

**ST. LANDRY PARISH COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2021 @ 6:00 P.M.  
OLD CITY MARKET, 131 W. BELLEVUE ST.  
OPELOUSAS, LOUISIANA**

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

The Council of the Parish of St. Landry, State of Louisiana, convened in a regular session on this 20<sup>th</sup>, day of October, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

- I. Chairman Dexter Brown called the meeting of the St. Landry Parish Council to order.
- II. Councilman Timmy Lejeune led the Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation.
- III. **PRESENT:** Jerry Red Jr., Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Gil Savoy, Alvin Stelly, Vivian Olivier, Wayne Ardoin, Timmy Lejeune and Jimmie Edwards.  
Ex Officio Dexter Brown. **ABSENT:** Nancy Carriere, Easton Shelvin and Coby Clavier.  
*Nancy Carriere and Coby Clavier was absent for roll call but later joined the meeting.*
  - *Chairman Dexter Brown requested to amend the agenda to add two Resolutions. He stated, "Resolution No. 016-2021 will be item #14 and Resolution No. 017-2021 will be item #15 on the agenda."*
  - *A motion was made by Councilman Wayne Ardoin, seconded by Councilman Timmy Lejeune to amend the agenda to add item #14, Resolution No. 016-2021.*  
On roll call vote: YEAS: Jerry Red Jr., Nancy Carriere, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Gil Savoy, Alvin Stelly, Vivian Olivier, Wayne Ardoin, Timmy Lejeune and Jimmie Edwards.  
NAYS: None. ABSENT: Easton Shelvin and Coby Clavier. ABSTAINED: None.  
WHEREUPON, this motion was adopted on this, the 20<sup>th</sup>, day of October, 2021.
  - *A motion was made by Councilman Wayne Ardoin, seconded by Councilman Alvin Stelly to amend the agenda to add item #15, Resolution No. 017-2021.*  
On roll call vote: YEAS: Jerry Red Jr., Nancy Carriere, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Gil Savoy, Alvin Stelly, Vivian Olivier, Wayne Ardoin, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards and Coby Clavier. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Easton Shelvin. ABSTAINED: None.  
WHEREUPON, this motion was adopted on this, the 20<sup>th</sup>, day of October, 2021.
- IV. **Condolences:**
  - Councilman Jerry Red Jr.:* James Junius Sam, Paula Marie Rubin, Shaniqua Michelle Davis, Authur Joseph Chatman, Tedrick Lee Thibodeaux, Denise Oliney Rose, Patrick Wayne Durosseau, Racardo Jermaine Thibodeaux Sr., Willie Vaughn Forsythe, Annie Mae Sostand, Robert Gradnigo Sr., Ronald Ray Jenkins Sr., Alphonse Pitre Jr., LuShawdra Latrice Zachary.
  - Councilwoman Nancy Carriere:* Glenda Marie Brooks, James Junius Sam, Regina Charles Thomas, Chandrick John White, Marcus Wayne Brown, Alphonse Joseph Pitre Jr., Joseph 'Poo Poo' Bellard, Annie Mae Sostand.
  - Councilwoman Mildred Thierry:* Clarence Landor III, Sarah A. Cain, Anna Rose Colla, Bryant James Joubert, Ronald Ray Jenkins, Sr., Alphonse Pitre Jr., LaShawdra Zachary, Sylvia Dupre Soileau, Annie Mae Sostand, Tedrick Lee thibodeaux, Shaniqua Michelle Davis, Arthur Joseph Chatman, Kirkus D. Greene, Denise Rose, Glenda Marie Brooks, James Junius Sam, Deacon Vincent Chester Ware Jr., Robert Grandigo, Dotsy Ann Dupre Savoy, Lester J. Lalonde, Thomas Theodore Thierry, Donald D.L. Vidrine, Regal D'Andrea Minor.
  - Councilman Alvin Stelly:* Michael James LeBlanc
  - Councilman Wayne Ardoin:* Donald D.L. Vidrine, Stacy Nicole Richard, Eloise Darnell, Jarrell Maturin, Paul E 'Smitt' Buller, Mary Lucille Eaglin Paillet, Carolyn FaKouri, Edmond Joseph Sonier, Mary Gladys Stelly Carrier, Jeanette Robin Kidder, Dale J. Dupuis Sr., Myrtle Mary Ragsdale, Lester L. LaLonde.
  - Councilman Timmy Lejeune:* Monica Bellard Briggs

*Chairman Dexter Brown called for a moment of silence for the families that lost their loved ones.*

**V. PERSONS TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL:**

- **Mr. Brent Hollier** addressed the council regarding the approval of a 9 lot subdivision on Begnaud Road.
- **Mr. Richard LeBouef** addressed the council regarding the St. Landry Parish Solid Waste Disposal District Weekly Parish Wide Collection. He stated, “In the past 20 years, The St. Landry Parish Solid Waste Disposal District has dispersed over 13.5 million dollars in assets and road repair funds to parish government and the 12 municipalities within St. Landry Parish. As of September 10, 2019, out of parish waste is no longer being accepted at the landfill, so the funds that were allocated to road repair are no longer available after that money is depleted. This was one of the initial factors that raised the concern for The St. Landry Parish Solid Waste Commission to move to a once per week, parish wide pickup, including municipalities. This frequency of service will equate to what is currently being provided to the rural areas of our parish. I realize some of you may have some genuine questions and concerns, and there have been a few misconceptions that have arisen, so I have some topics that I would like to share with you that should help explain and clarify our decision to move forward for a cleaner St. Landry Parish.

***Going to a once weekly pickup parish wide:***

1. There will be less exposure to our roads, so maintenance will be less, and general road conditions will not deteriorate as fast due to the change in frequency of collections. In addition, smaller trucks that weigh less, will be utilized for municipalities and for narrow roads that the larger trucks are unable to access or unsafe to operate on. Litter will be dramatically reduced with the use of new side and rear loaders. The attendants on the rear loaders will be a true catalyst to achieve this.
2. There will be safer conditions when school is in session having our children exposed only half of that time, with collections starting at 4:00am, some of our children are already on the streets and roads as early as 5:00am, their safety is paramount. The safety and traffic aspect in general, will improve drastically.
3. Municipal households having twice per week pickup do not generate more waste per capita than rural households having once per week pick up. Within the municipalities only 40% or less of the residents participate on the second waste pick up, and of the cans that are full, those are the ones that missed the initial collection day. Also, over 80% of the municipal residences that do participate in both collections have less than 50% volume in the cart on either of the collection days.
4. An additional cart will be furnished if need is shown, at no cost to the resident. A total of 2 carts will be issued at no cost, if the resident requires more, carts will be available for purchase from the contractor. By this offering we are trying to maintain the continuity of all carts.
5. Collections will be addressed in a grid fashion. Instead of having trucks working several different areas throughout the parish, there will be increased collection efficiency with multiple trucks in same area to compensate for any missed collections in case of breakdowns or oversight. All trucks will be equipped with GPS and video to allow the District access to validate any infractions or accidents that may be presented and speed their correction.
6. Another tool the St. Landry Parish Solid Waste Commission has available, is 2 recycling centers, one in Opelousas located on West Landry and the other in Eunice on North C.C. Duson. These centers have buyback programs that enable our residents to lessen the stream of waste by recycling. They pay direct upon delivery of your recyclables or residents can choose to donate the proceeds to their favorite school or charity. We encourage our residents to take advantage of this valuable asset.
7. In the past there has been one contractor doing both residential and bulky waste pickup. Most corporate contractors tend to agree that residential waste collectors are not equipped to do the bulky waste side of the business effectively, most of that work is subcontracted to specialized companies. We are going to do the same. All contingencies that apply to the residential contractor will be applied to this contractor

as well. Our contractor currently has only one grappler truck collecting bulky waste roadside, this truck runs a series of combined municipal and rural routes daily. This is too much ground to cover and has been proven ineffective over the years as most of you have seen. In the upcoming contract, two grappler trucks will be utilized to remove the amount of bulky waste, white goods, and vegetative debris left on the streets in a timelier fashion. Solid Waste will also have our grappler to serve as a backup, whenever the need arises. These collections will also work in a grid format, as well as a call-in basis, to be able to collect these items quicker.

