

**ST. LANDRY PARISH COUNCIL
PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 2nd, 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. Councilman Gil Savoy led the Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation.
 3. Roll Call: Nancy Carriere, Mildred Thierry, Gil Savoy, Alvin Stelly, Jimmie Edwards and Coby Clavier. Ex. Officio Dexter Brown. ABSENT: None.
 4. Person to address the Committee:
Dr. Albert Gross requested to address the council after item #9 on the agenda.
 5. Public Works Report:
 - a. **Update on Adjudicated Property in the Parish.**
Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "In you packet is a list of thirteen pieces of property that we have received deposits on. Our next step is to bring it to the full council for their approval to allow us to sell these thirteen pieces of property. Then it is advertised in the Eunice News to start the sale process."
A motion was made by Councilman Coby Clavier, seconded by Councilman Alvin Stelly to forward to Regular Meeting held on **Wednesday, June 16th, 2021** authorizing the Parish President to sell thirteen pieces of Adjudicated Property.
On roll call vote: Nancy Carriere, Mildred Thierry, Gil Savoy, Alvin Stelly and Coby Clavier. ABSENT: None. ABSTAINED: None.
Motion forwarded.
 - b. **Update on Road Work throughout the Parish.**
Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "The Road Work in Phase 5 is in need of a signed contract. They will start the process in the next couple of weeks if the weather permits. In your packet you have a DOTD Contract that needs to be approved to allow me to sign it. That is for the cutting of the grass along I-49. It is up for renewal."
A motion was made by Councilman Alvin Stelly, seconded by Councilman Coby Clavier to forward to Regular Meeting held on **Wednesday, June 16th, 2021** authorizing the Parish President to sign the Maintenance Agreement contract between the St. Landry Parish Government and the DOTD.
On roll call vote: Nancy Carriere, Mildred Thierry, Gil Savoy, Alvin Stelly and Coby Clavier. ABSENT: None. ABSTAINED: None.
Motion forwarded.
- Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "I need a Resolution approved by the council allowing me to sign all DOTD activities. The Baton Rouge office officially have not changed the name from Bill Fontenot to Jessie Bellard. They would like a letter or a Resolution from the council appointing me to sign all DOTD Contracts and Resolution."
- A motion was made by Councilman Alvin Stelly, seconded by Councilman Gil Savoy to forward to Regular Meeting held on **Wednesday, June 16th, 2021** authorizing Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain to forward a Letter or a Resolution to DOTD that officially allows the Parish President, Jessie Bellard to sign all Contracts and Resolutions.
On roll call vote: Nancy Carriere, Mildred Thierry, Gil Savoy, Alvin Stelly and Coby Clavier. ABSENT: None. ABSTAINED: None.
Motion forwarded.

c. Update on Phase 5 of the Smooth Ride Home.

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "I had a meeting two weeks ago with BP. They are securing Land Leases mainly in Mrs. Mildred, Ms. Nancy and some of Jerry's area to do a Solar Panel Farm, 1,300 Acres. They are in their early stages and they are securing Land Leases. On next Wednesday, Sherry McGovern and I will be going to Pointe Coupee Parish. There is an Ordinance in your packet regarding Solar Farms. We will have to introduce it at some point in the near future. I just want you all to have it ahead of time. This is what Point Coupee adopted because they had the same thing there. It is taking the Agricultural Land and making it into a Solar Panel Farm. They are telling me that it is \$20,000,000.00 of taxable property for the Parish. That is a good thing and I think it will be a little tax break. We have not gotten to that part yet. Whenever they will come back, I will have the council come and meet with them so you all can ask the questions. We do not have an ordinance in place yet and we are not ready for it but, I want to get the council ahead of the game. They are the second company that have contacted me but they are the first company that is actually getting Land Leases done with the farmers. That is just a FYI for now. I do have a copy of Point Coupee Parish Ordinance for you all." Councilwoman Nancy Carriere questioned the status of Black Gold. Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "We have some. We are getting more from DOTD. They are placing it on the roads. Some of the roads that we will be building up are Collins Road, Prayer House Road and those areas. We have to build them up because they are impassable when it gets rains. We also have Rayne Road in District 6 and any other roads that you all can think of that may need to be build up. It is based off Engineers coming in and doing a study to make sure we do it the right way because just building up a road does not mean it is going to actually stay up. We have the current list." Councilman Coby Clavier asked Parish President Jessie Bellard to place Donald Richard Road on the study list to be built up. He stated there a lot of pot holes when it rains.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry, 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.

