

AGENDA
ST. LANDRY PARISH COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 20th, 2021 @ 6:00 P.M.
OLD CITY MARKET, 131 W. BELLEVUE ST.
OPELOUSAS, LOUISIANA

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & INVOCATION (Chairman Timmy Lejeune)

III. ROLL CALL

IV. CONDOLENCES:

V. PERSONS TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL

VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- Regular Meeting: September 15th, 2021
- Special Meeting: September 21st, 2021

VII. PARISH PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- Update on Adjudicated Property in the Parish.
- Update on the Public Works Report.
- Phase 5 Smooth Ride Home
- Provide the cost for Helipad at St. Luc Immersion and Cultural Campus
- Hanger Lease and Operating Agreement at the St. Landry Parish Airport
- Introduction of Solar Panel Ordinance
- Resolution 015-2021 Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development for a Formula Grant for Rural Areas

VIII. NEW BUSINESS:

***Items passed through committee.**

1. Authorize the Parish President to sign the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement for the Repair of the Helipad at the St. Luc French Immersion and Cultural Campus.
2. Vote to re-appoint Randy Boudreaux, Murray Guillory, Jesse Belleau, Randy Semien and Brian Belleau to the Lawtell Gravity Drainage District No. 11 for a four- year term. (10-02-2021 – 10-02-2025).
3. Vote to re-appoint Mathias Miller and Mark A. Dupre to the Faquetaique Gravity Drainage District No. 1 for a four-year term. (10-02-2021 – 10-02-2025)
4. Vote to re-appoint Blane Frey and Danny Koch to the Eunice Gravity Drainage District No. 9 of Evangeline and St. Landry Parish for a four-year term. (10-02-2021 – 10-02-2025)
5. Authorize the Council Clerk to advertise for two appointments for a one-year term to Fire District No. 7. (11-18-2021 – 11-18-2022).
6. Authorize the St. Landry Parish Solid Waste Disposal District to modify an existing Type II Landfill by increasing the largest area-requiring final cover from 40 acres to 58 acres.
7. Review and/or approve the Permit Application for Tri-Part Group Home that is located in a residential area in Sunset.
8. Approve the Preliminary and Final Approval for Lots 1-9 on Begnaud Road Subdivision.
9. Authorize the Parish President to sign the Renewal Contract with the Burns Maintenance Group. Present the Council with the total amount of the Renewal.

10. Authorize the Parish President to sign the Six Year Capital Improvement Plan for the St. Landry Parish Airport.
11. Authorize the Parish President to sign the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement for Disbursement of American Rescue Plan Act for 2021 Funds. Present the Council with the Opelousas City Marshall and the Opelousas City Court Agreements.
12. Authorize the Parish President to sign the Application by the Board of Commerce and Industry on the Industrial Tax Exemption Program Application with AIRE Louisiana, LLC for 2022.
13. Authorize the Parish President to install a new Time Clock in the Council Chambers.

IX. SPECIAL BUSINESS:

*Items not passed through committee.
None.

X. ORDINANCES TO BE INTRODUCED:

None.

XI. ORDINANCES TO BE ADOPTED:

None.

XII. RESOLUTIONS TO BE ADOPTED:

RESOLUTION NO. 014-2021

WHEREAS, Title 2 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950 provides that cities, towns, parishes, and other political subdivisions of this State may separately or jointly acquire, establish, construct, expand, own, lease, control, equip, improve, maintain, operate, regulate, and police airports and landing fields for the use of aircraft; and,

WHEREAS, the State of Louisiana, Department of Transportation and Development, Division of Aviation (formerly the LA DOTD-OAPT) is charged by Title 2 with the responsibility for the development of aviation facilities within the State to foster air commerce and to safeguard the interests of those engaged in all phases of the aviation industry and of the general public; and,

WHEREAS, the St. Landry Parish Government hereinafter referred to as "Sponsor", has completed an FAA and DOTD approved Master Plan, Action Plan, and/or Airport Layout Plan which outlines the specific future development of the St. Landry Parish Airport; and, the Sponsor is desirous of implementing a portion of the approved Plan recommendations which provide for the critically needed improvements as stated below to substantially improve the safety and usability of the Airport, but does not have sufficient funds of its own required for completing the needed improvements; and,

WHEREAS, the LA DOTD, Division of Aviation is authorized by Title 2 to expend funds for the construction or enlargement of airports for the safety and advancement of aeronautics;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

SECTION I

That the St. Landry Parish government, hereinafter referred to as "Sponsor," does hereby formally request that the LA DOTD, Division of Aviation provide funds required to complete the airport improvements at the St. Landry Parish Airport specifically as described in the Six (6) year Capital Improvement Program Application for State Financial Assistance which is dated September 29, 2021 and which commences in the year 2022.

SECTION II

That the said LA DOTD, Division of Aviation be and is hereby assured that all necessary servitudes, rights-of-way, rights of ingress and egress and means thereof will be furnished by the Sponsor and the titles thereto will be valid and indefeasible, and that the Sponsor will assume ownership, financial reporting, and complete responsibility for the maintenance and upkeep of the airport after completion of said improvement.

SECTION III

That the Sponsor will save and hold the said LA DOTD, Division of Aviation, its officers, agents, and employees harmless from any liability or claim for damages arising out of the project, including death or injuries to third parties including, but not limited to, liability or claim for damages out of the negligence of said LA DOTD, Division of Aviation, its officers, agents, or employees, and expressly agrees to defend any suit of any nature brought against the DOTD Division of Aviation as a result of this project.

SECTION IV

That the President of the Sponsor be and is hereby authorized and directed to evidence this agreement by affixing his signature at the place provided therefore on this resolution and on subsequent related documents/agreements as required by the rules and regulations of the Federal Aviation Administration and the State of Louisiana and the Clerk is hereby authorized to attest said execution.

XIII. COMMITTEE MINUTES:

ST. LANDRY PARISH COUNCIL
ADMINISTRATIVE/FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 6th, 2021
OLD CITY MARKET, 131 W. BELLEVUE ST.
OPELOUSAS, LA

ADMINISTRATIVE/FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

1. Chairman Wayne Ardoin called this meeting of the Administrative/Finance Committee of the St. Landry Parish Council to order.
2. Councilman Timmy Lejeune led the Pledge of Allegiance & Invocation to order.
3. Roll Call: Jerry Red Jr., Easton Shelvin, Harold Taylor and Timmy Lejeune.
Ex-Officio Dexter Brown. ABSENT: Vivian Olivier.
4. Persons to Address the Committee.
 - Mr. Luke Nixon addressed the council regarding his campaign for the U.S. Senate Seat.
 - Mr. Michael Hankins addressed the council regarding complaints about the Retreat House in Sunset. He stated the facility is not a treatment program nor is it a half-way house. The facility help people get back into society. He invited the council to visit the facility.
Councilman Jerry Red Jr. stated, "What kind of facility is it?" Mr. Hankins stated, "The facility is a Ministry Center."
Councilman Jerry Red Jr. stated, "What kind of men do you offer into the facility?" Mr. Hankins stated, "Men just like me, I don't really know how to describe them other than that. Men that had a past that they are no longer following. I was a drug addict for ten years. I was a burden on society. In December, I am graduating from UL with my business degree."
Councilman Jerry Red Jr. stated, "So, I am assuming, some of the men that you take in possibly have drug problems?" Mr. Hankins stated, "No they do not have a drug problem nor do they have a alcohol problem. They are not experiencing those problems anymore when they are with us. I would not have anyone in the home that I would not trust near my wife or with kids. These are people that are starting a new life and they are no longer dealing with those issues."
Councilman Jerry Red Jr. stated, "But I did hear you say in your past you dealt with problems." Mr. Hankins stated, "Yes, in my past, I was a drug addict for ten years."
Councilman Jerry Red Jr. stated, "So you would not take anyone with drug problems?" Mr. Hankins stated, "No Sir."
Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated, "I have never heard of your place, where is it located?" Mr. Hankins stated, "Fantastic, That is the point and you would not know because it is exclusive. It is not publicly advertised. We do not put up signs and we do not advertise on social media. We are located at 475 S. I-49 Service Road. We have that big pond in the front. The fact that you have not heard of us is fantastic because we are doing our job."
Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated, "Is that the place the McCormick's use to own, is that the place you are talking about?" Mr. Hankins stated, "I am not sure, it is near the Biker Barn, the place that they are tearing down."
Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated, "Bottom line, what is the issue, what is the problem? Why are you here before the council?" Mr. Hankins stated, "It is a miscommunication. There have