8. The major cause of our litter issue is most residents still not bagging their waste. Also, trash begets trash, some people have no pride and take no measures to assist in this dilemma in any manner. There are currently 6 litter abatement crews working throughout the parish. One in Eunice, one in Port Barre, one in Opelousas, and three covering the rest of the parish. Two additional litter abatement crews are proposed after the first of the year, this will be a total of 8. All abatement crews will be scheduled to regularly address “hotspots” that habitually occur, and on an as needed basis to respond to your calls when the need arises. I am currently in the process of meeting with different agencies to address the citation, prosecution, and penalty process of the contributors of the ongoing litter problem. St. Landry Parish Solid Waste has no jurisdiction on this process whatsoever. We are a reactive response to something that is not our, nor the waste collector’s fault. Until we hold the creator of the problem responsible, we will make no headway in this situation.

**In Summary:** With the current waste collection process ongoing for the last 14 years, I felt a change was necessary to do our part to move our parish forward and not be satisfied with the status quo. We truly believe our plan will be much more effective in remediating waste from our parish than what is presently occurring. St. Landry Parish is the gateway to Acadiana, we as a team have a standard to set and to maintain. The first impression of our parish sets the tone for any industry to locate here and do business: short and sweet, rooftops generate revenue. As industry leaves and finds new ground to break elsewhere, so do our children and our tax dollars. For this cycle to break we need to perform an assessment of practices that have not been successful in the past and implement practical plans with a teamwork attitude. A long-term goal needs to be set in order to be achieved. Please understand this is not a means to short-change anyone’s service or coerce your belief otherwise, but I do believe we have a better solution for a cleaner, greener, St. Landry Parish. We as your steward for waste collection take pride in what we do, our livelihood as a Parish and its people depend on it. **St. Landry Parish Solid Waste Disposal District, We are at your service.”**

**Councilwoman Nancy Carriere** Thanked Mr. Richard LeBouef for his service. She questioned when will this new collection time start? Mr. Richard LeBouef stated the new collection time will start **October 1, 2022**. He stated this in the last year of the contract as it is from 2007. We will advertise and let the public know of the new collection days.

**Councilwoman Mildred Thierry** Thanked Mr. Richard LeBouef for his service. She questioned if the constituents that received twice a week pick up be informed in advance which days the collections will be passing in their area. Mr. LeBouef stated, “Absolutely, those people will be issued two cans. They will be notified when their dates will be. For example, if their pick up is on a Monday, then the Thursday or the Friday, they will have a Grappler Service that will take care of white goods, the bulky waste and the vegetative waste. We plan to have the litter abatement teams more mobile, but COVID has set everything back, but we will have two additional teams that will be able to address that litter issue and any problems that occur.”

**Chairman Dexter Brown, Councilman Harold Taylor and Councilman Coby Clavier** Thanked Mr. Richard LeBouef for his services. Mr. LeBouef thanked the council for the services they do for the St. Landry Parish Solid Waste Disposal District.

- **Mr. Bill Godell** addressed the council regarding the Contaminated Ground and Water Lawsuit. He stated, “I felt it was appropriate to address the council and let them know the progress of the lawsuit that you all authorized us to file in December. What has happened is typical in most of these lawsuits. Exxon have done a procedural move and said this case does not belong in State Court, which

it does, we think it ought to be heard in Federal. They do that because they know that it takes a while for the Federal Court to decide that it really needs to be in state court. That is what is going on right now. There is nothing else that we can do. We filed our law suite, they moved it into Federal Court and we filed our Opposition Memorandum. The Federal Judge said that she would issue a report in April on her decision. That has delayed us and we saw that she had sent a notice that she administratively closed the lawsuit until there was a decision. What's going on is that Exxon and the companies that caused the Ground Water Contamination at the old Moss Services Sight took advantage of this very special Federal Statue. This issue has been up to the United States Supreme Court once. They have sent it back to the Appellate Court for the Appellate Court to review what the U.S. Supreme Court has advised them and then make a decision. I think you can read what is going on. It is bouncing around between the federal courts and they are trying to make an ultimate decision on whether or not, because that facility took waste during World War 2, it should be under the Administration of the Department of War. That should be something that is managed in the Federal Court and not the State Court System. That is what they have done and that is what we are fighting. I promise you we are fighting it. I can not guarantee you anything but I can assure you that we are going to get a resolution, it is just taking some time. The good thing is that we were very prepared when we filed the lawsuit. We have since been dotting our 'I's' and crossing our 'T's' to make sure that we are ready. When this case gets back to state court, we will be ready to move very quickly at that point and time. That is the best that I can do. My hands are tied. The courts have said I can not do anything until they decide whether or not they have got jurisdiction."

**Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated,** "You stated that you have anticipated on going back to State Court?"

**Mr. Bill Godell stated,** "Yes, I think that it is very clear under the law as I read that we will end up in State Court when this is all over. They have a right to appeal this and that is what is going on."

**Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated,** "What level is the Appeal right now?"

**Mr. Bill Godell stated,** "It is another case. It went to the U.S. Supreme Court and then it went back to the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeal who said that the case has to have the evidentiary hearing on the facts about whether or not this was a war time activity. Once they do that, I don't think that there is any doubt that they will determine that it was not a wartime activity. They there will be a right for that to be appealed again. Unfortunately, that is just the way it is."

**Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated,** "The end goal is to have Exxon clean up the chemicals that are seeping around the underground drinking water near the Chico Aquafer and pay any damages that may be due to Parish Government and Cankton."

**Mr. Bill Godell stated,** "Correct, and clean it up. I don't know if you all remember, when I was back here in the late fall of last year, I showed you all a bunch of reports by the companies that operated, owned and sent waste to that facility documenting severe ground water contamination beneath it. What those companies did was, they snoozed the regulatory agencies into saying that you don't have to do anything about this ground water, you can just leave it there. When their own reports show that it has migrated off sight. It is a problem, it is out there and the main thrust of the lawsuit is going to force a clean up of this sight which should have been done in the 90's but it was not. There is the opportunity for some money damages for St. Landry Parish and the city of Cankton who is also a party. If anyone wants an update, I will be more than happy to come and give the council an update. If something happens, I will be up here at the next meeting to inform you all. I appreciate your trust and your patience. Sometimes these things just take a while."

