

**ST. LANDRY PARISH COUNCIL  
PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 5<sup>th</sup>, 2022  
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, Jimmie Edwards and Coby Clavier. Ex. Officio Dexter Brown. **ABSENT:** None.
3. Person to address the Committee:  
**Mr. Herman Fuselier addressed the council.** He stated, "I would like to address you all tonight about the Tourist Commission Term Appointments that are coming up. I sent a letter to Chairman Dexter Brown about this and I think he shared it with you. I will read it just for the record.  
The 3-year term for all St. Landry Parish Tourist Commissioners officially expire on February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2022. The Parish Council is scheduled to make appointments at next month meeting. In the past, appointment were chosen from applicants to public notices in the journal of record, the Eunice News. But I want to bring to your attention that this process doesn't align with state law. According to La. Statue RS 33:4574 (44) (F) (b) (i), which covers "Tourist Commissions; creation; purpose; directors; power," Commission appointments shall be made from a list of nominees submitted to the governing authority or authorities by private, nonprofit groups that have an interest in one or more aspects of the tourism industry. Example of these authorities and groups can include Mayors, Main Street and Tourism Directors, Chambers of Commerce, Historical Districts, Museums, lodging and attractions. These nominees would already have knowledge and experience with tourism, thereby enhancing the industry in the parish. A copy of this State's Tourist Commission Law, with appointment text highlighted is with this letter. It can also be found at the Louisiana State Legislature Web site, legis.la.gov.  
I ask you the council and your attorney, review this state law and align the council's selection process with these mandated guidelines.  
Retired Director Celest Gomez sent a letter outlining some of the same things that I have mentioned with the state law. She also mentioned some of the Non Profit groups that could help make these selections. It would include Hospitality Associations, Merchant Associations, Restaurant Owners, Lodging Partners and Event Organizers. St. Landry Parish citizens who are affiliated with these groups have professional experience in the areas of marketing and promotions such as Graphic Art, Social Media, Advertising, Photography, Journalism, Historic Preservation and would qualify and be submitted as nominees."  
**Chairman Dexter Brown stated,** "Thank you for coming Mr. Fuselier. I did forward a copy to the council members and they received a copy of the revised statue from the state. We will do the best job that we can do regarding our Tourism Industry and the selection process. I wanted all the members with a copy so that they can read it."  
**Councilman Jerry Red Jr. stated,** "You are the Director right?"  
**Mr. Herman Fuselier stated,** "Yes Sir."  
**Councilman Jerry Red Jr. stated,** "That is all I need to know, you are the Director."  
**Parish President Jessie Bellard stated,** "In regards to this matter, will you all take any action? It is on the agenda for tonight. I am just asking, when we get to that line item on the agenda, are you all going to make a motion to go thru this or follow the guidelines."  
**Chairman Dexter Brown stated,** "Item No. 10 on the agenda is for us to authorize to advertise for several appointment to the Tourist Commission."  
Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "All I am say is that when it gets to that item, are you all going to make the motion to follow what the state law recommend at that time?"  
**Councilman Timmy Lejeune questioned,** "What has changed with the appointments?"  
**Councilman Jerry Red Jr., stated,** "We did not pick who they wanted."  
**Councilman Coby Clavier stated,** "We did not follow the proper guidelines for appointing the right people. We picked who we wanted to pick instead of picking qualified people. We

are just trying to get back to the statue on how it is written to pick the right people. That is why this is brought up.”

**Councilman Timmy Lejeune stated**, “Are we still going to pick the people that we choose or fit for that?”

**Councilman Coby Clavier stated**, “Yes, nothing have changed other then we need to follow the right guidelines for picking the right qualified person.”

**Parish President Jessie Bellard stated**, “Whenever you are going to pick the person you have to get recommendations as per the law. That is the only thing that will be different. If you all follow what the Statue calls for, you need to get recommendations from these individual entities and make a decision based off of that. Not just for whomever applies. That is the only thing that is different.”

**Councilman Harold Taylor stated**, “We really need to balance this with folks from Eunice and Opelousas and the rest of the Parish. We kind of got carried away and got it lop-sided right now. Herman, would you like to talk on that? I am from the other side of the parish. I don’t have nothing to do with Eunice or Opelousas so I am neutral in this.”