6. Forward all applications received for five appointments to the St. Landry Gravity Drainage District No. 14 for a four-year term. (06-21-2021 – 06-21-2025).

A motion was made by Councilman Coby Clavier, seconded by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry to forward to Regular Meeting held on **Wednesday, June 16th, 2021** all applications received for five appointments to the St. Landry Gravity Drainage District No. 14 for a four - year term. (06-21-2021 – 06-21-2025).

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 two appointments to the Lawtell Water District No. 1 for a three-year term. (06-21-2021 – 06-21-2024).

A motion was made by Councilman Coby Clavier, seconded by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry to forward to Regular Meeting held on **Wednesday June 16th, 2021** all applications received for two appointments to the Lawtell Water District No. 1 for a three-year term. (05-15-2021 – 05-15-2023).

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

Motion forwarded.

8. Forward to full council RESOLUTION NO. 007-2021.

WHEREAS, the Ward One South Gravity Drainage District number 1 is largely developed with residential and commercial developments.

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WHEREAS, the St. Landry Parish Council has resolved that drainage regulations must be established for the Ward One South Gravity Drainage District number 1.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the St. Landry Parish Council that drainage regulations must be established by ordinance for all future developments in the Ward One South Gravity Drainage District number 1 district as of the date of the approval of said ordinance.

A motion was made by Councilman Gil Savoy, seconded by Councilman Alvin Stelly to forward to Regular Meeting held on **Wednesday June 16th, 2021** the approval of **RESOLUTION NO. 007-2021**.

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

Motion forwarded.

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9. **Update by Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain on Seminole Lane and Wichita Lane.**

Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated, "On September 20th, 2005, by Resolution the St. Landry Parish Council took in certain roads in Shawnee Farms Subdivision. One of those roads is Wichita Lane. It is a public road. It is located in the Shawnee Farms Subdivision." Councilman Timmy Lejeune questioned Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain. He stated, "Mr. Duplechain, that road is to be open, is that correct?" Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated, "That road is closed with a wooden fence which is a barricade creating a dead end in the middle of the road. It is named Wichita Lane, it goes to a dead end. On the other side of the dead end, the name of the road is changed to Saddle Drive. The road does have a dead end that was put in after that road was created." Dr. Albert Gros, a speaker who chose to address the council on this agenda item questioned the legal action. Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated, "If it leads to legal action, then there could be a lawsuit just like there was on Seminole Lane. Before it gets to that point, if there is an obstruction on that road, which was not put there by the Parish Council, then our Executive Branch, our Chief Executive, our Parish President, Jessie Bellard can remove the obstruction just like if a tree falls in the middle of a parish road, our parish president can have the tree removed. It does not require legal action on the part of Parish Government. If somebody wants to file a lawsuit, they can do so. You don't have to file a lawsuit to remove an obstruction that has landed in the middle of a public road, you just need the Executive Branch of the Government to remove it." Councilwoman Nancy Carriere questioned, "What is your decision, Mr. Bellard." Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "I looked at the Plats, well there are two Plats, one of them was adopted in 2005. One of them had a 5' x 50' right-a-way, going across. The one that was adopted by the council did not have that on there. That is my issue right now. One has a 5' x 50' and the other one does not. I will bring them back up together to see which one applies. If there is a 5' x 50' right of way and it is owned by the property owners, then I will look at it as a private piece of property that 5' x 50'. The next question that I have, did the council at any time change the name of the road, it is Saddle Drive." Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated, "Originally it was Wichita Lane and some point, 1/2 of the road on the other side of the fence became Saddle Drive." Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "So that is my question, since the road name was changed, did we stop Wichita Lane at Saddle Drive. That is the next question that I have. I am not clear about those answers. Did the council take action to change the name of Wichita and make is Saddle?" Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated, "You change the name of a road by Ordinance. I don't know if an Ordinance was passed to change the name." Councilman Alvin Stelly questioned Mr. Bellard regarding a plat for that subdivision. Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "I saw two plats. One that was approved and recorded in the Clerk of Courts Office in 2005 and it did not have the 5' x 50'. Another plat that is not approved and it does not have a seal on the records, the clerk of court that have the 5' x 50'. That is the question that I have which plat is the one that they would go by. My next question is, when we rename a road, are we stopping another road at that time. Did we