## **VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

A motion was made by Councilman Harold Taylor seconded by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry to Approve the **Regular Meeting Minutes of September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021** as transcribed. On roll call vote: YEAS: Jerry Red Jr., Nancy Carriere, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Gil Savoy, Alvin Stelly, Vivian Olivier, Wayne Ardoin, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards

and Coby Clavier. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Easton Shelvin. ABSTAINED: None. WHEREUPON, this motion was adopted on this, the 20<sup>th</sup>, day of October, 2021.

A motion was made by Councilman Wayne Ardoin seconded by Councilman Jimmie Edwards to approve the **Special Meeting Minutes of September 21<sup>st</sup>, 2021** as transcribed. On roll call vote: YEAS: Jerry Red Jr., Nancy Carriere, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Gil Savoy, Alvin Stelly, Vivian Olivier, Wayne Ardoin, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards and Coby Clavier. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Easton Shelvin. ABSTAINED: None. WHEREUPON, this motion was adopted on this, the 20<sup>th</sup>, day of October, 2021.

**VII. PARISH PRESIDENT’S REPORT:**

- Update on Adjudicated Property in the Parish**  
**Parish President Jessie Bellard stated,** “You should have a copy of the list of properties that we plan on selling. I would like to put that list for sale on the Regular Meeting dated for December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021. This will give us a 30 day proper notice and a 10 day proper notice for the sale of those properties. Some of those properties have been redeemed.

A motion was made by Councilman Wayne Ardoin, seconded by Councilman Timmy Lejeune to authorize the Parish President to sell the Adjudicated Properties as per the attached parcel numbers and address attached. This sale will begin after the December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021 Regular Meeting Date.

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

WHEREUPON, this motion was adopted on this, the 20<sup>th</sup>, day of October, 2021.

**The properties parcel numbers and addresses are:**

No.	Parcel Number	Address
1.	8104274000	144 Avenue of Acadians
2.	8402373000	Self Help Rd
3.	8401936043	Self Help Rd
4.	8601729350	601 Nimitz
5.	0101946500	Anderson St
6.	8603783000	313 Bellard Loop
7.	8200647600	St. Joseph St
8.	8200503500	Market Street
9.	8600031700	230 North St
10.	8200647600	St. Joseph St.
11.	8200737900	MLK (Sunset)
12.	8200656700	210 Burleigh Lane
13.	8102945100	1602 Main Street
14.	8601683000	1220 Duck Av
15.	8301643600	250 Eliza Rd
16.	8301336500	264 Eliza Rd
17.	8602492456	621 Lewis
18.	8105318000N	Tom Schexnayder Rd.
19.	8300960105	718 Seven Arpents Rd
20.	8201119503	MLK Sunset
21.	8200658670	Donna St
22.	8600175000	342 Nash Street
23.	8601162800A	531 Ash St
24.	8637465798	201 Mallet St
25.	8600137000	123 College Rd
26.	8300960105	718 Seven Arpents Rd
27.	8300290300	2903 Hwy 347
28.	8300960100	Seven Arpents Rd
29.	8600484900	151 Corinne St
30.	8400634500	114 Josie St
31.	8106382000	175 Napoleon St

32.	81064303790	Redeemed
33.	8104786250	Redeemed
34.	8104786250	Redeemed
35.	8104786250	Redeemed
36.	8162399071	314 Veterans Dr
37.	8603953500	Mercedes Ave
38.	8604062800Ad	St. Partick Ave

- **Blighted Property:**

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “You should have a copy of four pieces of property that is Blighted with the addresses. I am asking the council to send a certified letter to those land owners to give them their 30 day notice to give us their due process to clean up their property.”

A motion was made by Councilman Timmy Lejeune, seconded by Councilman Jimmie Edwards to authorize the Council Clerk to forward a Certified Letter to the Land owners of the blighted properties and give them a 30 day notice to come and give the council their due process to clean up their property.

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

WHEREUPON, this motion was adopted on this, the 20<sup>th</sup>, day of October, 2021.

**Blight Properties**

Parcel Number	Name	Address
0603126335	Daryl Guidry	7576 Hwy 190
0602253505	James Albert	10440 Prejean Hwy, Lawtell, LA
0104323000	Matthew Johnson	170 Beauregard St
0105547500	Lena Mayo	540 McNeese St

- **Update on the Public Works Report:**

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “We have five different contractors that are digging thru-out the parish now. We should get about 200 miles of ditching done in our parish with the ARA money for this year. We have asked for it to be completed by the end of the year but with the weather conditions.”

- **Phase 5 Smooth Ride Home:**

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “The Smooth Ride Home is just about complete. We are awaiting the final numbers to come in. Barry will be doing an inspection to complete that Smooth Ride Home Program for Phase 5.”

- **Provide the cost for Helipad at St. Luc Immersion and Cultural Campus:**

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “The cost of the Helipad Repair would be around \$5,000.00. That would make it usable, not to certify with the state but to make it usable for our local ambulance services to use. We did not think that \$5,000.00 was a lot of money to get it back to use. It would be mostly painting and mostly lighting.”

- **Hanger Lease and Operating Agreement at the St. Landry Parish Airport:**

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “I have a Hanger Lease and Operating Agreement at the Airport. Mr. Lloyd Ardoin is selling it to Schultz Aviation Services, LLC on January 1, 2022. The new contact will be with Schultz Aviation Services starting January 1, 2022. We are asking that you approve the lease. Schultz Aviation is a new flight school that is coming to the airport.”

A motion was made by Councilman Wayne Ardoin, seconded by Councilman Alvin Stelly to authorize the Parish President to sign the new Lease and Operating Agreement at the St. Landry Parish Airport with Schultz Aviation Services, LLC. The new contract will begin January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022.

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

WHEREUPON, this motion was adopted on this, the 20<sup>th</sup>, day of October, 2021.

- **Introduction of Solar Panel Ordinance:**

**Parish President Jessie Bellard stated**, “I have the Solar Panel Ordinance that have been drafted and we have been working on it. We have a few people that is calling to start that process. Without an ordinance, I did not want to start. Garrett has drafted an Ordinance and another company have sent one in. It mirrors Point Coupee Parish who has an Ordinance now. Garrett can discuss it more.”

**Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated**, “The Ordinance has been drafted. It will need a Sponsor. The council can introduce that ordinance whenever they are ready to introduce it. I think it is in final form unless you need more changes. Jessie, is it okay the way that I sent it over on Monday?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “I think everything is fine. I want the council to look at it. The main thing on the ordinance that we learned from Point Coupee Parish is what to charge for the rates. The cleanup process was not in Point Coupee Parish original ordinance. They will be changing it themselves. I meet with their parish president and he stated, if we will do an ordinance, we need to add all of this in it because they forgot to do that on their ordinance. We can always change it but before the first one comes into the parish we want to be ready. I will ask for a councilmember to sponsor the ordinance when it is time to do the introduction.”

**Councilman Jerry Red Jr.** questioned, “Are we on a time that we need to rush this Ordinance? My reason for asking, I did not get a chance to read the Ordinance. I would like to read it first.”

**Parish President Jessie Bellard stated**, “We are not on a time to rush it but people are coming soon to start the process. I was hoping that we would introduce it and you all would have time to read it. If it is not what you all want, we can make the changes. We have three companies that are interested in coming to our parish. They have already secured land leases with the owners of the property. You are looking at 3000 acres of land in our parish. I just want to be ahead of the game in case they come to start the process.”