**Mr. Herman Fuselier stated**, “That is coming from the past before because traditionally we had at least two representatives from the two largest municipalities in the parish, Eunice and Opelousas. Those numbers sort of got off in recent years but it was just sort of a tradition, nothing labeled out specifically.”

**Parish President Jessie Bellard stated**, “Even doing it this way does not necessarily mean that it will come from either place if you go by what the law recommends. This is not being done only to make sure that we are picking in certain areas of the parish, it needs to come from these recommendations, a private non-profit group.”

**Council Clerk Sherell Jordan questioned**, “Based on the recommendations, are they going to be writing us a letter or am I supposed to write them a letter asking for their recommendations?”

**Councilman Coby Clavier stated**, “They should be writing us a recommendation on who they suggest.”

**Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated**, “Madam Clerk, do we usually get recommendations from Mayors and Tourism Commissions and Museums as to who they want us to nominate?”

**Council Clerk Sherell Jordan stated**, “No Sir.”

**Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated**, “So that means that we should send notices to those Non-Profit, Un-Profit, Private Groups that have an interest in one or more aspects of the Tourism Commission and invite their nominations because that is how we are going to get nominations submitted to the parish government from private non-profit groups that have an interest in one or more aspects. The clerk is going to advertise for seven appoints to St. Landry Parish Tourist Commission and perhaps we need to notify the non-profit private groups with interest in one or more aspects of the tourism industry to get their nominations or nominees. Otherwise we may not get any.”

**Parish President Jessie Bellard stated**, “If you look at the law where it says, it shall be made from a list of nominees submitted to the Governing Authority or Authorities by Private Non-Profit. I think the council have a choice here to make. It will be either a nomination submitted to the council like they have been doing or the private sector. I don’t think it says that it has to be done that way, it just says, it shall be made from a list of nominees submitted to the governing authority. I think they can do it the same way they been doing it by having a list of nominees. It don’t say where the list comes from but then the ‘or’ part comes into play. I think it is a decision that the council has to make at the full council meeting.”

#### 4. Public Works Report:

##### a. Contract for Courthouse Waterproofing Project.

**Parish President Jessie Bellard stated**, “The Courthouse Waterproofing Project, we placed this on the agenda anticipating we would be getting it from the Architect but we did not receive it as of right now. We did put it out on bid and we did get some bids but I do not have the contract for tonight. I should have it for the full council meeting but it has not been given to us yet. I will defer it to the full council meeting.”

##### b. Recommendation from the Public Works Department whether Speed Bumps should be installed on Wisdom Road.

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “I have a recommendation from Public Works whether Speed Bumps should be installed on Wisdom Road. I think that it was Mr.

Brown that have been asking for that. If it is a recommendation from Public Works, we are in favor of it if the council so chooses to do it.”

**Councilman Timmy Lejeune stated,** “I have requested the Parish Government look into Speed Bumps. Could you give me any answers tonight as to what is going on with that?”

**Parish President Jessie Bellard stated,** “Actually I cannot give you an answer on that one that we are looking for. That one speed bump that we are looking for that is really a speed bump. Precious is getting with Evangeline Specialties to get the one that is raised.

**Councilman Timmy Lejeune stated,** “I see at Consolidated Government, they have them around the Hospital. There is a Traffic Circle. They have them at the Traffic Circle and they are really speed bumps. They are not those little yellow strips, they are Speed Humps.

**Councilman Jerry Red Jr. stated,** “On Perry Drive, Didn’t they have speed bumps on it before they over laid the road? And what about Charles Burr Lane?”

**Parish President Jessie Bellard stated,** “Yes, we have to put the speed bumps back on Perry Drive and on Charles Burr Lane, they did do some. I don’t know if they went all the way down to the end.”

**Councilman Jerry Red Jr., stated,** “It was supposed to go from 6<sup>th</sup> street to Wisdom and they put four of them from Wisdom.”

**Parish President Jessie Bellard stated,** “I am not sure how the Ordinance reads on spacing them, I know there is a procedure. I will check on that to see what was done, but they will be putting back on Perry Drive.”