dead end that road by changing its name?" Councilman Alvin Stelly questioned if the two plats were made at the same time. Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "I am not sure of the time frame on the dates but there were two plats, one with and one without. The one without is the one we have a stamped copy of that was approved by the council in 2005." Chairman Dexter Brown stated, "Mr. Bellard, to my recollection, we did not approve back in 2005 to change that name. Just like we did not approve to put that fence across Wichita Lane. We did not approve as a council to put that concrete barrier across either. My opinion, if the plat that you have that is stamped and sealed in our clerk's office, I would say that is the legal one that we would need to go by, the one that is stamped and sealed. That is just my opinion. I am not an attorney. If you have two plats and one that is sealed and registered and recorded and the other one is not, I would say in my opinion, that is the one that we are going with. I have been here since 2003 and I don't remember it. I know I am getting a little older but I don't remember us at all changing the name of Wichita Lanes. Everything was wide open." Parish President Jessie Bellard questioned if there were ever any ordinance that did changed the name. Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated, "One thing I do know, on the list of roads in St. Landry Parish, there is a Saddle Drive. That does not mean that an Ordinance was passed by this council, I don't know, we can look for the Ordinance to see. There is a Saddle Drive listed on the St. Landry Parish Roads and it is a public road. That indicates that it was changed by ordinance, but we don't know that. We can look for the ordinance to see." Councilman Timmy Lejeune stated, "We had requested all that information, what happened to it. An ordinance from the beginning of the development of that property. The whole subdivision. What happen to all that information that we requested?" Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated, "We have a copy of the resolution where the road was taken in by the council and the plats. I have a copy of both plats and Mr. Bellard have a copy of both plats." Administrative Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, "Everybody have a copy of the motion that was made back in 2005. I was on the council than and Mr. Brown was here. Mr. Duplechain, Saddle Drive, did you find where Saddle Drive was at in any other place in St. Landry Parish. You say there was a Saddle Drive on the inventory." Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated, "There is a Saddle Drive that actually exist and there is a Saddle Drive that is listed as a Parish Road in St. Landry Parish. Whether or not an Ordinance exist that change it to Saddle Drive, I don't know. We can look for it to see if we will find it. It indicates that there was an ordinance changing the name because it is on the list of roads in St. Landry Parish." Administrative Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, "Like Mr. Lejeune asked, has everything been exhausted in your findings all of the records from day one. You have the 2005 where you made the motion accepting those roads when Bob Sullivan developed that subdivision. Where are the rest of any of the records that you have to follow up on any of this when any of the changes were made?" Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated, "I did not find anything where any changes were made including an ordinance changing the name to Saddle Drive." Administrative Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, "There is no other Saddle Drive that you know of in Palmatto, Cankton or Sunset?" Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated, "There could be one in Eunice inside the municipalities. The list of roads that I have is roads just within the parish under the parish jurisdiction. There is a Saddle Drive perhaps in Eunice, the only other Saddle Drive is the Saddle Drive in Shawnee Farms." Public Works Chairman Jimmie Edwards stated, "Saddle Drive in Eunice is in Acadia Parish." Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated, "The point is, whether the name is legally changed to Saddle Drive or not, it was originally Wichita Lane and it went all the way down to what is now Saddle Drive." Dr. Albert Gros, Resident of the Ranch Subdivision addressed the council. He stated, "I appreciate the council having us here to discuss this issue. I present some facts to hopefully answer a couple of questions that you guys have already asked. I will go back to a couple of dates. I tend to have good records on some things, especially the previous discussion on a lot of this stuff that was brought up. On March 15th, 2006 the Ranch plot of survey was recorded as Act # 10045616. The plot exhibit showed a 30 x 50 area on the previous area Lamar Drive which was already discussed. On April 18th, 2006, again that plot that I discussed in the first part was actually showed Wichita ending with our Cul-Da-Sac and Saddle Drive. I am just referencing back to the March 15th, Plot. April 18th, 2006, recommendation by Carl Aucoin for final Approval on Shawnee Farms Phase 2 approved by the Parish council with a 5' x 50' reserve strip on the Northern End of Seminole Lane to prevent connection with the Ranch. Again, referencing Plot Act No. 961423. Another plot that was submitted also showed Wichita Land ending Saddle Drive Cul-Da-Sac. On April 18th, 2006, this was submitted by Aucoin and Associates, the plot indicate that a 5' x 50' reserve strip on the West End of Wichita Land and North End of Seminole Lane are ending from Shawnee Farms. Mr. Robert Wolf indicated that the purpose of the privately reserved strips was to prevent connection of