been a rumor flowing around that we are a treatment facility. That is not what we are. I am done with treatment facilities, I love them, and I have worked for them for seven years. I am moving on to a different stage in my life. I want to clarify exactly what we are. Complaints have been filed about what they think we are. Some people are upset about it and it has been my hope to clear the air and make sure that everyone knows what we are not. We are not a treatment Center. We have men only and we are helping them to get on their feet.”

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere questioned, “How long have your facility been open?” Mr. Hankins stated, “We just stated in July.”

Councilwoman Mildred Thierry stated, “Am I understanding you correctly, these are men who may have once had an alcohol problem or a drug problem, but they have been delivered?” Mr. Hankins stated, “That is correct.”

Councilman Timmy Lejeune questioned, “How many people live in that house and how many people can you house?” Mr. Hankins stated, “Right now, it is me and my wife and we can house eight people.”

Councilman Timmy Lejeune stated, “I understand what you are telling me about this place. You will try to place them back in society, get them a job, have them move on and start a new life. How are you going to pay those bills?” Mr. Hankins stated, “That is a fantastic question. That is really why I am in this program. I am starting a new model for transition style homes like this that the funding is not based off the residence that live there. The reason why we are starting this is because I have been in drug and alcohol treatments for a long time. They have nowhere to go. If they experience freedom, a lot of the time, they end up in a sober living house right in the same room as someone that is coming in off the street. The problem is, the people that are coming in off the street are being used to fund a lot of these homes. So people like me, that just need a place to go where they can save up a little money so they can get up on their feet. That is really why I am here. I am trying to solve that problem. The way it is funded, our local church is helping fund the initial part, the home itself is going to be funded by the business that I start to fund it. The model is not depended on the finances of the people that live there, only early on is it depended upon the finance of the local church. Then moving forward it is totally self sufficient because of the business that will help fund that facility. Over the last 2.5 years, we have ran a business to help fund an entire treatment facility with a budget of \$186,000.00 dollars. We were able to get a business going that was in the words of Warren Buffet, able to be ran by a ham sandwich. It is very easy to run the business and it funds the facility. This model is going to make us able to be completely selective on whom we bring in. I say ‘No’ more than I say ‘Yes’. It is very exclusive and it is just for the people that I want to make copies of, people like me.”

Councilman Harold Taylor stated, “It is very admirable what you are doing. You mentioned you don’t require a permit, is that the issue, a permit?” Mr. Hankins stated, “I am actually not too sure what the issue is outside of the complaints. There was an Ordinance filed that we would need a permit.”

Councilman Harold Taylor stated, “This Ordinance has been effect since this year. It addresses Group Homes like you are talking about and it does require a Permit.” Mr. Hankins stated, “Under the definitions of each one of those categories, we do not fit under those definitions because each one of them involves some form of State Licensing which I was unable to obtain from the State Licensing Board because we do not fit into any of those categories.”

Councilman Harold Taylor stated, “Well, that is your interpretation, Legal Counsel, what do you know about this?”

Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated, “It is not a Treatment Facility and it is not a Half-way-House. What this Gentlemen is describing is a text book definition of a Group Home. In order to open the Group Home, there have to be a fee of \$500.00. He will have to come before the Council, which is what he is doing now and he has to sign a permit requesting to be able to open the group home. The Council does not have to permit it. That is why the Ordinance exists so you can come before the council just like you are doing now. You are describing a very well run Group Home. Group Homes are very necessary and very beneficial to the people who lives there if it is well ran. It is up to the Council. They do not have to permit you to open that Group Home.”

Councilman Harold Taylor stated, “Is there an issue to get a permit?” Mr. Hankins stated, “No, I would be happy to permit it if that is what the law requires. For us to get a permit, it would require us to change the definition of what we are in a way. I know the argument is kind of semantics where it is being defined as a Group Home. We do not house people that necessarily need it. These are people that don’t really need us. These are people that we are hand picking to bring into this community to be leaders in the community. We are not housing the homeless.”

Councilman Alvin Stelly questioned, “Who owns the Group Home?” Mr. Hankins stated, “Tri-Part Care Group owns the Group Home. They are from St. Landry Parish and I am the One Employee with Tri-Part Care Group.”

Administrative Finance Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated they have some from the facility that would like to address the council.

- Mr. Eugene Risner, Pastor, Our Savior's Church addressed the council regarding the Retreat in Sunset. He stated, "We are affiliated with this Ministry that is happening and going on. I want to make sure that I am able to share our heart. What Michael stated is absolutely true. I spoke to the Parish President and I know we are spending money on increasing the size of the jail. That is where we are. We are running kids to drug courts. What an incredible opportunity that we have to actually make a difference. The young men that are going to come into this facility will be vetted by Pastors and Community Leaders like you. As we are talking about this you are thinking right now of a young man that you may know, saying if he had a shot like this. I can see a day in the future where some of these young men in this very program are probably going to be sitting right over here counseling some of the other young men in drug court saying we want to get you into some treatment, we want to get you drug free and give you an opportunity to get back into this community. We found Michael and his wife, Victoria. We saw the hand of God on their life and the Testimony of how you saw a changed man and the Power of what Jesus Christ can do in a man's life." Chairman Dexter Brown questioned, "What is the maximum amount of time a person can stay at that facility?" Pastor Eugene Risner stated from three to six months. Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "Councilwoman Vivian Olivier contacted me about one month ago regarding the home. We called Pastor Eugene and we discussed it with him and his staff. What I had in front of me was Section 24-33. Our Ordinance that was passed in 2014. According to that Ordinance, she does not meet anything in that Ordinance. I am looking at something here that I just received from Garrett and it does not have an Ordinance No. It was something that was possibly passed in 2019. I am unclear about the Group Home part of it because it does not state that in our Ordinance that we have on Municode. I am just confused on this because this is the first that I have seen on this Group Home Ordinance that was passed before I returned. I don't have no time nor do I have a date on this Ordinance to tell me when it was passed. I am not quite sure what I am looking at right here." Administrative Finance Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, "Mr. Bellard, can you try and finalize this with Pastor Eugene and his group of people and also Garrett to see if we are not violating this Ordinance that we have a copy of right here. It was passed in 2019 according to what I have here. I don't see any signatures. If Ms. Vivian, who is not here tonight, who represents that area, brought it to your attention, now these people are here, so would you please try to accommodate Pastor Eugene and Mr. Hankins so we can get some clarity with our Attorney. If they are doing the right thing, they can proceed, if they own the Parish any money for a permit, would you take care of it." Councilman Jerry Red Jr. stated, "I am looking right here. Ordinance No. 2021-016, An Ordinance to require individuals, a business entity, or any organization to apply for and obtain a Group Home Permit from St. Landry Parish Government before opening and operating a Group Home within St. Landry Parish. I remember this because it was in my district. We had men walking down the street at midnight. That is why we are very cautious about giving a permit for a group home. That is why I asked these questions. What kind of home is it? Is it dealing with men that have alcohol problems or drug problems? You said no. I still want to make sure before I put my name saying yes I agree with it. I want to make sure. Under our guidelines that we passed, you do need a permit. If I am in order, I would like to make a motion to forward to the full council for a vote." Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "We don't have an application yet" Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated, "A motion can be made to forward it to the full council. By then an application for a permit should be filled out for the council to review. The President will know who owns it, who is attempting to open and he will have the address information. The Information will be available for the Full Council Meeting. A motion was made by Councilman Jerry Red Jr., seconded by Councilman Timmy Lejeune to forward to Regular Meeting held on Wednesday, October 20th, 2021 to review and/or approve the Permit Application for Tri-Part Group Home that is located in a residential area in Sunset La. On roll call vote: YEAS: Jerry Red., Easton Shelvin, Harold Taylor and Timmy Lejeune. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Vivian Olivier. ABSTAINED: None. Motion forwarded.
- Mr. Brent Hollier, Speck Engineering addressed the council. He stated he is available for any questions that the council may have regarding the Preliminary and Final approval for Lots 1-9 on Begnaud Road Subdivision. He stated Begnaud Road is located on the South side of the Parish on the I-49 Service Road. Administrative Finance Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, "Mr. Jacob Jarrell, The Parish Engineer has submitted a certificate of completion for the council's review.