- **Resolution 015-2021 Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development for a Formula Grant for Rural Area:**

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “That is our Community Action Agency Grant that we do yearly. It needs to be approved. You all should have a copy.

A motion was made by Councilman Jimmie Edwards, seconded by Councilman Timmy Lejeune to **Adopt Resolution 015-2021**. Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development for a Formula Grant for Rural Area.

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

ABSTAINED: None. WHEREUPON, this motion was adopted on this, the 20<sup>th</sup>, day of October, 2021.

**Resolution No. 015-2021**

Resolution authorizing the filing of an application with the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development for a grant under any of the following FTA programs managed through Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development.

- 49 CFR 5311, Formula Grant for Rural Areas

**WHEREAS**, the Secretary of Transportation and Development is authorized to make grants for mass transportation projects;

**WHEREAS**, the contract for financial assistance will impose certain obligations upon the applicant, including the provisions by it of the local share of project costs;

**WHEREAS**, it is required by the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development in accord with the provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, that in connection with the filing of an application for assistance that it will comply with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the U.S. Department of Transportation requirements thereunder; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the goal of the Applicant that minority business enterprise be utilized to the fullest extent possible in connection with this project, and that definitive procedures shall be established and administered to ensure that minority businesses shall have the maximum feasible opportunity to compete for contracts when procuring construction contracts, supplies, equipment, or consultant and other services:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by **St. Landry Parish Government** :

1. That the **Parish President** is authorized to execute and file an application on behalf of **St. Landry Parish Government Community Action Agency** with the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development, to aid in the financing of operating and/or capital assistance

- projects pursuant to FTA transit programs.
2. That the Parish President is authorized to execute and file with such applications an assurance or any other document required by the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development effectuating the purposes of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended.
  3. That the Parish President is authorized to furnish such additional information as the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development may require in connection with the application or financial reimbursement of the project.
  4. That the Parish President is authorized to set and execute affirmative minority business policies in connection with the project's procurement needs.
  5. That the Parish President is authorized to execute grant contract agreements on behalf of St. Landry Parish Government Community Action Agency with the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development for aid in the financing of the operating or capital assistance projects.
  6. This resolution is applicable for a period of one year unless revoked by the governing body and copy of such revocation shall be furnished to the DOTD.

- **Parish President Jessie Bellard stated,** “I need a Resolution from the Council for Louisiana Department of Transportation on the off system Bridge Replacement Program to participate. It is a yearly Resolution that we do every year to support the off system bridge replacement.

A motion was made by Councilman Jerry Red Jr., seconded by Councilman Wayne Ardoin to **Adopt Resolution No. 011-2021.** The Annual Certification of Compliance with the State of Louisiana Off System Bridge Replacement Program.

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

WHEREUPON, this motion was adopted on this, the 20<sup>th</sup>, day of October, 2021.

**RESOLUTION NO. 011 of 2021**  
**ANNUAL CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE**  
**WITH THE STATE OF LOUISIANA**  
**OFF SYSTEM BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROGRAM**

**WHEREAS**, the Code of Federal Regulations as enacted by the United States Congress mandates that all structures defined as bridges located on all public road shall be inspected, rated for safe load capacity and posted in accordance with the National Bridge Inspection Standards and that an inventory of these bridges be maintained by each State; and **WHEREAS**, the responsibility to inspect, rate and load-post Parish bridges is under the authority of St. Landry Parish Government in accordance with standards as delegated by the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (herein referred to as DOTD) for the period of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2023.

1. The Parish has performed all interim inspections on all Parish owned or maintained bridges in accordance with the National Bridge Inspection Standards.
2. All Parish owned or maintained bridges which require load posting or closing have been posted or closed in accordance with the table in the DOTD Engineering Directives and Standards Manual Directive No. 1.1.1.8. DOTD supplies only load posting information concerning bridges that have been critically reviewed prior to load-posting.
3. All bridges owned or maintained by the Parish are shown on the attached list in the format specified by DOTD. Corrections to data supplied to the Parish by DOTD are noted.

- **Parish President Jessie Bellard stated,** I am asking the council to approve the Salary of the new Director of Finance. Her name is Ms. Caryn Fulop. Her Salary range is \$80,000.00 per year.

A motion was made by Councilman Alvin Stelly, seconded by Councilman Jimmie Edwards to approve the Salary of \$80,000.00 per year for the new Director of Finance, Ms. Caryn Fulop.

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



WHEREUPON, this motion was adopted on this, the 20<sup>th</sup>, day of October, 2021.

A motion was made by Councilman Timmy Lejeune, seconded by Councilman Wayne Ardoin to accept the Parish President's Report.

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

WHEREUPON, this motion was adopted on this, the 20<sup>th</sup>, day of October, 2021.

**Parish President Jessie Bellard stated**, "A little FYI. That Medicaide Program for the Hospitals that we talked about last week, Mr. Harold, we have a little issue with it. I found out this afternoon that maybe we will need to go back to the table on how we do the program. It helps our local hospitals. Without that, the hospital would have a hard time surviving. Not all of them but some. We had a conference call this afternoon, the way it looks, possibly the ordinance that we passed last year was good for last year but since the Census have changed, the city of Eunice have gone down to 9400 people. The way that the Medicaide Program works, it is from 10,000 -10,500 people. There is a little glitch in the system. We may have to revisit. It is on tract but it has a little glitch in the system and we will try to get it fixed. It is just an update. I will have more information when we will need to take some action.

**Councilman Wayne Ardoin stated**, "Is Opelousas General going to be involved, or will it just be Eunice Hospital?"

**Parish President Jessie Bellard stated**, "Eunice Hospital, LHC, and Ocean's Behavioral Clinic are the three that can be part of the program. Now we just have to finalize the wording to word it correctly."

**Councilwoman Mildred Thierry stated**, "Mr. Bellard, Did you get any recent information on Broad Band, I was listening, as of the first, there will be applications available for a grant for the Broad Band."

**Parish President Jessie Bellard stated**, "We applied for the National Tel-a-Communications Grant. I found out this afternoon that St. Tammy Parish had applied at the last minute. St. Landry, Acadia and Evangeline Parish has applied for the \$50,000,000.00. It looks very promising. That is the first phase that would cover the majority of our parish. The next Phase of Money is the GUMBO Program, which is through the State. That is for the underserved areas. The companies actually have to apply for that, not the Parishes. AT&T contacted me today, they will be applying, LUS will apply, pretty much everyone will apply through the GUMBO Program. We should have an answer for that in January of February of next year. Any grants that are available to us right now, we have applied or in the process of applying."

#### 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.

**Councilman Wayne Ardoin** questioned the fund that will pay for the repairs.

**Parish President Jessie Bellard stated**, "We will pay for it out of the Hospital District Fund."

**Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated**, "Mr. Albert Semien will go to the Court House tomorrow to sign this agreement. Then I will get Mrs. Fruge to sign it on behalf of the French Immersion and I will return it to Mr. Bellard's Office.

A motion was made by Councilman Alvin Stelly, seconded by Councilman Gil Savoy to 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.

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

WHEREUPON, this motion was adopted on this, the 20<sup>th</sup>, day of October, 2021.

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).