**Councilwoman Nancy Carriere questioned,** “On Charles Burr Lane, does the whole road belongs to the parish?”

**Parish President Jessie Bellard stated,** “Part of the road belongs to the city.”

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

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

**Motion carried.**

5. Forward all applications received for one seat for the remainder of a two-year term to Fire District No. 3. Expiring 01-01-2024.

A motion was made by Councilman Coby Clavier, seconded by Councilman Alvin Stelly to forward to Regular Meeting held on **Wednesday January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2022** all applications received for one seat for the remainder of a two-year term to Fire District No. 3.

Expiring 01-01-2024.

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

**Motion forwarded.**

6. Forward all applications received for one appointment for a five-year term to St. Landry Agricultural Arena Authority. (01-18-2022- 01-18-2027).

A motion was made by Councilman Coby Clavier, seconded by Councilwoman Nancy Carriere to forward to Regular Meeting held on **Wednesday, January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2022** all applications received for one appointment for a five-year term to St. Landry Agricultural Arena Authority. (01-18-2022- 01-18-2027).

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

**Motion forwarded.**

7. Forward all applications received for one appointment for the remainder of a four-year term expiring on 09-04-2022 to the East St. Landry Consolidated Gravity Drainage District No. 1.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Nancy Carriere, seconded by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry to forward to Regular Meeting held on **Wednesday, January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2022** all applications received for one appointment for the remainder of a four-year term expiring on 09-04-2022 to the East St. Landry Consolidated Gravity Drainage District No. 1.

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

**Motion forwarded.**

8. Public Notice for Crestview: The project is a New Construction family-oriented development with a Community facility and supportive services. There will be 40 new construction townhomes. Crestview will have 4 – One bedroom/one-bathroom, 20- Two bedroom/ two bathroom, and 16 – Three- bedroom/two-bathroom units. The owner is competing for 9% tax credits provided by Louisiana Housing Corporation.

Mr. Bill Rodier addressed the council. He stated, “Jessie asked me to come and try to address what I knew about this. To be honest with you, I did not know almost nothing about it until late today, about 5 p.m. today with this project. I will tell you what I know. There is a company called Rowanoak Development that is out of Mississippi that is looking to do a housing complex that you have listed up there. I have not seen the sight plan. I don’t know what this project looks like. It has never been presented to me. I know there have been several questions about the area that they have been looking to place this. One of the areas was on a dead end street over by North East Elementary. In a discussion today with one of the principals, that is not a sight that they will probably be considering. The sight that they are considering for this, and if there is no contract, this is very tentative with this, the gentlemen said they would be considering a sight next to the Yambilee. That is where they would be looking to put this project. Which as I understand, I have not done the tile research, but I believe that that is parish property and I believe that this project would have to be annexed into the city in order to get water and sewer services for the project over there. As I understand this, if a project is going to be funded by Louisiana in part LHC (Louisiana Housing Corporation) there is a requirement by the developer to give notice that there is a notice of interest to have a project in the area. That notice of interest have to go State Elected Officials. Senator Boudreaux, Senator Miller, you as the Parish Council with the property that they are looking at, my understand is that this serves as notice that they have got interest in putting up property here. There is nothing beyond according to the gentlemen from Rowanoak, there is nothing beyond his interest in putting it here. I don’t know all the details. We don’t work intimately with these housing projects but to the best I know, if a project gets funded in part thru LHC, it does not mean that it is either a workforce or a completely subsidized voucher housing project. I think it can be a portion of both. It can be workforce housing which means that the residence have to be at work and they can have a subsidized rent to live in that complex or it could be completely vouched where the individuals would qualify for rental assistance and not have to have a job. I think it could fall somewhere in between that. As I understand it, as they submit an application to the LHC for funding they score competitively on those types of factors with that. The gentleman that I spoke with today said that they had a national training session this week. They apologize for not being able to be here. Again, I did not know anything about this project, this was just trying to do research to help to keep you guys informed as a council of what this is. This is what I know about it, I will answer any other questions that you might have with it just based on what I know and the little time I had to do some research.”