the Subject Lanes in the adjoining subdivision, the Ranch. I have documents, I can give you all copies. This was submitted by Aucoin and Associates on January 16th, 2007. Excerpts from the Minutes of St. Landry Parish Council Meeting held on January 16th, 2007. Be it further resolved, St. Landry Parish Council here by accepts the roadways within the said subdivision, the Ranch. The Roadways within the Subdivision are listed as follows. Rodeo Drive, Saddle Drive, Cattle Drive....so on and so forth. Specifically listed, Saddle Drive. On January 16th, 2007, Mr. Tim Marks, the road construction and final plat for the Ranch Subdivision have been reviewed and found to be in conformance with the parish subdivision ordinance. Therefore, I am recommending final approval of the subdivision and acceptance of roadways within said subdivision, including Saddle Drive.” Administrative Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, “I understand what this gentleman have. He has been with us with this same information. Mr. Duplechain, we asked you the other day to please get all of the information and we will look at it. If Mr. Gos have all this information, why is it that we don’t have that information here tonight. I am just asking a simple question, because all we have here is this Excerpt that Sherell gave us from 2005 and there are things that goes all the way back to 2007. I can understand why Mr. Fontenot and Mr. Gros are here. We need to get down to the bottom of it before we make any kind of decisions on this matter. Now, where do we go to get these records? You need to double check on that.” Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated, “It will all be recorded with the Clerk of Court.” Administrative Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, “Can we have it brought to this council so we can have a meeting and get down to the bottom of this matter. That is all I am asking for.” Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated, “Yes.” Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “Mr. Ardoin, I don’t think we will have a meeting. After reviewing the Map, seeing some stuff on Map Quest and after listening to Mr. Russell’s statements, I think it is kind of simple, we did not have enough information. It will be up to the Parish President to make the decision and I think it will be an easy decision to make. The road stops, then it is actual property that somebody owns. Then it goes on to the Cul-Da-Sac. I understand that the road stops and there is no Cul-De-Sacs on the other side. But on the Ranch side, whenever it was adopted and approved by the council by resolution it was done thru Resolution. I did not have that information that he has. It is a simple thing and I will take care of it.” Chairman Dexter Brown stated, “Mr. Gros stated he got a lot of information from Aucoin and Associates. Mr. Garrett, you may want to try to contact them as well and see what we have recorded. This has been going on for quite some time. We all want to get to the bottom of it. Just like I said before, it’s a situation where as, we know you saw, you know what you saw about having it recorded in the courthouse. You can get together with our legal adviser and you can do your own research and get with Aucoin and Associates and see what Mr. Gos has and see if it is registered in the courthouse. Maybe it is there and you did not see it. We just want to get down to the bottom of it.” Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “It is a simple fix. It the council took action and there were Resolutions that were passed by the council, then it is done. There is no need to take it any further. The bottom line is, the one road Saddle Drive stops at a Cul-Da-Sac, which is what our ordinance calls for in our subdivision ordinances. The only problem is on the Shawnee Hills, Shawnee Farms side, it did not end with a Cul-Da-Sac. I am not sure how that took place. The resolution clearly state that we did take in Saddle Drive and we did approve those roads in the system thru resolution which was done thru our process back in the day. Our Ordinances have changed since then, but at the time that the ordinance was passed. The information he has right here and the information that I am looking at on here, the road was never connected. According to the resolutions the roads were never to be connected. Unless something can pop up, I don’t think that it is any need for the Council’s action.” Chairman Dexter Brown stated, “Let us know when you get your findings and everything is legit with what Mr. Gros has with Aucoin and Associates. Now with Wichita Lane ending in a dead end, are we to put that Cul-Da-Sac on Wichita Lane?” Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “I am not sure how that is going to work. I am not sure how that road was taken into the system. Back in the day, 2005, I am not sure if our ordinance required a Cul-Da-Sac at the end of that. I will have to look at the Ordinance that was written back in 2005. What I am look at only what he has in his position and actually looking at the road but not clearly meet Saddle. There is a strip of land in between the two. If I am not mistaken, the doctor owns that strip of land. It is kind of hard to do anything with it. It is just a matter of what is presented and what is actually on the records. The other one with Seminole Lane, that was decided by the courts, that is done, there is nothing that we can do about that one. Do I agree with it, it is irrelevant. This right here, what is presented to us tonight, I think it is a simple answer. If it going to be according to what Mr. Duplechain is saying, if it is going to be in the Parish President’s hands, we got to do what is right and do whatever is in the documents that the council backed