A motion was made by Councilman Timmy Lejeune, seconded by Councilman Jerry Red Jr., 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)

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jerry Red Jr., Nancy Carriere, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Gil Savoy, Alvin Stelly, Vivian Olivier, Wayne Ardoin, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards, and Coby Clavier. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Easton Shelvin. ABSTAINED: None. WHEREUPON, this motion was adopted on this, the 20<sup>th</sup>, day of October, 2021.

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).

A motion was made by Councilman Coby Clavier, seconded by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry to 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).

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jerry Red Jr., Nancy Carriere, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Gil Savoy, Alvin Stelly, Vivian Olivier, Wayne Ardoin, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards, and Coby Clavier. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Easton Shelvin. ABSTAINED: None. WHEREUPON, this motion was adopted on this, the 20<sup>th</sup>, day of October, 2021.

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).

A motion was made by Councilman Jerry Red Jr., seconded by Councilman Coby Clavier 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).

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jerry Red Jr., Nancy Carriere, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Gil Savoy, Alvin Stelly, Vivian Olivier, Wayne Ardoin, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards, and Coby Clavier. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Easton Shelvin. ABSTAINED: None. WHEREUPON, this motion was adopted on this, the 20<sup>th</sup>, day of October, 2021.

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).

A motion was made by Councilman Harold Taylor, seconded by Councilman Jimmie Edwards to 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).

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jerry Red Jr., Nancy Carriere, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Gil Savoy, Alvin Stelly, Vivian Olivier, Wayne Ardoin, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards, and Coby Clavier. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Easton Shelvin. ABSTAINED: None. WHEREUPON, this motion was adopted on this, the 20<sup>th</sup>, day of October, 2021.

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.

A motion was made by Councilman Jimmie Edwards, seconded by Councilman Harold Taylor to 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.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jerry Red Jr., Nancy Carriere, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Gil Savoy, Alvin Stelly, Vivian Olivier, Wayne Ardoin, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards, and Coby Clavier. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Easton Shelvin. ABSTAINED: None. WHEREUPON, this motion was adopted on this, the 20<sup>th</sup>, day of October, 2021.

7. Review and/or approve the Permit Application for Tri-Part Group Home that is located in a residential area in Sunset.

**Councilman Wayne Ardoin stated,** “This time I would offer a motion that under the Ordinance that we have, under section 24-33, Operation of Public or Private Mental Health Centers, Half way Houses, Nursing Homes, General Hospitals, Mental Hospital, Detoxification Centers, Substance Abuse Clinics, Substance Abuse Inpatient Facility, or Forensic Facility; Approval of Parish President and Parish Council Required; Petition, Application and Procedure Requirement.

As per our Attorney, I would cite number one for An Initial Permit for any Public or Private Mental Health Center, Hallway Houses, Nursing Homes, General Hospitals, Mental Hospitals, Detoxification Centers, Substance Abuse Clinics. Substance Abuse in-

patient Facility or Forensic Facility shall be submitted to the Permit Office to be reviewed by the Planning Department. The Application shall contain a Petition which shall include the written assent of 75 percent of the resident property owners within 1,000 foot radius of the Proposed Facility. I will ask at this time that we deny that a group home be on I-49.”

**Parish President Jessie Bellard stated,** “No one has applied for a permit.”

**Councilman Wayne Ardoin stated,** “I am going to ask that we deny any permit because of this Ordinance that we have in place and you be instructed Mr. President because you have to sign the permit.”

**Parish President Jessie Bellard stated,** “You are correct, but the problem is, no one has applied yet.”

**Councilman Harold Taylor stated,** “But we have one in operation now right?”

**Councilman Wayne Ardoin stated,** “What we were told, there are some gentlemen in that facility and they are open.

**Parish President Jessie Bellard stated,** “What I am saying is, no one has applied. If there is someone that is open, it is different, I will say that we make a motion to go in and investigate and close it if it is open.”

**Councilman Wayne Ardoin stated,** “I am just asking that our attorney go ahead with the proceeding and let it not start.”

**Councilman Timmy Lejeune stated,** “As per Committee Meeting, I understand that they do have some residence in this facility and they requested a permit at the Committee Meeting. At this time, I would like that we look into that facility. If it is any type of home, it should be closed immediately. I make that as a motion.”

**Councilman Harold Taylor stated,** “Could we have our attorney weigh in on this and see where we are legally, civil, criminal or whatever.”

**Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated,** “I think the council should vote for it to be investigated and send people over to look at it. See if it is open and see what is going on over there. See if they are actually operating a facility. If they are, then it needs to be closed. It is a Civil Ordinance so it may require a civil lawsuit and that will be done if necessary. First, we have to know what is going on over there. The council should vote to send someone over there to look at it.”

**Councilman Jerry Red Jr., stated,** “I think first we have to go back to a discussion. We had this come up last year. We had a group home that was opened in my district. We had people walking in the neighborhood at midnight. I don’t think any group home, whatever kind of home that it is, should be opened in the Parish without a permit. Every business should have a permit. Whatever kind of business it is, they should first go thru the parish and get a permit to operate. They are operating in District 8 and they did not even get the right permit to be opened. It is Null and Void.”

**Councilwoman Mildred Thierry stated,** “I have a problem with Group Homes in Residential Areas. I am a firm believer of the Golden Rule that says, “Do unto others, as they would have them do on to you. I know that I would not want to live in my home like one of the gentlemen said with five daughters and a home behind me with some young men. Sure they may be set free now. but we all know that they can go back. I would not want this near my home and I am not going to support it being against anyone else home.”

**Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated,** “Let’s just see if they are in operation, send out the letter because they have not applied and shut it down because they are not supposed to be in operation. We will move forward from there to not allow any group homes in the parish in a residential area.”

**Parish President Jessie Bellard stated,** “A couple of things, the motion that Mr. Lejeune made was fine. In the motion can you put in there, if in fact it is open and it does take a Civil Proceeding, you will allow our attorney to file that motion in the court?”

**Councilman Wayne Ardoin stated,** “That is what we are trying to do right now. They have to come to your office to get the permit. The way we were told the other night, they were operating. I went into that neighborhood and there were some people walking on the road. It may have been some people that live right there but it just did not look right. Before it get started, out of all due respect to Ms. Vivian and the people that she represent.”

**Parish President Jessie Bellard stated,** “If the motion would read that way and we do have to file, then we won’t have to come back to the council to save us some time.”

**Parish President Jessie Bellard stated,** “I will ask that our attorney do that group home ordinance that we spoke about last meeting and make it come back before the council so

we can pass that. This will happen again at some point. I think that Ordinance needs to be brought before the council so we can adopt that at some point.”

**Councilman Jerry Red Jr.**, questioned if this Ordinance can be brought back to the next Committee Meeting held on *Wednesday, November 3, 2021*.

A motion was made by Councilman Timmy Lejeune seconded by Councilwoman Nancy Carriere to authorize the Parish to investigate if this facility is open and a Civil Suite have to be placed that action be taken by our Legal Team.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jerry Red Jr., Nancy Carriere, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Gil Savoy, Alvin Stelly, Vivian Olivier, Wayne Ardoin, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards, and Coby Clavier. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Easton Shelvin. ABSTAINED: None. WHEREUPON, this motion was adopted on this, the 20<sup>th</sup>, day of October, 2021.