A motion was made by Councilman Harold Taylor, seconded by Councilman Easton Shelvin to forward to Regular Meeting held on Wednesday October 20th, 2021 the Preliminary and Final approval for Lots 1-9 on Begnaud Road Subdivision.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jerry Red., Easton Shelvin, Harold Taylor and Timmy Lejeune. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Vivian Olivier. ABSTAINED: None.

Motion forwarded.

- Mr. Jarrod Landry addressed the council regarding the Tri-Part Group Home in Sunset. He stated, “I personally have no problem with the work and the effort that is being put in this project. You have my full support. The problem I have is that Tri-Part is within 1000 feet of my home. I just finished construction and I moved in a couple of weeks ago. The concern that my wife and I have is that Tri-Part is within 1000 feet of my home and we will have eight residence that will be staying there from 3-6 months and there will be another eight people that will come in. I don’t know who these people are. From what I have been told, these people have prior drug and alcohol addiction. They will not have transportation and they will be limited to walking distance. My wife and I have kids, in the event that they can’t get where they have to go and they get a relapse, what is it to stop them from breaking into my home and break into my prescription cabinet or liquor bar. I want my kids to walk out the back door and enjoy being in the country. That is why I moved out of Lafayette and move to Sunset. I do not feel secure and confident. I do not know the people who are a part of this group. I do not know their standard or policies. I have nowhere to go to hold them accountable if there is an issue.”
- Mr. Tucker LaVergne addressed the council regarding the Tri-Part Group Home in Sunset. He stated, “I live directly across from the house in question. We are more like 200 feet from the Tri-Part Group Home. Michael and Victoria Hankins invited me into their home. I have no issue with them. They seem like great people. They are not my issue, it is the people who are not compliant is what I have a fear of. The eight people that will be living in the home may not have an issue now but they have had prior issues. I know you keep asking questions to get clarity but from my understanding from Michael is, they only way they come here is because they have had prior issues. I am fine with helping people, I think everybody deserves to get help. The issue I am having is that it is in my back yard about 200 feet. I have lived in St. Landry Parish most of my life. I went to college and I have returned. My dream was to live in that area and build my dream home. This has definitely dampened it and I am extremely concerned. I am worried because there is no security on sight.”
- Mr. Shawn Johnson addressed the council regarding the Tri-Part Group Home in Sunset. He stated, “Thanks for taking the time to listen to all of us. Just to reiterate what everyone is saying, I think the passion the young man had, it had us all listening. I am in total support. It sounds like they have an amazing operation. Pastor Eugene gave a heartfelt speech about what they are doing. You would be a terrible person if you are not on board with what they are doing. I think that is a straw man’s argument for what they have going on. To lift up what Michael Hankins said earlier, ‘I want to create more of me and these men are just like me,’ well they are not like him yet. The might end up like him but they are not just like him yet. They are trying to bring these men along to get to a point to where they are just like him. Yes, we are all on board. You would not be human or a Christian if you do not want to see people come to know the Lord. I am thankful that God gave us laws, He gave us the Church, He gave us laws and ordinances that are written down on paper for us to follow. To build a straw man argument of doing good does not negate the fact that we have laws that help protect my three young boys and the other kids that we have got that are several hundred feet away that we can literally see outside in the back yard as we are standing there. They have come on to our property and fished. I have had to shoo them-off at times. This is an issue that we do not want to have to fight and we should not have to fight because we are protected by laws. It makes us feel like bad guys. It was a bad idea not to come and knock on our doors and ask us if we approve. It was a bad idea not to get the permit to snake by these rules just because you did not follow the exact law to be able to get slid thru something like this. We are in support of Our Savior’s Church and what they do. They bring people to Christ. We are in support of Our Savior’s Church in helping the Homeless and the drug addicted. We are also in support in the laws that help to protect my family. We can be in support of all of those. I feel like your vote should be in according.”
- Mr. Baxter Saucier addressed the council regarding the Tri-Part Group Home in Sunset. He stated, “Thank you for giving us the time to speak. Like my fellow neighbors, we are very much in support of helping the community. This is a residential neighborhood. I would invite Pastor Eugene to put this facility next to his home. All of a sudden, overnight without approaching us, without asking approval. It is a residential neighborhood. I have five daughters. I have work my whole life to have the home that I want to raise my six children, five daughters and one son. My five daughters cannot go outside in my back yard with these men staring at them. My wife and children no longer feel safe in our home. I have worked with many people and businesses. My

wife is in the medical field and we know that statistics show that 2% of drug addicts rehabilitate successfully. We can all put on, let's try, let's do good for a little while but if every six months I will have to worry about the next 8 young men who come from problem past, whether my daughters are safe in my back yard. I cannot live like that. I have played by the rules, I have paid my taxes and we do everything that we are supposed to do. We were never approached about this regardless of how much the influence can be to do good as my neighbor said. We should be playing by the rules. Now my family do not feel safe in my own back yard. No one contacted me."

Councilman Timmy Lejeune questioned, "Mr. Baxter, you made a comment that your children cannot go in the back yard because of these guys. Are they currently living there?" Mr. Saucier stated, "Oh there have been several strange young men there for the last few months yes. He said it is just him and his wife but there have been plenty young men. We have had to run some of them off. Myself included. I know the story you heard from them. I am telling you the truth."

Councilman Alvin Stelly stated, "That came up to the council about 4-5 years ago when Mr. Fontenot gave the people that had it before you all, I guess. The permit was \$14,000.00 or \$15,000.00 if I remember correct. What was it before, was it a Rehab." Mr. Baxter Saucier stated that Rehab facility is across the highway, it is not the same place. It was a little bit of confusion earlier. That was Larry Leger's property and it was originally Mr. McCormick's property that was sold. Similar things happened, I understand that this Ordinance in 2019 was put in and my understanding is that you are supposed to have 75% of the neighbors approval of signatures. We were told by several of the Church members that the Church has been going around saying that they have talked to everyone. No one has ever approached and asked what we taught and how many daughters do I have. I can't even go out of my back door without them standing there on the other side of the pond watching my family, morning, noon or night."

5. Parish President & Finance Reports:
a. August Budget to Actual Report

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "Amanda Cain is at a conference this week. She did submit the Financials for the council to review. We welcome calls or comments next week from the council. She will return on Tuesday because Monday is a Holiday."

b. Contract Renewal with Burn's Maintenance Group.