up and approved back in 2006 and 2007. What I am saying is to leave it alone. Mr. Karl Fontenot addressed the council. He stated, "With all my paper work that I have been bringing here since 2009. If I am correct you told me a parish road does not have to be...if it is blocked the president have the authority to open it without and ordinance. Where is the ordinance to close Wichita Lane? Show me." Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "There is no audience to close it according to this document. It's a resolution that the council passed. I saw the plats." Mr. Karl Fontenot stated, "In 2002 there is a parish law that says a subdivision has to end in a Cul-Da-Sac. In 2005, the Parish adopted Wichita Lane and Seminole Lane. I know Seminole Lane is dead in the water, the council beat it twice, our parish president did not have no back bone. Actually they have a state funded concrete barrier across that. We started talking about Wichita Lane, that property you saying was adopted, it can't be according to the plat because that is a horse trail. Robert Woods said he told Don Menard and Robert Leger we want to block that because the horses are coming. Robert Woods said you better put a stop sign for the horses because the traffic has the right-of-way. I don't think anyone here are convinced that either one was closed correctly. I figured it would go this way. Wichita Lane, you can change the name on the side of the fence before the fence was there, but I know in 2007 they accepted the Ranch Subdivision and the roads but they still did not say to shut down Wichita Lane. They dug up the Asphalt and built a Cul-de-Sac on the Ranch side and left about 20 feet of grass. Why they did not do that on Seminole Lane. Dexter was my councilmember at that time and now it is Timmy, two weeks ago, I gave the attorney the plat and I gave him the minutes from the meeting and yes, they went from 2005 to 2007. Actually Shawnee Hills was accepted in 2006 and the Ranch was accepted in 2007. Still no one have said close Wichita Lane or Seminole Lane. It said let's change the Ranch side to Lamar and Saddle Drive. The paper work he got, I understand that is from whoever it was, I still don't see nothing where this council said or had an ordinance to say let's close this road. Show me that. A resolution is only a suggestion to you right." Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "I understand that but the resolutions was passed to take in the Ranch Subdivision a Resolution is a suggestion but it is also part of the ordinance for the subdivision. Once the council approves the subdivisions as it is printed and recommended like we did a final review on one of them. It is brought to the council on the 3rd Wednesday of the month. Once they do that and they name the road and they accept the plat the actual subdivision, that what happens." Karl Fontenot stated, "The plat for the Ranch, you admitted to yourself, I brought it to you, Timmy Lejeune knows, that plat for the Ranch was never stamped, sealed or approved. You cannot find that in the court house. How are you going to go by that plat when my plat, 2005 is the only one that is legal in the court house?" Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "The Plat that we are looking at is the 5' x 50'. Mr. Karl Fontenot stated, "That is the one that is not legal, the one that is legal does not have that 5' x 50' reserve strip." Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "There are two plats, sometimes they will have two plats and I know that issue will come up. Again, we will look at it and see. There is no need for the council to take any action." Mr. Carl Fontenot stated, "Right now you were pretty much saying, when this gentlemen was up here, it was dead in the water." Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "The council makes resolutions and get things done after 2005, I did not know about the 2006 and 2007 action." Mr. Carl Fontenot stated, "The 2007 is when you had that plat, when the Ranch was accepted, the road change and name changes were accepted. On Seminole it has a 5' x 50' reserve strip owned by the parish, not intended for thru traffic. That is where the concrete barricade is at. Wichita Lane has the two dots where the corner points off. I am far from a college education but I am not dumb either. You cannot show me on a plat, unless they make one up, like it has been happening thru the years and different things, Wichita Lane does have where it says a 5' x 50' reserve strip on a plat that is recoded in this courthouse. When you can present that, I will be done with but you cannot find that because in 2007 it was never legally recorded." Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "I am looking at the 5' x 50' but at the end of the day we had two subdivisions that meet. One subdivision, the resolution passed by this council, the intent of the council or the intent of the subdivision was to block and not....Mr. Carl Fontenot stated, "It was intent, but it was not law." Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "Well whenever they passed a resolution with that intent, I thing we will have a hard time proving otherwise. That is my point. Whenever they take in a subdivision, they take that subdivision in and it is noted in the resolution, it is kind of hard to go against them." Mr. Carl Fontenot stated, "Again, even the 2007 plat of the Ranch that is not legal in the courthouse. It does not have a 5' x 50' reserve strip on Wichita Lane. Actually it supposed to be a horse trail. That was for the Ranch Association, whatever it may have been. There was no way this doctor is supposed to own that piece of land that you talked about. That is supposed to be part of the horse trail." Dr. Albert Gros stated, "I