8. Approve the Preliminary and Final Approval for Lots 1-9 on Begnaud Road Subdivision. A motion was made by Councilman Harold Taylor, seconded by Councilman Jimmie Edwards to approve the Preliminary and Final Approval for Lots 1-9 on Begnaud Road Subdivision.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jerry Red Jr., Nancy Carriere, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Gil Savoy, Alvin Stelly, Vivian Olivier, Wayne Ardoin, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards, and Coby Clavier. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Easton Shelvin. ABSTAINED: None. WHEREUPON, this motion was adopted on this, the 20<sup>th</sup>, day of October, 2021.

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.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry seconded by Councilman Jimmie Edwards to authorize the Parish President to sign the Renewal Contract with the Burns Maintenance Group. Present the council with the total amount of the Renewal.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jerry Red Jr., Nancy Carriere, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Gil Savoy, Alvin Stelly, Vivian Olivier, Wayne Ardoin, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards, and Coby Clavier. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Easton Shelvin. ABSTAINED: None. WHEREUPON, this motion was adopted on this, the 20<sup>th</sup>, day of October, 2021.

10. Authorize the Parish President to sign the Six Year Capital Improvement Plan for the St. Landry Parish Airport.

A motion was made by Councilman Jimmie Edwards, seconded by Councilman Coby Clavier to authorize the Parish President to sign the Six Year Capital Improvement Plan for the St. Landry Parish Airport.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jerry Red Jr., Nancy Carriere, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Gil Savoy, Alvin Stelly, Vivian Olivier, Wayne Ardoin, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards, and Coby Clavier. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Easton Shelvin. ABSTAINED: None. WHEREUPON, this motion was adopted on this, the 20<sup>th</sup>, day of October, 2021.

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 Agreement.

**Councilman Wayne Ardoin questioned**, “Do you have Mr. Mouton’s Request?”

**Parish President Jessie Bellard stated**, “No they did not turn it in yet. I will ask the council to approve all of the Intergovernmental Agreement with the agencies that are in our ARA Plan.”

**Councilman Harold Taylor questioned**, “Is it just the agreement, it is not the particulars in each category they are going to spend it to meet the ARA rules and regulations. It is just an agreement that we will enter into an agreement with, but they have to follow the exact rules. Did we add anything to it?”

**Parish President Jessie Bellard stated**, “I think we can add anything we want in there to make sure that they follow the agreement that is prescribed. Garrett drafted it. It was too make sure they follow what was said and the documentation is prepared and submitted prior to payments being made. They are not going to get a check thru the ARA Program without providing the documentation to back up what they are asking for.”

**Councilman Timmy Lejeune stated**, “What if we make that motion that states that.”

**Parish President Jessie Bellard stated**, “It is already in that agreement. Garrett drafted the agreement to make sure.”

**Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated**, “I think we received agreements by City Marshall, City Court and the Tax Assessor’s Office.”

**Councilman Wayne Ardoin stated,** “We have all of them except for Mr. Mouton’s Office, Opelousas City Court. We have the Tax Assessor, Mr. Terry Darbonne and the City Court but we don’t have one from Opelousas City Marshall’s Office. Can we have it by the next Committee Meeting?”

**Parish President Jessie Bellard stated,** “He was supposed to get it to me today. I wanted to get the ones that we have in place.”

**Councilman Coby Clavier stated,** “I move to approve the agreements that are before us today. There is no need to hold up on those.”

**Councilman Timmy Lejeune questioned,** “Is it on the agenda?”

**Chairman Dexter Brown stated,** “Just the Opelousas City Court agreement and the Opelousas City Marshall, we don’t have the City Marshall so we have the City Court Agreement.”

**Parish President Jessie Bellard stated,** “We have Eunice City Court and Eunice City Marshall.”

**Chairman Dexter Brown stated,** “We just have to forward it back to the Committee Meeting.”

**Councilman Coby Clavier stated,** “I have a motion on the floor, do I have a second?”

**Councilman Jimmie Edwards stated,** “I second.”

**Councilman Timmy Lejeune stated,** “It is not on the agenda.”

**Councilman Coby Clavier stated,** “I have a motion and I have a second.”

**Councilman Timmy Lejeune stated,** “I understand that you have a motion but it is not on the agenda. It should have been amended before the meeting started.”

**Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated,** “The first sentence says, 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 Agreement. If you take the first sentence, it does give the council room to approve some American rescue plan funds.

**Councilman Coby Clavier stated,** “I have a motion and I have a second on the floor.”

**Councilman Jerry Red Jr., stated,** “I don’t see anything in this paragraph that say anything about Eunice. With that being said, you can make a motion that you forward Opelousas City Marshall and the City Court if they turned theirs in also.”

**Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated,** “That is correct, if the council wants to be certain they can send it over to the next Committee Meeting and by then we should have everything, if that is what the council wants to do.”

**Councilman Jerry Red Jr., stated,** “That would be my Sub-Motion if I can get a second.”

**Councilman Harold Taylor stated,** “Could you repeat the motion.”

**Councilman Jerry Red Jr., stated,** “I would like to make a motion that everyone would be included. The Opelousas City Marshall and the City Court everything turned in by the time of the next meeting come up.”

**Councilman Timmy Lejeune stated,** “I seconded that.”

**Councilman Harold Taylor stated,** “I don’t think we can approve something that we have not seen. We have a signature on each of these documents that was sent to us from the Assessor’s Office and the Eunice City Court and the Marshall’s Office, but we don’t have anything in writing from the City Court of Opelousas. It is sort of approving something that we never saw before. Come on, I think you are right Mr. Clavier and I agree with you.”

**Councilman Coby Clavier stated,** “I have a motion and I have a second on the floor.”

**Councilman Jerry Red Jr., stated,** “I have a Sub Motion.”

**Chairman Dexter Brown asked Mr. Red to repeat his Sub-Motion.**

**A Sub-Motion** was made by Councilman Jerry Red Jr. seconded by Councilman Timmy Lejeune to forward all Intergovernmental Agreements for Disbursement of American Rescue Plan Act for 2021 Funds to the next Committee Meeting held on **Wednesday, November 3, 2021** for approval. These agreements will include The Tax Assessor, The Eunice City Court, The Eunice City Marshall, The Opelousas City Marshall and the Opelousas City Court.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jerry Red Jr., Nancy Carriere, Mildred Thierry, Vivian Olivier, Wayne Ardoin, Timmy Lejeune and Jimmie Edwards. NAYS: Harold Taylor, Gil Savoy, Alvin Stelly and Coby Clavier. ABSENT: Easton Shelvin. ABSTAINED: None. WHEREUPON, this motion was adopted on this, the 20<sup>th</sup>, day of October, 2021.

**Chairman Dexter Brown stated,** “Sub-Motion becomes the main motion.”

A motion was made by Councilman Jerry Red Jr., seconded by Councilman Timmy Lejeune to forward all Intergovernmental Agreements for Disbursement of American Rescue Plan Act for 2021 Funds to the next Committee Meeting held on **Wednesday, November 3, 2021** for approval. These agreements will include the Tax Assessor, the Eunice City Court, the Eunice City Marshall, the Opelousas City Marshall and the Opelousas City Court.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jerry Red Jr., Nancy Carriere, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Gil Savoy, Alvin Stelly, Vivian Olivier, Wayne Ardoin, Timmy Lejeune and Jimmie Edwards.