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "The Contract Renewal with Burn's Maintenance Group is the company that cuts the grass on behalf of SLED or CSLED. We recently signed a contract with the state to pay us. I need to get an approval.

A motion was made by Councilman Harold Taylor, seconded by Councilman Timmy Lejeune, to forward to Regular Meeting held on Wednesday, October 20th, 2021 to authorize the Parish President to sign the renewal Contract with the Burns Maintenance Group. Parish President Jessie Bellard will present the council with the total amount of the Renewal.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jerry Red., Easton Shelvin, Harold Taylor and Timmy Lejeune. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Vivian Olivier. ABSTAINED: None.
Motion forwarded.

c. Capital Improvement Plan for St. Landry Parish Airport 2022.

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "Every year we have to submit the Six Year Capital Improvement Plan for the St. Landry Parish Airport in order to get Federal Funding if there is anything allowable. We are asking for \$3,900,000.00 over the course of the next five years."

A motion was made by Councilman Jerry Red Jr., seconded by Councilman Easton to forward to Regular Meeting held on Wednesday, October 20th, 2021 Authorizing the Parish President to sign the Six Year Capital Improvement Plan for the St. Landry Parish Airport.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jerry Red., Easton Shelvin, Harold Taylor and Timmy Lejeune. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Vivian Olivier. ABSTAINED: None.
Motion forwarded.

d. Cooperative Endeavor Agreement for Disbursement of American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 Funds.

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "The Agreements we have with the municipalities and other agencies thru the ARA, are those Intergovernmental Agreements that you have in front of you. We have the Opelousas City Marshall, Opelousas City Court, we will have those in our hand before our

next meeting. We will have the Tax Assessor, The Eunice City Court, The Eunice City Marshall. We will have some more coming in. We meet with them last week, so they are coming in daily.” A motion was made by Councilman Harold Taylor, seconded by Councilman Easton Shelvin to forward to Regular Meeting held on Wednesday, October 20th, 2021 to authorize the Parish President to sign the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement for Disbursement of American Rescue Plan Act for 2021 Funds.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jerry Red., Easton Shelvin, Harold Taylor and Timmy Lejeune. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Vivian Olivier. ABSTAINED: None.
Motion forwarded.

e. Update on Grant Road.

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “I did meet with Entergy today. I spoke with Garrett also. We are waiting on Colonial Pipeline to call us back. Their issue took place about 1-1/2 – 2 years ago. Unless they agree to honor the damage that was created back then, I don’t think we have a leg to stand on in a lawsuit. However, Entergy has agreed to pay what they have to pay. It will not be a very large amount but it will be what we can do to fix the problem at hand. We are still working with the Pipeline Company for the other damages. Garrett can elaborate a little more.” Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated, “You will have to Sue within one year. We have Entergy on that but probably not Colonial Pipeline. I am in contact with both entities on a regular basis and we are going to get that road fixed one way or the other.

Administrative Finance Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, “That is the Road in District 9. They were doing construction and they damaged the road. The constituents on that road want their road back to the way it was before the companies did the damage.”

Administrative Finance Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, “In reference to the August Financials, the Committee would like to meet with Mr. Cain when she returns to discuss the August Budget to Actual Financials Report.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “We will have the budget ready to be looked at and hopefully introduced before the next council meeting. At that same time, maybe we can meet with each councilmember in groups and discuss the Financials and the Budget.”

Administrative Finance Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, “Would you contact me and let me know and I will let the Committee know. If any other councilmember would like to meet, as long as we don’t have a quorum. If we have a quorum, we will have to call for a special meeting.”

A motion was made by Councilman Timmy Lejeune, seconded by Councilman Easton Shelvin to accept the Parish President & Finance Reports.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jerry Red., Easton Shelvin, Harold Taylor and Timmy Lejeune. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Vivian Olivier. ABSTAINED: None.
Motion carried.

6. Update on the status of the Opioid Lawsuit and how far has it advanced. (Chairman Wayne Ardoin). Administrative Finance Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, “Mr. Duplechain I thing that has been about one year to one year and a half. We have not had any other news on it. You see some news releases sometimes where the state may have collected some money. I just want to know where we come in. Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated, “Morrow and Morrow Ryan and Basset is representing the Parish Government in that lawsuit. They are not here this evening. I will pass this item to the Regular Meeting in two weeks and urge our clerk to send an invitation to Pat Morrow to attend that meeting.
No Action Taken.

7. Update on the status of the Plant in Cankton La. (Chairman Wayne Ardoin). Administrative Finance Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, “This is another item that has not resurfaced lately. Mr. Dupelchain, have you heard from this gentleman, Mr. Bill Goudall. The man that came and gave us information about all of this pollution that was right outside of Cankton in 1993. Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated. “That is item No. 9 on the agenda. I am in contact on a regular basis with our Environmental Attorneys. The Environmental Lawsuit is going well. They requested that they show up two weeks from now at our Regular Meeting. The Lawsuit is in Federal Court right now. There is an issue that the other side took up on an appeal a procedural issue to Federal Court of Appeal. They took it up from that. Our lawsuit is right now before the United States Supreme Court and they will decide that issue and it will continue onward in Federal Court. That is where it is. I am Optimistic by what I am told by Mr. Godell about this lawsuit and he would request to show up two weeks from now to give us an update.”

8. Authorize the Parish President Jessie Bellard to sign the Application by the Board of Commerce and Industry on the Industrial Tax Exemption Program Application with AIRE Louisiana, LLC for 2022. Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "I have a packet that was given to each of you. I have Mr. Bill Rodier to answer any questions dealing with this program."
- Mr. Bill Rodier addressed the council and stated, "Let me walk thru the overview of the packet that was given to you all. The location of this project will be by the Louisiana Wholesale Drug on I-49 in Sunset. If you can picture Louisiana Wholesale Drug Company and the softball field, there is a parcel of property for sale, that will be the location that they are looking at to place this Manufacturing Facility. They are looking to go thru and finish the permitting process in the year of 2021, begin construction in the year of 2022 and complete the facility in Mid 2023. Building Material is the problem for any type of building right now, that is what is slowing everything down. This time frame may not be accurate. It is just depending on the availability. A quick summary of what is happening with the Industrial Tax Exemption Program. Some of you maybe familiar with it and some are probably not. In 2016 John Bel signed into a Governor's mandate that the Industrial Tax Exemption Program which previously went to the State Louisiana Economic Development. If a company was a manufacturer, they would submit an application to LED and LED made sure that it was a complete application. They would submit it to the Board of Commerce and Industry, which meets mostly monthly but not every month at the State, If the Board of Commerce and Industry approve the application prior to 2016, they would notify the Assessor, at that time it was Ryan Duplechain, and said this property is exempt from Property Tax completely for all the buildings and all the equipment for five years. It was renewable for an additional five years. Now John Bel has dictated that the rules have changed, that there is local authorization to authorize this to go forward. It is a little bit different, so this is what is in your packet right now. The Board of Commerce and Industry received the application for this project. An estimation on this project is about a \$60,000,000.00 project that they are looking to build. It is going to be creating somewhere in the neighborhood of 55-65 full time jobs. Those jobs are going to be paying somewhere in the middle \$40,000.00 to the middle \$60,000.00 salary ranges. What has changed about the program is the board of Commerce and Industry is required to send a major taxing bodies in St. Landry Parish a notice of 30 days to respond that this project have been submitted to them. So The Parish Government, The School Board, The Assessor and the Sheriff's office have all gotten notice that this project is coming into play. If you do not do anything with this project within 30 days, your non response is a sign of consent to the project. It is important that a decision is made on this so you can indicate as St. Landry Parish Council what you would like to do. The other big change to this program that gives you a say, it is no longer 100% exemption on the building and the equipment. It is an 80/20. If you agree to the Industrial Tax Exemption Program for this project, you would be exempting 80% of the cost of the investment in this project and the taxes associated with it for five years and it is renewable for a second five years. You would get 20% of the revenue of the project. That has changed, that is part of what John Bel put into place. Same with the School Board, the Sheriff and the Assessor. Does anyone have any questions?"
- Councilman Harold Taylor questioned, "When is the deadline to get it approved?"
- Mr. Bill Rodier stated, "I don't know the exact date, I can get that information to you. We can bring Sherry up and she can talk about the numbers. If we are assuming it is \$60,000,000 investment in this project, which it is sort of a mid-range, they are giving us some high's and some lows to get this project up and running. Before we get to the numbers, let me explain what I know about the project. You can see in the packet that you have the type of facility that they are looking to construct. You may have seen an article in the Advocate last week and the Advocate called this a Tire Recycler. I am absolutely assured by everyone associated with this, it will not be a tire on this. The way this process is explained to me, this is not a carbon black plant, I can tell you that, they have one in Ville Platte, this is not that. The way this process is explained to me, and it is going to work, this plant is going to get loads of chipped rubber that come to the plant, like you see in your packet, a fully enclosed production facility. Those loads of chipped rubber will be unloaded inside of the plant and placed into a production process, I am not the expert on this, it is just what I know, the first part of the process is, they will take any remaining steel that is part of any tire that came to the plant, the steel will be extracted from the rubber. They have a chemical process by which they extract the liquid. They take the liquid out of the tire, the liquid will actually be converted into a green process to Ethanol Fuel. They will take that highly dried rubber compound and it is placed into a grounding system. The final product will be fine pellets which have multiple uses. Those will be the two end products with the production facility which is what they are looking to do. I am told by the permitting agencies and the companies and everyone associated with this project that it is completely green. There are no omissions and there are no environmental concerns. That is the first concern that I had, making sure that it was environmentally friendly. If you all want to review this and get more information before your full meeting, I will be happy to sit down or get on conference calls with these