**Councilwoman Nancy Carriere questioned,** “Is this considered low income? Where is this company from? And what area around the Yambilee they would like to utilize”

**Mr. Bill Rodier stated,** “My understanding that the property that they are interested in is the property directly adjacent to the west of the Yambilee Building. It runs parallel. I don’t know if it is still there or not but there was a big old house far back. I am not sure if the house is still there or it got torn down or not. The way is has been described to me, again, it is in part low income. If it is through LHC, it is in part. It can be a difference of work force housing, means the residence have to be working in order to be living there. If they don’t have any job, then they can’t. It can also be a complete voucher, low income housing project where the people wouldn’t have to work. I have no idea what they intend to do or how they applications intend to balance on that. It can be a combination of both or it could be all of one or the other.”

**Councilwoman Nancy Carriere questioned,** “Mr. Bellard, did someone contact you about this?”

**Parish President Jessie Bellard stated,** “Well, we already got the letter in the mail obviously, but I also had an e-mail from them over the weekend or the latter part of last week. They were asking me to give some kind of approval process thru the council. I am against low income housing. We have enough of that in our parish. If they want to come and give us some housing that will help people get out of the low income status and get into buying a house and helping them, I am all for it. I made that clear in my e-mail to them. I am not against having housing, but it needs to be housing to get people to the next level and this is not it according to the e-mail I received from him. The next thing is, right next to the Yambilee, where there is concerts, rodeo and everything else, that is not a place to put

housing. You think we have trouble now, we will have more trouble about people complaining about all the noise next door. It is just rent, low income and I am not trying to stop anybody from coming to our parish but I think we need to be more of an advocate for the next level of care for our people, not just to place them in low income.”

**Councilwoman Nancy Carriere questioned the name Rowanoak and Crestview.**

**Parish President Jessie Bellard stated,** “It says the development of Crestview Apartments. Honestly that is all we have.”

**Councilwoman Nancy Carriere questioned** “Are they related to the Crestview apartments that are really established?”

**Parish President Jessie Bellard stated,** “I am not sure if there are any relations to this.”

**Councilman Jerry Red Jr. stated,** “Mr. Rodier, this is in my District, District 1. Can you give me more clarity on this company when you get more information before they attempt to do anything.”

**Mr. Bill Rodier stated,** “Absolutely, like I said, the first conversation that I had with this guy is 5:15 this afternoon. I have not seen the sight plan and I have not seen any details yet. I am assuming that at some point their application to the LHC Group is going to have to be made public because that is a public body that approves those funding. Soon as I know something, I will be happy to forward it to you.”

**Councilman Jerry Red Jr., questioned,** “What happened to the other location they had?”

**Mr. Bill Rodier stated,** “I don’t know. He did not give any specifics as to why the other location by North East Elementary on that Dead End Street was not considered a sight anymore. I know there are specific requirement in the Census Block Track. I think in order to be eligible for the LHC Funding both of them meet that requirement but he did not elaborate on why they were looking at the one sight over the other. I can try and find that out for you but he did not say anything specific today.”

**Chairman Dexter Brown stated,** “That property just west of the Yambilee building that they are talking about, they have two property owners. When you go down that lane where that Trailer House is, that lady there owns from HWY 190 all the way down that lane and the Trailer House back to Birds Lane. She owns the east side of the property. The other side is owned by here Fiancé that passed away. Is that within the city limits?”

**Parish President Jessie Bellard stated,** “That pieces is not. The Yambilee Grounds up to that fence is in the city all the way to the trees in the back. That piece of property that we discussing is not in the city at this time.”

**Mr. Bill Rodier stated,** “When this first got brought up to me, I think it was the perception that this was a project that they are looking to do a work force apartment complex on Laurent Street around the greenspace and Lowes but not on the Frontage Road. This is not the same project, this is totally different. It is also my understating that LHC is running behind in their review and approval. Now that I am involved, I will try and stay in point with it and as soon as something becomes available, I will forward it to you all. Either to Jessie or to you all, whichever you would like, whatever would be best.”

9. Authorize Council Clerk to advertise two appointments to Fire District No. 6 for a two-year term. (02-17-2022-02-17-2024).