NAYS: Coby Clavier. ABSENT: Easton Shelvin. ABSTAINED: None.

WHEREUPON, this motion was adopted on this, the 20<sup>th</sup>, day of October, 2021.

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.

A motion was made by Councilman Coby Clavier, seconded by Councilman Jimmie Edwards to 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.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jerry Red Jr., Nancy Carriere, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Gil Savoy, Alvin Stelly, Vivian Olivier, Wayne Ardoin, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards, and Coby Clavier. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Easton Shelvin. ABSTAINED: None. WHEREUPON, this motion was adopted on this, the 20<sup>th</sup>, day of October, 2021.

13. Authorize the Parish President to install a new Time Clock in the Council Chambers.

A motion was made by Councilman Alvin Stelly seconded by Councilman Wayne Ardoin

to authorize the Parish President to install a new Time Clock in the Council Chambers.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jerry Red Jr., Nancy Carriere, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Gil Savoy, Alvin Stelly, Vivian Olivier, Wayne Ardoin, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards, and Coby Clavier. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Easton Shelvin. ABSTAINED: None. WHEREUPON, this motion was adopted on this, the 20<sup>th</sup>, day of October, 2021.

**IX. SPECIAL BUSINESS:**

\*Items not passed through committee.

**None.**

**X. ORDINANCES TO BE INTRODUCED:**

**Ordinance to Establish Regulations and Permit Requirements for Solar Farms. – Sponsored by Councilman Wayne Ardoin.**

**AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH REGULATIONS AND PERMIT REUQUIREMENTS FOR SOLAR FARMS**

**WHEREAS**, the St. Landry Parish Home Rule Charter Sections 1-02 and 1-06 establish that, aside from the Section 1-05 management of Parish government affairs power, the Parish government has the special power to pass all ordinances necessary to promote, protect, and preserve the general welfare, safety, health, peace, and orderly conduct of the Parish.

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL FOR ST. LANDRY PARISH GOVERNMENT that the following Ordinance establishing regulations and permit requirements for solar farms in St. Landry Parish is hereby enacted and established.**

1. Purpose.

The purpose of this ordinance article is to promote the health, safety, and general welfare of the citizens of St. Landry Parish by regulating solar farms located within St. Landry Parish.

2. Definitions.

For the purposes of this Chapter the following terms shall mean:

(a) Solar energy: Radiant energy received from the sun that can be collected in the form of heat or light by a solar collector.

(b) Solar energy system: A device or structural design feature intended to provide for collection, storage, and distribution of solar energy for heating or cooling, electricity generation, or water heating. (c) Solarfarm: The use of land where a series of solar collectors and related equipment and accessories are placed in an area on a parcel of

land for the purpose of generating photovoltaic power. A Solar farm shall not be interpreted to mean one or more solar collectors intended to provide electrical power generation for a single residential dwelling or commercial property.

### 3. Permits and Fees.

(a) Prior to placing, establishing, expanding, or substantively altering the operation of a solar farm, a permit must be obtained by the developer of the solar farm from St. Landry Parish government. Permits shall be issued only after the plan therefor has been approved as provided for in this section.

(b) The developer of the solar farm shall submit a Solar Farm Permit Application along with the plans for the proposed solar farm. Each Solar Farm Permit Application will include a site plan showing all property to be included in the project, all access roads, drainage study, environmental study, and a traffic plan.

(c) The Solar Farm Permit Application and site plan shall be reviewed by the Parish Engineer.

(d) If the Parish Engineer disapproves of the solar farm plan and project, the developer shall be given sixty days to correct the problems cited by the Parish Engineer for rejection of the plan and project, and then the developer may resubmit the permit application to the Parish Engineer for approval. If the Parish Engineer approves of the solar farm plan and project, the developer of the solar farm shall conduct at least one community meeting to provide adjacent landowners and the public an opportunity to ask questions and discuss the project. The community meeting shall be conducted prior to obtaining the permit for the solar farm. Notice of the time and location of the public meeting shall be published at least twice in the official journal before the public meeting.

(e) After the community meeting the Solar Farm Permit Application and site plan shall be presented to the St. Landry Parish Council at a council meeting to approve or deny the solar farm permit. (f) If a permit for the solar farm is granted, the developer of the solar farm shall pay a fee of \$1,000.00 to the St. Landry Parish government for a solar farm consisting of 500 acres or less, and for a solar farm consisting of more than 500 acres, the fee shall be \$1000.00 plus an additional \$1.00 for each acre in excess of 500 acres. The applicable permit fee shall be determined by consideration of the entire project, inclusive of buffer zones and access roads. (g) A solar farm permit issued under this Chapter may be transferred or assigned, with the assignee being obligated to all requirements of the permit and this Chapter. However, written notice of such transfer or assignment shall be made to the St. Landry Parish government and the identity of the new permittee shall be noted in the Parish records.

(h) The issuance of a permit under this ordinance shall serve as the agreement and acknowledgment by the permittee, and its successors and assigns, as well as the property owners, that the St. Landry Parish government shall have standing to enforce any and all provisions and obligations of this ordinance.

(i) A solar farm permit shall expire one year from the date of issuance if construction has not yet commenced on the solar farm.

### 4. Single or Multiple Tracts.

(a) A solar farm may be operated on a single contiguous tract or multiple contiguous tracts, either with ownership by the developer/applicant, under one or more leases in which the developer/applicant is a lessee, or any combination thereof.

(b) Any solar farm permit issued for a solar farm which relies upon one lease agreement shall become null and void upon the termination of said lease agreement, unless the lease agreement is terminated because the developer/applicant has been conveyed ownership of the property previously subject to the lease. In the case of a solar farm permit issued for a solar farm which relies on more than one lease agreement, if one of the lease agreements is terminated the solar farm permit shall become null and void only to the part of the project or solar farm that is affected by the lease termination by being on the land subject to the lease that was terminated.

### 5. Traffic Plan.

(a) The plan for a proposed solar farm shall include a traffic plan for the movement of vehicles that will use parish roads during the construction, maintenance and decommissioning of the solar farm.

(b) The plan shall provide for the remediation of any damages occasioned to parish roads during the construction or erection, maintenance, and decommissioning of the solar farm.

### 6. Drainage Plan.

(a) The plan for a proposed solar farm shall include a drainage plan.

(b) The drainage plan shall include an hydrologic and hydraulic (H&H) analysis to establish that the solar farm will not have any adverse impact on the parish drainage system or

adjacent property owners, or, alternatively, the drainage plan shall establish a plan for remediating any adverse impact on the parish drainage system or adjacent property owners that may result from the construction of and the operation of the solar farm. The plan shall also include an ongoing schedule of water sampling and testing of water runoff from the site of the solar farm.

7. Buffer Zones.

(a) The plan for a proposed solar farm shall include the provision of a buffer zone around the perimeter of the solar farm.

(b) The buffer zone shall include a setback of not less than 150 feet from the center of any adjacent public roadway.

(c) The buffer zone shall include a setback of at least 150 feet from any residence, unless otherwise waived by the homeowner, and 50 feet from any adjacent property line used for residential purposes at the time of the application.