people, whatever you want to do. I want us all to be comfortable with this project. Just to go over the numbers, they do have \$60,000,000.00 in the project. Sherry's team had actually done some numbers. In year one of the project, your 20% that you will be collecting on that project will be an extra \$6,599.00. This is a \$60,000,000.00 estimate and it could go up a little. What you would actually be giving up is the 80%. You are not actually giving up anything because we don't have anything right now. The 80% figure would be \$26,399.00 assuming that is the way that this project played out with the numbers. The company is supposed to close on the property this month. I have been told by the company that they want to make sure that they were going to get the incentives because it is competitive. They are looking at other sites. Before they close on that property, they wanted to make sure that they were going to have an assurance on the incentives that they are trying to get. You are the first governing body. Sherry and I have been talking about this often and Jessie and I have talked about it. I am supposed to meet with Patrick Jenkins after this meeting and I have not yet spoken to Bobby Guidroz of the Sheriff's Office. You are the first Public Entity that we have come forward with to explain the process in this project. That is the summary that I have and I am happy to answer any questions that I can."

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere questioned, "Did they clean the sight for the new facility?"

Mr. Rodier stated, "No, the grass is still overgrown there."

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere questioned, "What will the pellets be used for? Will it be used for private sale? Mr. Rodier stated, "I don't know all of their target markets for the Ethanol or the Rubber Pellets. I can imagine that there is a broad market international for those products. The amount of truck traffic that will be generated by bringing supplies in or taking supplies out. The numbers that the company is comfortable with is between 15 and 20 trucks in a day that would be coming out of the location." Bobby Ardoin of the Daily World questioned but it was not heard on the mic." Mr. Rodier responded, "In total Bobby, but don't quote me. I think that it is 20, I want to say 23. That is a deep lot, it goes back a long way. The company plans to leave a natural buffer on the backside of that property. It will be a significant distance from anything residential in the city of Sunset."

Ms. Sherri Zeringue McGovern, St. Landry Parish Tax Assessor stated, "It is 24 acers. The total taxes on that property is about \$1,300.00. Based on \$60,000,000.00 and the calculation of depreciation, you are looking at \$86,000.00 in taxes per year. Some of that property is in the city limits of Sunset and some of it is not. They have applied for a Tax Exemption."

A motion was made by Councilman Harold Taylor, seconded by Councilman Timmy Lejeune to forward to Regular Meeting held on Wednesday, October 20th, 2021 to authorize the Parish President Jessie Bellard to sign the Application by the Board of Commerce and Industry on the Industrial Tax Exemption Program Application with AIRE Louisiana, LLC. for 2022.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jerry Red., Easton Shelvin, Harold Taylor and Timmy Lejeune. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Vivian Olivier. ABSTAINED: None.

Motion forwarded.

9. Update on Environmental Lawsuit.
This Item was discussed earlier in the meeting.
10. Forward to Regular Meeting the Preliminary and Final approval for Lots 1-9 on Begnaud Road Subdivision.
This Item was discussed earlier in the meeting.
11. Discuss if Civic Source is still selling property. (Councilwoman Nancy Carriere.)
Councilwoman Nancy Carriere questioned Parish President Jessie Bellard, "Have Civic Source sold any property lately and she questioned when will their contract be discontinued." Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "I mailed them a letter on Monday. Everything that came in the last three years is in your packet. I want to make sure that we are clear on something. Civic Source sells the property as an agent. You will always see our name on it as the seller. You will not see Civic Source. Everyone one of the properties that we are selling comes before this council. Every last one of them. That is not a doubt in my mind that when Civic Source sells something, it comes to me, I bring it to you all, then it is signed and then it is recorded. In 2019 we sold \$2,346.00 worth of property, in 2020 we sold \$4,118.00 worth of property and this year we had \$32,250.00 worth of property sold. We are working and it is getting done and I can assure you all that it is getting done correctly." Councilman Jerry Red Jr., stated, "Mr. Bellard, can you run those numbers by me one more time." Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "In 2019 we sold \$2,346.00 in 2020 we sold \$4,118.50 and year to date we had \$32,250.00." Councilman Jerry Red Jr., stated, "How did we get to sell \$32,250.00. Did we sell that thru our own worker in Parish Government and not Civic Source?"

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "Civic Source have sold some. Here is the problem. Looking at the numbers, and I have talked to Mandy, I did not see any checks come in thru Civic Source or anything. When Civic Source sell a piece of property, it is sold at \$5,000.00 or less, that amount goes to Civic Source. That is what their cost is. They keep that money because that is their cost that is associated with their contract. Now that cost will be given to local attorneys. We will sell the property like we did the last time and we get \$5,000.00 for a piece of property. That money now comes to Parish Government instead of Civic Source. It is being done in house. The legal work is being done by local attorneys and not people from New Orleans. That is the difference." Councilman Jerry Red Jr., "I want to thank you for the work that you and Mr. Lewis is doing. I think you all are doing an outstanding job."

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

Councilman Jerry Red Jr., questioned the time clock that is not working in the Council Chambers. He asked Sherell Jordan, Council Clerk how long has the time clock been out.

Sherell Jordan, Council Clerk stated, "About three months, it has been a while."

Councilman Harold Taylor questioned if the time clock could be fixed?

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "The thing with the time clock is, across the board, all of the software that was being used for the time clocks are no longer being used. When I got back here, all of a sudden that went out. Upon speaking with Mandy and the New Software Company that we will have with the accounting system it will bring this back into effect. In the meantime, we have been using a regular card clock like in Public Works.

