on both sides of the road. Councilwoman Vivian Olivier stated, “That should be both sides.”

A motion was made by Councilman Jimmie Edwards, seconded by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry to forward to Regular Meeting held on **Wednesday, January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2021** the final approval of the Gardner Farms Estates-Phase II.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Easton Shelvin, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Vivian Olivier and Jimmie Edwards. NAYS: None. ABSENT: None. ABSTAINED: None.

**Motion forwarded.**

*Public Works Chairman Jerry Red Jr. stated, “The Police Jury Convention that was scheduled to be held in February has been postponed because of COVID-19 situation. It has been reschedule for May 12 -14, 2021. It will still be held at the Crown Plaza in Baton Rouge. They did discuss having it virtual for those who does not feel comfortable about going to a convention. As I get more information, I will let you all know.”*

17. Adjourn.

A motion was made by Councilman Harold Taylor, seconded by Councilman Jimmie Edwards to adjourn the Public Works Committee Meeting.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Easton Shelvin, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Vivian Olivier and Jimmie Edwards. NAYS: None. ABSENT: None. ABSTAINED: None.

**Motion carried.**

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