A motion was made by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry, seconded by Councilwoman Nancy Carriere to forward to Regular Meeting held on **Wednesday, January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2022** to authorize the Council Clerk to advertise for two appointments to Fire District No. 6 for a two-year term. (02-17-2022-02-17-2024).

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 Council Clerk to advertise seven appointments to St. Landry Parish Tourist Commission for a three-year term. (02-19-2022 – 02-19-2025).

A motion was made by Councilman Coby Clavier, seconded by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry to forward to Regular Meeting held on **Wednesday, January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2022** to authorize the Council Clerk to advertise seven appointments to St. Landry Parish Tourist Commission for a three-year term. (02-19-2022 – 02-19-2025).

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

**Motion forwarded.**

11. Update on debris pickup, drainage, and Broadband. (Councilwoman Mildred Thierry).

**Councilwoman Mildred Thierry stated,** “Mr. Bellard would you mind giving us an update on each of those three items. I have gotten several call about these.

**Parish President Jessie Bellard stated,** “The **Debris** pick up is still in the same stage as last meeting with DEQ giving final approval for the burn site. The **Drainage** work is just about complete from the ARA Funding. We should be finish with that by the end of January, also on the drainage, we applied for a Brick Grant thru the Federal Government to do a study with UL and HGA from the North all the way to the South on a Parish Wide Drainage. That includes the canal, the bayous and everything else. We should hear back from them. If they approve it there is \$260,000.00 for the study. Once that is done, they will do the implementation of the study. That will be a parish wide drainage project including the bayous. We are pushing real hard for that. On the **Broadband**, we submitted letters to the state last week for the GUMBO Act thru the state with LUS, Allen Cable, Starr Communications. They have a plan in place. The company have to submit thru the GUMBO Plan. That will cover the holes in our parish that does not have broadband. We should get word this month on the first round of money from the National Tela-Communications Grant, as well and that is the first phase with LUS and Allen Cable.”

12. Discuss water leaks when streets have been repaired in District 9 by the City. (Councilman Wayne Ardoin).

**Councilman Wayne Ardoin stated,** “You see Julius left and I know their hands are tied. What they are doing is, they are coming in, repairing their leaks and they put some Limestone then we have an automatic speedbumps. Then it goes a year before the street is repair. Mr. Bellard, I will ask that your Public Works person, whom ever that you have, can watch over them things and maybe push them to maybe remove the limestone and put us some asphalt. We have some good asphalt street but what they are doing is repairing the leaks and they are leaving us some limestone.”

**Parish President Jessie Bellard stated,** “I know we talked about this a couple of month ago. I am not sure about the legal side of it Garrett. If the city is bussing the street to fix the water leaks, what kind of a normal time frame shall we give them to repair the road back to where it was before?”

**Legal Counsel Garett Duplechain stated,** “I don’t know how long it would take to repair the road if the city is doing the work on it. I could call the city attorney for Opelousas and try to coordinate with him. I don’t know how long it takes to fix a street but we could inquire about it. They could give us a timeline.

**Councilman Wayne Ardoin stated,** “I have two of them Mr. Bellard. If you want to make a note of them. 198 Marigold in Royal Gardens and 202 Wisteria. The one at 202 Wisteria has been like that for about a year. Mr. Alsandor, we are talking about the automatic speed bumps that the city is making for us when you the water repairs. We are just asking that you maybe expedite putting some asphalt down instead on limestone.

**Honorable Mayor, Julius Alsandor stated,** “Good evening to each of you. Thank you for the work that you do in each of your positions. To respond to Mr. Ardoin’s question, we are working expeditiously and fast as we can in putting products down on the road. You and I have talked about this and several other streets in the city of Opelousas. We are doing the best that we can. Right now presently, we have five people working in that department. That is to take care of 485 streets. Ms. Carriere, you and I have spoken many times about streets.

**Councilman Wayne Ardoin stated,** “All of us have streets that you serve. We have issues. All of us have streets that water is being served under the streets, when we have a leak, it takes forever for the streets to get repaired after you all do your work.”