Councilman Jerry Red Jr., stated, "Have our Council Clerks been using that?"

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "We can get one for them."

A motion was made by Councilman Jerry Red Jr., seconded by Councilman Timmy Lejeune to forward to Regular Meeting held on Wednesday, October 20th, 2021 to authorize the Parish President to install a new time clock in the Council Chambers.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jerry Red Jr., Easton Shelvin, Harold Taylor and Timmy Lejeune.

NAYS: None. ABSENT: Vivian Olivier. ABSTAINED: None.

Motion forwarded.

13. Adjourn.

A motion was made by Councilman Jerry Red Jr., seconded by Councilman Easton Shelvin to adjourn the Administrative Finance Committee Meeting.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jerry Red Jr., Easton Shelvin, Harold Taylor and Timmy Lejeune.

NAYS: None. ABSENT: Vivian Olivier. ABSTAINED: None.

Motion carried.

ST. LANDRY PARISH COUNCIL
PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 6th, 2021
OLD CITY MARKET, 131 W. BELLEVUE ST.
OPELOUSAS, LOUISIANA

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

1. Public Works Chairman Jimmie Edwards called the Public Works Committee of the St. Landry Parish Council to order.
2. Roll Call: Nancy Carriere, Mildred Thierry, Gil Savoy, Alvin Stelly and Coby Clavier.
Ex. Officio Dexter Brown. ABSENT: None.
3. Persons to address the committee.
There was no one to address this committee.
4. Public Works Report:
 - a. Update on Adjudicated Property in the Parish
Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "On Adjudicated Property, we just mentioned that earlier in the meeting. In 2019 we sold for \$2,346.00 in property, in 2020 we sold \$4,118.50 worth of property and in 2021, year to date as of October we sold \$32,250.00 worth of property. We are still in the process of cleaning properties thru out the Parish. We are cleaning them and putting them up for sale. The

money comes back in and we clean some more. We are keeping it going and getting everything cleaned up. We did some in Eunice and we are in the process of doing more in Eunice. We did two properties in Opelousas, we are cleaning them up and putting them up for sale because people are wanting them. It is on going.”

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere questioned, “Mr. Bellard, on properties that we have sold, how long does it take for the owner to get that paper work?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “Once the council says we are accepting the bid which we did, at that point, depending on the amount of years that the property was adjudicated. If the property was adjudicated 3 years or less, it has to be advertised for six months.”

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated, “I understand that part. A person was asking me how long will it take for them to get their Sole Paper.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “They have to do their leg work now. They will have to hire an attorney and that attorney will follow the process for the rest of the way. Once the Attorney do their part, it could be six months or as little as sixty days. Property that have been adjudicated for over five years is a sixty-day process and property that have adjudicated for over three years is a six month process. It is up to the owner who is buying the property and how fast they want to proceed after that. Once they do everything, they have to sign an Affidavit, bring it to us, we will file it with the Clerk of Court and it is released to the people. The way that the law is written, it is so confusing. But it is three years, six months after five years, it is only two months or sixty days.”

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere questioned, “Is there any way that we can shorten the process with the Blighted Property?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “I would love to do that. It may be something that the council will have to take into effect. I would like to see that it does not take long for grass cutting. If we send out a letter and they do not cut their grass, we will do it and charge them. Taking down somebody’s house, I do not understand giving them that time frame, because that is different. Just to go cut the grass and clean up that area, that should not take as long. Maybe Garrett can give us more insight. It does take a process, but on the grass cutting, I would like to see that shorten up a lot. By the time we do all that stuff, it is out of control and it will take a tractor to go and cut the grass. I will get with Garrett to see if we would have to revise the Ordinance. I would be more than happy to bring it back to the council and have it revised.”

b. Update on Road Work throughout the Parish

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “We are digging ditches every single day. We have contractors digging. This year alone, we have spent \$1.2 million dollars roughly. We just opened Bids last Friday for another \$1.3 million thru out the whole parish. Every District has a Contractor. Each District is roughly 50 miles of roads to be dug. We are hoping to get it done by the end of the year. I don’t think it will be done because of the weather but we are trying. I would like to get the funding from the ARA Program spent this year. If we can’t due to the weather, we can extend it beyond. That is what our goal is.”

Councilman Jerry Red Jr., stated, “I have a constituent that called me today. On Lofton Street, the ditch needs to be dug.

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “The P.O. has been signed for Lofton Street and Statesman Street. With the weather last week they could not start. It was supposed to be started last week.”

Councilman Jerry Red Jr., stated, “They started on Statesman Street last week. Thank you.”

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere questioned Parish President Jessie Bellard about the Black Gold.

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “We have some at the yard. I am not sure if they have anything more for us but we do have some on the yard. I did order, No I did not order the machine yet, but I forgot the actual legal name for it, but it is a packing machine. When we start pouring like we did on Collins, the machine will pack it down and place the material where it will last longer. It is a process. The black gold will be used to mix it in and make it harder and pack it in.”

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated, “If anyone have constituents that live off of HWY 182 North. They are doing the highway, the constituents had some concerns about their mailboxes. The State will replace all mailboxes. I just want to let you all know so you can pass it on to your constituents.”

Councilwoman Mildred Thierry questioned Parish President Jessie Bellard regarding the status of Collins and St. Amand Rd.

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “They are not working on those Roads now. They will be back on them as soon as it dries up good enough. That water from the rain actually went over Collins. We need to pick it up a little bit more. We will pack it before we put some more material. When we pack it, it will make it wider on top. Then we will have our two lanes again.”

c. Update on Phase 5 Smooth Ride Home.

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "We are still in effect right now with the Smooth Ride Home. They are still doing Moreau Road but they should have been finished yesterday. We did Beverly Road and Dry Bayou Road. We are waiting on the final numbers to come back on that. It should be a \$300,000.00 savings on that. Once we get that back we will start another phase to try to get some work done."

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere questioned the Phase for Rachal Lane.

Parish Jessie Bellard stated, "The P.O. has been signed for Rachal and they will do a short portion of Hollier Road."

d. Update on Anointing Drive.

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "I know Mr. Lejeune had a question about that last meeting. It is 4,305 feet of actual road that needs to be taken care of. Since our last meeting, Solid Waste has instructed Waste Connections to put their trash containers at their house. The trash trucks are going down there to pick up the trash. We won't have that big problem. We have not started any work on it yet, but they are passing to get the trash in front of their homes."

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated, "I have been getting calls that there are Dumpsters there. They have not started the trash cans in front."

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "I was instructed Monday that they were able to move them back. We will definitely start working on that to make it happen. I just wanted to let you know that it was 4,305 feet."

Administrative Finance Chairman Wayne Ardoin questioned the payments from the Taxing District.

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "This phase of money will be paid out of ARA. It will be broken down in five groups and we will have five different contractors. District 9 and 10 are together. District 11 is by itself, District 12 and 13 are together and District 7 is by itself. We have them grouped up for the amount of mileage of road."

Administrative Finance Chairman Wayne Ardoin questioned if that comes under the Professional Services

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "That is correct."

Chairman Dexter Brown questioned, "Mr. Bellard, on Anointing Drive, they have two side streets that have dead ends, are they included?"

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "Yes, they are included."

Councilman Harold Taylor questioned, "Mr. Bellard, on Bids for the various districts, how does that compare to the non-bids we did previously?"

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "Most of them are the same about price, 375 a foot. Some are at 450 a foot, depending on how much digging needs to be done on each location. We put out a packet, they went look at the road and they bided base on what they had to dig to make the grade. One of the things that we are making sure of is that every contractor is working with instruments to keep the slope going in the right direction. We had an issue in District 7. I won't say that it was done wrong, maybe I would say that it should have been done a little bit better. With the instruments we can fix that problem. That was part of the bid process."