own it and it is recorded in the courthouse.” Mr. Carl Fontenot stated, I understand that, but according to the first legal plat. Public Works Chairman Jimmie Edwards called for order. I figure it would go this way. I have one more question. Can you show me a plat stating the paper work that he has?” Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “I will be able to find a plat somewhere. We are going to have to because the resolution supports it by a plat. That is what I am trying to say. If the council approves the plat, the council have to have it present to approve it or have knowledge of it. I am going by the records that was presented and it is hard to go against something that happened in 2007.” Mr. Carl Fontenot asked is 2005 is null and void. Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “No, 2005 is not Null and void. It is the 2007 whenever they came in here with the intent as it is written inside there and saying that they are not going into Shawnee Hills or Shawnee Farms. Their intent was to block it at that time. It was noted in the resolution.” Mr. Carl Fontenot stated, “It was noted in the resolution he had to say block that road? It says name change.” Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “It is not about blocking that road, it is about saying that subdivision stops.” Mr. Carl Fontenot stated, “O.K. If you go back to you go to Shawnee Farms, Phase 1, 2, 3. Phase 2 is Shawnee Hills. Phase 3 is the Ranch, so there was Shawnee Hills, then the Ranch, resolutions that you say. The Ranch was never part of Shawnee Hills; it was Shawnee Farms Phase 3. Wichita Lane continued, went around, Seminole Lane went all the way to River Birch.” Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “Whenever they approve a Plat and they approve a subdivision, they are going to approve it in Phases. So Phase 3 was the Ranch.” Mr. Carl Fontenot stated, “So right now, I know my plat 2005 was recorded in this courthouse. Can you present to council a plat from 2007 that is recorded in that courthouse that is sealed and stamped?” Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “I will get that copy.” Mr. Carl Fontenot stated, “You can get a copy because I got a copy. but it is not stamped.” Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “I am not saying that it is not going to be stamped, I am saying that I will get with Carl Aucoin and get what he has and what he presented to the council at that time. The council had to have that document in order for them to approve it. If they did not have it, I will have a hard time believing that they did not have it. Let me get with Carl and get a copy of that file.” Mr. Carl Fontenot stated, “My question again that I have asked for years and years, who does that fence belong to and the concrete barricade?” Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “The concrete barricade from what I am understanding, Parish Government put it there.” Mr. Carl Fontenot questioned, “Who does the wooden fence belongs to? If someone hits that wooden fence tonight, who is responsible?” Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “I don’t know who the fence belongs to. We have discussed a lot of issues on that fence and that cement barricade. I am sure who is responsible for that.” Mr. Carl Fontenot stated, “If you are here to do the job that I think you are here to do, show me that 2007 that is stamped and sealed in this courthouse and it shows a 5’ x 50’ reserve strip...” Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “Now keep in mind that the subdivision, and I have to refresh my memory on this, a subdivision does not have to be recorded into the courthouse. It has to be approved by this council and stamped. I sign subdivision all time. It is just approved by the Parish President after the council passes the resolution to get subdivision in place. That stamp that you don’t see, the one that you have is done by the clerk of court. That was done by them. I don’t one that is signed by Don at that time. Like right now, I will sign a subdivision because it is approved. We don’t bring it to the clerk of court. Let me look at Carl Aucoin’s records. He might have one that was signed by Don or whoever at the time.” Mr. Carl Fontenot stated, “Robert Wolf could be sitting here right now and I would say it in front of him, because in his office he told me, Larry Leger and Don Menard did that and he said that he did not want no part of that. It was done behind closed doors. We made a joke of it, Dexter Brown was my councilman at that time and those fences went up in the dark. I have done everything, the attorney even looked at the Plats I gave him and the resolutions.” Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “Let me get the Plats from Carl.”