**Honorable Mayor, Julius Alsandor stated,** “Again, I am not trying to give excuses. I am giving the reality of what we are confronting now. We have that many streets. You talked about the work earlier about inheritance. I have taken it on and I have not backed away from it. The employees that we have, we are doing the best that we can with the employees, the equipment and the resources that we have.”

**Chairman Dexter Brown stated,** “Hopefully none of them come down with COVID.”

**Honorable Mayor, Julius Alsandor stated,** “We have three that are home with it now.”

**Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated,** “I have asked Mr. Bellard if there is any way that he could assist you. I understand your position, you only have 5 employees. Mr. Bellard, is there still a way that you can help to assist to get some of this work done?”

**Parish President Jessie Bellard stated,** “We do have an agreement with the city and all the municipalities to assist in any way possible. That extends on everything. The Mayor and I have been in discussion about this.”

**Honorable Mayor, Julius Alsandor stated,** “We have had some very indebt conversations about this. A couple of years ago we came to you and the partnership that we have developed with our gravel roads, there is a big plus there. We still periodically have to contract some of this work out to, but we are limited to that. All of us are constricted when it comes to finance. We are working diligently and as hard as we can with the people that we have and presently trying to hire others to bring it in. It is hard to find the skills set that we need to be able to address that.

**Councilman Coby Clavier questioned,** “When they changed the culvert on Soileau Road where that bad hole was, the lime stone is still there, how much longer does the limestone have to stay before they go back and black top it?”

**Parish President Jessie Bellard stated,** “I will check with Barry in the morning. I am pretty sure they wanted it to pack real good. I will get him to put some Asphalt back.”

13. Discuss speed limit signs on parish roads. (Councilman Wayne Ardoin).

Councilman Wayne Ardoin stated, “I have spoken to Mr. Barry Solieau about this matter so I don’t need to discuss it.”

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

**Parish President Jessie Bellard stated,** “I have an issue that involve annexation of properties in the parish. The mayor and I have discussed some issue and I think at this time I am ready to ask the council to start with a CEA with all of the Municipalities in our parish whenever a piece of property is annexed into the municipalities, we do an 80-20 split with them until the tax is off the books. I am talking about the smooth ride home tax that is on the books until 2029. I want that to move forward and get talks going. I don’t want it to just sit. We wanted to make sure that the truck stops is a go as far as we know and now is a proper time to address that issue. The Smooth Ride Home has that tax in an unincorporated area of the parish.

Anything that is Annexed by any municipality, we would like to make a deal with them that 80-20 split with 20% coming to the Parish Government of the Sales Tax and 80% goes to the Municipalities because they are going to have the expense of putting it in place.”

**Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated,** “An Intergovernmental Agreement between the municipalities and Parish Government, the 80% is for the City and the 20% is for the Parish.”

**Councilman Timmy Lejeune stated,** “Mr. Bellard, was there a tax passed that the parish would collect the entire tax until it expired. Is that State Law. That is what I am trying to find out.”

**Parish President Jessie Bellard stated,** “We had an opinion issued by Eric LaFleur. His opinion came back rendered to us, the city and the SLED Board. It said that there are two other parishes that have the same situation. There is no court case that reference this. The other two parishes did the same thing we are doing to come up with a deal with the municipalities in the parish and split the tax. The burden of cost is on the municipalities to do all the infrastructure in that area. We are going to ask that 20% of that tax money come to Parish.”

**Councilwoman Nancy Carriere questioned,** “Can you give us an update on the Blighted property in the parish.

**Parish President Jessie Bellard stated,** “They are all taken care of. Especially the one over here on 190. Everyone is showing progress but the one on HWY 190 is completely done.”

A motion was made by Councilman Coby Clavier, seconded by Councilman Alvin Stelly to forward to Regular Meeting held on **Wednesday, January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2022** authorizing the Parish President to sign a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between the Parish Government and the Municipalities for an 80-20 split when property is annexed into the municipalities.

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. 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: Nancy Carriere, Mildred Thierry, Gil Savoy, Alvin Stelly and Coby Clavier. ABSENT: None. ABSTAINED: None.

**Motion carried.**

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