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

On roll call vote: YEAS: Nancy Carriere, Mildred Thierry, Gil Savoy, Alvin Stelly and Coby Clavier. NAYS: None. ABSENT: None. ABSTAINED: None.

Motion carried.

5. Update on Tri-Part Care Group Home in Sunset, La.

Item discussed earlier in the meeting.

6. Authorize the Parish President Jessie Bellard to sign the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement for Repair of the Helipad at the St. Luc French Immersion and Cultural Campus.

Councilman Coby Clavier questioned if this was Government Property and why would Parish Government be putting funds into Helipad.

Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated, "There is a case law from the Louisiana Supreme Court which allow these public funds to be used to make repairs to a private property if it is for a public purpose. If the cost used to repair it is reasonable related to the public purpose. In return for repairing the Helipad at the St. Luc Center in Arnaudville, the Hospital Service District #2, which is Opelousas General Hospital will be able to land the Medical Helicopter there as needed. There are only two Helicopter Landing Pads for Hospital Service District #2. There is one at the South Campus and one at Prudhomme Lane at Opelousas General Hospital. There will be one in the Arnaudville area, if someone is injured, ill or in a car wreck, they will be needing to be air lifted to a hospital. Hospital Service District No. 2, which is a Public Hospital created a non-other authority of the Parish

Government which will be able to airlift people to the hospital. That is an exchange for the Parish using Public Resources to repair the Helipad at the French Immersion Center in Arnaudville. The Cooperative Endeavor Agreement would be signed by the French Immersion Center by our Parish President and by Albert Semien, the Chairman of the Board for Hospital Service District #2, which is Opelousas General Hospital.”

Councilman Alvin Stelly questioned the cost for this Helipad.

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “I did not do anything. I wanted to make sure that we had approval of the council before I would move forward. I can look into the cost for it. From my understanding, it won’t cost much to get it the way it used to be. The funds will be coming out of funds that was dedicated for that hospital.

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated he will get a cost for the repairs for the Helipad and present it to the council for the next Regular meeting dated Wednesday, October 20th, 2021.

A motion was made by Councilman Alvin Stelly, seconded by Councilman Coby Clavier to forward to Regular Meeting held on Wednesday, October 20th, 2021 to Authorize the Parish President Jessie Bellard to sign the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement for Repair of the Helipad at the St. Luc French Immersion and Cultural Campus. The Parish President will provide the council with the cost for the repairs.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Nancy Carriere, Mildred Thierry, Gil Savoy, Alvin Stelly and Coby Clavier. NAYS: None. ABSENT: None. ABSTAINED: None.

Motion forwarded.

7. Forward all applications received for five appointments for a four-year term to the Lawtell Gravity Drainage District No. 11. (10-02-2021 – 10-02-2025).
A motion was made by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry, seconded by Councilman Coby Clavier to forward to Regular Meeting held on Wednesday, October 20th, 2021 all application received for five appointments for a four year term to the Lawtell Gravity Drainage District No. 11. (10-02-2021 - 10-02-2025).
On roll call vote: YEAS: Nancy Carriere, Mildred Thierry, Gil Savoy, Alvin Stelly and Coby Clavier. NAYS: None. ABSENT: None. ABSTAINED: None.
Motion forwarded.
8. Forward all Applications received for two appointments for a four-year term to the Faquetaique Gravity Drainage District No. 1. (10-02-2021 – 10-02-2025).
A motion was made by Councilman Coby Clavier, seconded by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry to forward to Regular Meeting held on Wednesday, October 20th, 2021 all application received for two appointments for a four year term to the Faquetaique Gravity Drainage District No. 1. (10-02-2021 – 10-02-2025)
On roll call vote: YEAS: Nancy Carriere, Mildred Thierry, Gil Savoy, Alvin Stelly and Coby Clavier. NAYS: None. ABSENT: None. ABSTAINED: None.
Motion forwarded.
9. Forward all applications received for two appointments for a four-year term to the Eunice Gravity Drainage District No. 9 of Evangeline and St. Landry Parish. (10-02-2021 – 10-02-2021).
A motion was made by Councilman Coby Clavier, seconded by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry to forward to Regular Meeting held on Wednesday, October 20th, 2021 all application received for two appointments for a four year term to the Eunice Gravity Drainage District No. 9 of Evangeline and St. Landry Parish. (10-02-2021 - 10-02-2025).
On roll call vote: YEAS: Nancy Carriere, Mildred Thierry, Gil Savoy, Alvin Stelly and Coby Clavier. NAYS: None. ABSENT: None. ABSTAINED: None.
Motion forwarded.
10. Authorize the Council Clerk to advertise for two appointments for a one-year term to Fire District No. 7. (11-18-2021 – 11-18-2022).
A motion was made by Councilman Coby Clavier, seconded by Councilman Gil Savoy to forward to Regular Meeting held on Wednesday, October 20th, 2021 all application received for two appointments for a one year term to Fire District No. 7. (11-18-2021 – 11-18-2022). On roll call vote: YEAS: Nancy Carriere, Mildred Thierry, Gil Savoy, Alvin Stelly and Coby Clavier. NAYS: None. ABSENT: None. ABSTAINED: None.
Motion forwarded.
11. Update on Debris pickup in the Parish. (Councilwoman Mildred Thierry).
Councilwoman Mildred Thierry questioned the update on the debris pick up in the Parish.

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "We got an approval to pick up the debris and we got an approval to bring it to the Landfill. Now we have to get an approval from DEQ and FEMA to Chip the wood. We decided to just burn it because we have two sites, one in Lawtell and one in Sunset to go and burn. No matter what we do, we have to wait on approvals to get things done. They started picking up and the shut us down because of the chipping. Everyday they are chipping as Solid Waste. Because we are picking up Debris, that have to be permitted a different way. It is own going. Van and Richard Leboeuf are working on that to get it done.

12. Discuss cleaning of Culverts. (Councilwoman Mildred Thierry).

Councilwoman Mildred Thierry stated, "As you travel thru-out the parish, there are many culverts from the different storms that are simply clogged with debris. If we could get some type of system set up to get some of them cleaned, it would help elevate some of the flooding problems that we are having."

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "Everyday our new culvert cleaner is cleaning culverts. What we are trying to do is go ahead of the ditching crew. We have so many contractors working. They were in the Broadmoore area today cleaning culverts. We only have one man and one machine. He is working every single day cleaning the culverts. It is a neat machine. The front part of that hose shoots jet water forward. When it gets in the culvert, it shoots the jet water back at 2000 PSI and it runs it all the way thru the culvert."

13. Discuss who is responsible for making repairs of Road Service in the City of Opelousas, bringing it back to what it was before the waterline was repaired. (Chairman Wayne Ardoin).

Administrative Finance Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, "I am having some problems in Royal Gardens and behind Lafon Funeral Home which is in District 9. The City furnishes water to these people. When the City goes and do the repair work of fixing water leaks, they fill it up with Limestone and it is left behind. I am asking Garrett to please look and see if we are responsible for placing the Asphalt back or the City of Opelousas is responsible for placing the Asphalt back. If we need to place the Asphalt back, we need to get that cleared with the city so we won't be waiting on them. I have people calling and complaining that they come and dig and they repair the water leak and they fill it up with Asphalt and they do not return. Then they call me about the bumps in the road."

Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated, "I will look into it but I have to ask, is it inside of the city limits?"

Administrative Finance Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, "It is outside of the city limits.