Councilman Alvin Stelly stated, “If I am in order, I would like to make a motion to leave it like it is because we have been fighting this for how long? It is nine years since I have been on the council. Every year is the same thing. If I am in order, I would like to make a motion that we leave it just like it is?” Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated, “Mr. Stelly, your motion is going to be either to pass it or not pass it to the full council meeting. We can’t take any action at the Committee Meeting. Your motion is going to pass it or to not pass it to the full council meeting.” Councilman Alvin Stelly stated, “My motion would be if Jessie says it is legal the way it is right now.” Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated, “Your motion would be right now is to not pass it to the full council.” Councilman Alvin Stelly stated, “Right.” Mr. Carl Fontenot stated, “I just can’t understand why I can’t pass on that parish road that I pay taxes on. I even spoke to a couple of people that live back there.”

10. Further discuss Fining anyone that damage the Parish Roads.

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “The issue is, when somebody comes into our parish and does work on a parish road or use our roads to do work and they destroy it, they have to get a permit from the Parish Government. It has not been followed in the past. If I am not mistaken, they want to add to the ordinance that if somebody does not get their permit and does not follow the procedures a fine will be imposed against them for not following the ordinance.” Councilwoman Mildred Thierry stated, “Mr. Bellard, I think you said that some of the utility workers were coming in and destroying property. I think you said that we needed something like a permit that they would have to get before coming to do that work.” Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “We do have a road use permit, it is in place but if they don’t come and apply, then we don’t know. I think we need to put a fine in it of some type to make sure that they are held accountable.” Councilwoman Mildred Thierry questioned the mud rider damaging our streets. Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “When it comes to Mud Riders, there is a State Statue that governs that. We have no jurisdiction on that. The State Statue is already in place for that.”

A motion was made by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry, seconded by Councilman Coby Clavier to forward to Regular Meeting held on Wednesday, June 16th, 2021 authorizing Legal Counsel to create an Ordinance that Fine anyone that damage our Public Roads.

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

Motion forwarded.

11. Authorize the Council Clerk to advertise for two appointments to the Public Works District Five for a four-year term. (07-22-2021 – 07-22-2025).

A motion was made by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry, seconded by Councilman Coby Clavier to forward to Regular Meeting held on **Wednesday June 16th, 2021** authorizing the Council Clerk to advertise for two appointments to the Public Works District Five for a four - year term. (07-22-2021- 07-22-2025)

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

Motion forwarded.

12. Discuss possibly overlaying the entrance at the Intersection of Don Guilbeau Road and Highway 182. (Councilman Wayne Ardoin).

Councilman Wayne Ardoin stated, “Mr. Bellard, remember when we did Couch Couvillion Road, they were supposed to do that section. I am asking that we do 25’ back toward the east. They changed the culvert under the road at that intersection. That culvert is probably too small and it is sinking. I am also asking for the Intersection of Dr. Charlie Drive which is by Dupre Carriere Gocheaux Insurance Agency on I-49, same thing. People can’t turn off, they have to stop and people are coming behind trying to rear end them.” Parish President Jessie Bellard stated he will get with Joe tomorrow.

13. Discuss possibly overlaying the entrance at Dr. Charlie Drive and I-49 Service Road. (Councilman Wayne Ardoin).

This item was discussed on agenda item #12.

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

There was none.

15. Adjourn.

A motion was made by Councilman Coby Clavier, seconded by Councilwoman Gil Savoy 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**