They are furnishing city water to these constituents. I have an issue because they are calling with an issue. It is not good for the neighborhood. I am asking that you find out if the Parish Government or the City of Opelousas is responsible for repairing the streets after a water leak have been repaired."

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated, "I am having the same situation on McNeese Street. I have spoken to the Mayor about this situation. The Mayor has acknowledged that they should repair the road after they have repaired broken water lines, but the problem is when. Mr. Bellard have graciously agreed to offer some assistant if the Mayor needs it."

14. St. Landry Parish Solid Waste Disposal District proposes to modify an existing Type II Landfill by increasing the largest area requiring final cover from 40 acres to 58 acres. The facility is located at 417 Solid Waste Road, Washington, St. Landry Parish. The hearing will be held on Thursday, October 28, 2021, beginning at 6:00 p.m., at the Town of Washington Town Hall, 405 N. Washington Street, Washington, LA.

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "That was something that was brought to our attention to give to the Council to approve at the next Regular Meeting held on Wednesday, October 20th, 2021. It is just to give us Public Notice of what is happening.

A motion was made by Councilman Coby Clavier, seconded by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry to forward to Regular Meeting held on Wednesday, October 20th, 2021 to authorize the St. Landry Parish Solid Waste Disposal District proposes to modify an existing Type II Landfill by increasing the largest area requiring final cover from 40 acres to 58 acres. The facility is located at 417 Solid Waste Road, Washington, St. Landry Parish. The hearing will be held on Thursday, October 28, 2021, beginning at 6:00 p.m., at the Town of Washington Town Hall, 405 N. Washington Street, Washington, LA.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Nancy Carriere, Mildred Thierry, Gil Savoy, Alvin Stelly and Coby Clavier. NAYS: None. ABSENT: None. ABSTAINED: None.

Motion forwarded.

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

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated, “The School Board is having a shortage of mask, is there any way that we can assist them?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “We don’t have extra mask. Van has ordered more. They are getting hard to get. He did order some Monday to take care of the Court System. We are doing a lot of Jury Selections now. I can get with Van to see if he has anything extra to help.”

Councilman Coby Clavier stated, “Will we be seeing a Grader soon, the roads are dried up.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “Yes, we have three of them working right now. Tomorrow night the Solid Waste is having a meeting. They took RFP’s for the new contract starting next October. I just wanted to let the Council know that I was invited to go and speak tomorrow night. They are asking me to support the RFP for a local provider, a local business owner here. Lavern’s Trucking submitted a bid. They were the next lowest bid. The lowest bid now is from Waste Connections whom we have now. I will be asking Solid Waste to not give it to Waste Connections because of their past performance. I will be asking them to award it to Bayou State Containers that is owned by the Lavern’s who is a local contactor, a local person in our parish. We will give them a shot. With the new contract, they have a lot of stipulations in there where we can hold anyone accountable from that point on. I am just letting you all know where I sit on it. I know everybody is getting the same complaints I was getting with the last trash collections agency. This is a local guy, I want to give him a shot. That is my take on it and I just wanted to let you all know where I am going.”

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated, “I have been told that they are starting the research work on the Broadband and the Cable in some areas. This will be coming soon, hopefully within another year.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “I had a meeting yesterday with LUS. St. Landry Parish, Evangeline Parish and Acadia Parish are the only parishes in the state of Louisiana that was able to apply for this National Teli-Communications Grant. It looks very good. It is \$50,000,000.00. It will take care of many of our problems in our Parish. It is not going to fix everything but it will give us a good foot print to start with. LUS and Allen Cable is on that Grant. LUS came in yesterday and we talked about the Gumbo Grant. Whatever holes that were left from the first Grant, we will apply for that with the Gumbo Grant. There are still other sources of Revenue but the next phase is going to happen by the end of this year as far as awarding the grant, we are applying. It looks like every part of our parish will be promised some good internet service at their homes. It does not matter if you live in a Rural area or not.”

Chairman Dexter Brown stated, “Our Regional 3 Meeting is rapidly approaching. It will be held on Thursday, November 18th, 2021. If anyone is interested in donating any type of prizes for our door prize, please contact our Council Clerk and let her know what prize you would like to donate. Hopefully our COVID number will be down and we can have the meeting.”

16. Adjourn.

A motion was made by Councilman Coby Clavier, seconded by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry to adjourn the Public Works Committee Meeting.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Nancy Carriere, Mildred Thierry, Gil Savoy, Alvin Stelly and Coby Clavier. NAYS: None. ABSENT: None. ABSTAINED: None.

Motion carried.

SPECIAL MEETING
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBRE 21, 2021
DELTA GRAND THEATRE, 120 SOUTH MARKET ST.
OPELOUSAS, LOUISIANA
Poor Recording Reception
Notes are from Mr. Mike Hefner

- I. This meeting was called to order by Chairman Dexter Brown.
- II. Councilman Wayne Ardoin led the Pledge and Invocation.
- III. Roll Call: Present: Jerry Red Jr., Easton Shelvin, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Gil Savoy, Alvin Stelly, Vivian Olivier, Wayne Ardoin, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards and Coby Clavier. Ex Officio Dexter Brown. St. Landry Parish School Board Members.
ABSENT: Nancy Carriere.
Councilwoman Nancy Carriere was absent for roll call but later joined the meeting.
- IV. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

Mike Hefner, Chief Demographer

- Discuss Polling Locations, Boundary Lines and Voting Precincts in St. Landry Parish.

Mr. Mike Hefner, Chief Demographer greeted everyone. He displayed a map to the council.

Mr. Hefner shared the 2020 census counts for each of the current PC/SB districts and indicated which districts were out of balance with their population counts. This imbalance is what triggers redistricting.

Mr. Hefner then reviewed the Parish Council's upcoming ordinance and the School Board's resolution that make a formal statement that the new census population counts have been computed for each district and that redistricting is necessary to bring the districts back into balance. Adoption of these two documents will satisfy the first legal requirement of the Council and Board in accordance with LA R.S. 33:1411.

The two levels of census geography used for redistricting were then illustrated and explained. Whole precincts are to be used where they fit into each district being adjusted and census blocks are used to split precincts where a whole precinct cannot fit. Each split precinct becomes a new precinct at the end of the process. At that time, it was explained that a new set of precincts will come out of the redistricting process and the Council will be able to select the appropriate polling locations for each of the precincts. These new precincts and locations would go into effect for the Fall 2022 election cycle.

Mr. Hefner then went over each district in a sample plan to show how the districts low in population had to take from those nearby districts that were high in population. This balances the population counts and is done in such a way as to persevere minority voting strength for the traditional majority-minority districts.

Discussions were then held on various districts and changes modeled based on suggestions by the Council and School Board members as well as the public. The appropriate changes would be incorporated along with other suggestions by the demographer based on the discussions and a new revised plan drawn up. This plan would be distributed to the members and would be the basis for discussions at the next workshop.

At the end of the meeting, Mr. Hefner stated that if anyone has any questions or wants to explore a possible change between the meetings he would be happy to help. At the following meeting he would inform the members of who called, what was discussed, and any recommendations to be considered by the membership. If any sub-groups wanted to meet, he would arrange that and then inform the membership of any changes at the following full-membership workshop.

V. ADJOURN

A motion was made by Councilman Harold Taylor, seconded by Councilman Wayne Ardoin to adjourn the Special Meeting.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jerry Red Jr., Nancy Carriere, Easton Shelvin, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Gil Savoy, Alvin Stelly, Vivian Olivier, Wayne Ardoin, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards, and Coby Clavier. NAYS: None. ABSENT: None. ABSTAINED: None.

St. Landry Parish School Board Members.

WHEREUPON, this motion was adopted on this, the 21st, day of September, 2021.

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

XIV. ADJOURN