(d) Each buffer zone shall include a stand of trees or shrubbery, between the operational area of the solar farm and the adjacent roadway or property owner, to screen the solar farm from view, the sufficiency of which is subject to review and approval as part of the plan.

(e) The buffer zone shall be maintained in such a manner so as to not present a nuisance as provided for otherwise in the Code of Ordinances.

8. Secured access and Lighting.

(a) The plan for a proposed solar farm shall include a plan for secured limited access to the solar farm by a security fence no less than 6 feet nor no greater than 8 feet in height.

(b) Lighting. To reduce light pollution, lighting for the solar farm shall be limited to the minimum lighting reasonably necessary for its safe operation, and the lighting shall be directed downward where reasonably feasible.

9. Decommissioning.

Decommissioning of the solar farm shall begin no later than 12 months after the solar farm has ceased to operate as a solar farm or collect solar energy. For purposes of this provision, temporary cessation of operations of the solar farm due to circumstances beyond the control of the developer, such as force majeure or commercial decisions by the developer's customers, for a period of less than 12 months would not trigger any decommissioning requirements.

**XI. ORDINANCES TO BE ADOPTED:**

None.

**XII. RESOLUTIONS TO BE ADOPTED:**

- A motion was made by Councilman Wayne Ardoin, seconded by Councilman Alvin Stelly to adopt **Resolution No. 014 of 2021**.  
On roll call vote: YEAS: Jerry Red Jr., Nancy Carriere, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Gil Savoy, Alvin Stelly, Vivian Olivier, Wayne Ardoin, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards, and Coby Clavier. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Easton Shelvin. ABSTAINED: None.  
WHEREUPON, this motion was adopted on this, the 20<sup>th</sup>, day of October, 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.

- A motion was made by Councilman Timmy Lejeune, seconded by Councilman Jimmie Edwards to adopt **Resolution No. 016 of 2021**.  
On roll call vote: YEAS: Jerry Red Jr., Nancy Carriere, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Gil Savoy, Alvin Stelly, Vivian Olivier, Wayne Ardoin, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards, and Coby Clavier. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Easton Shelvin. ABSTAINED: None.  
WHEREUPON, this motion was adopted on this, the 20<sup>th</sup>, day of October, 2021.

**RESOLUTION No. 016-2021**

A resolution approving the holding of an election in Fire Protection District No. 5 of the Parish of St. Landry, State of Louisiana, on Saturday, March 26, 2022, to authorize the renewal of a special tax therein.

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners of Fire Protection District No. 5 of the Parish of St. Landry, State of Louisiana (the "Governing Authority"), acting as the governing authority of Fire Protection District No. 5 of the Parish of St. Landry, State of Louisiana (the "District"), adopted a resolution on September 27, 2021, calling a special election in the District on Saturday, March 26, 2022, to authorize the renewal of a special tax therein; and **WHEREAS**, the governing authority of the District has requested that this Parish Council, acting as the governing authority of the Parish of St. Landry, State of Louisiana, give its consent and authority for the District to hold the aforesaid election, and in the event that the election carries to continue to levy and collect the special tax provided for therein; and **WHEREAS**, as required by Article VI, Section 15 of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana of 1974, it is now the desire of this Parish Council to approve the holding of said election and in the event that the election carries, to continue to levy and collect the special tax provided for therein;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Parish Council of the Parish of St. Landry, State of Louisiana, acting as the governing authority of said Parish, that:

**SECTION 1.** In compliance with the provisions of Article VI, Section 15 of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana of 1974, and in accordance with the request of the Board of Commissioners of Fire Protection District No. 5 of the Parish of St. Landry, State of Louisiana, this Parish Council hereby approves the holding of an election in the District, on Saturday, March 26, 2022, at which election there will be submitted the following proposition, to-wit:

**FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 5 PROPOSITION  
(MILLAGE RENEWAL)**

Shall Fire Protection District No. 5 of the Parish of St. Landry, State of Louisiana (the "District"), continue to levy a special tax of fourteen and twenty-five hundredths (14.25) mills on all property subject to taxation within the District (an estimated \$497,400 reasonably expected at this time to be collected from the levy of the tax for an entire year), for a period of

ten (10) years, beginning with the year 2023 and ending with the year 2032, for the purpose of improving, maintaining and operating the District's fire protection facilities, including acquiring and equipping fire trucks and paying the cost of obtaining water for fire protection purposes?  
**SECTION 2.** In the event the election carries, this Parish Council does hereby further consent to and authorize the District to continue to levy and collect the special tax provided for therein.

- A motion was made by Councilman Timmy Lejeune, seconded by Councilman Jimmie Edwards to adopt **Resolution No. 017 of 2021**.  
On roll call vote: YEAS: Jerry Red Jr., Nancy Carriere, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Gil Savoy, Alvin Stelly, Vivian Olivier, Wayne Ardoin, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards, and Coby Clavier. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Easton Shelvin. ABSTAINED: None.  
WHEREUPON, this motion was adopted on this, the 20<sup>th</sup>, day of October, 2021.

**RESOLUTION No. 017-2021**

A resolution ordering and calling a special election to be held in Lawtell Gravity Drainage District of the Parish of St. Landry, Louisiana, to authorize the levy of a special tax herein; making application to the State Bond Commission in connection therewith; and providing for other matters in connection therewith.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Lawtell Gravity Drainage District of the Parish of St. Landry, Louisiana (the "Governing Authority"), acting as the governing authority of Lawtell Gravity Drainage District of the Parish of St. Landry, Louisiana (the "District"), that:

**SECTION 1. Election Call.** Subject to the approval of the State Bond Commission and the St. Landry Parish Police Jury, and under the authority conferred by the Constitution of the State of Louisiana of 1974, including Article VI, Section 32 thereof, the applicable provisions of the Louisiana Election Code, and other constitutional and statutory authority, a special election is hereby called and ordered to be held in the District on **SATURDAY, MARCH 26, 2022**, between the hours of six o'clock (6:00) a.m. and eight (8:00) p.m., in accordance with the provisions of LA R.S. 18:541, and at the said election there shall be submitted to all registered voters qualified and entitled to vote at the said election under the Constitution and laws of this State and the Constitution of the United States, the following proposition, to wit:

Shall Lawtell Gravity Drainage District of the Parish of St. Landry, State of Louisiana (the "District"), be authorized to levy a special tax of five and three hundredths (5.03) mills tax (the estimated amount reasonably expected to be collected from the levy of the tax for one entire year being \$75,000) on all the property subject to taxation within the District, for a period of ten (10) years, beginning in the year 2022 and ending in the year 2031, for the purpose of acquiring, constructing, maintaining, and/or operating gravity works within and for the District?

**SECTION 2. Publication of Notice of Election.** A Notice of the Special Election shall be published in the *Daily World*, a newspaper of general circulation within the District, published in Opelousas, Louisiana, and being the official journal of the District, once a week for four consecutive weeks, with the first publication to be made not less than forty-five (45) days nor more than ninety (90) days prior to the date of the election, which Notice shall be substantially in the form attached hereto as "Exhibit A" and incorporated herein by reference the same as if it were set forth herein in full.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, prior to the publication of the Notice of Election, the President is authorized and directed to make any amendments to the foregoing proposition that may be required to comply with any state or federal regulatory agencies.

**SECTION 3. Canvass.** This Governing Authority shall meet at its regular meeting place, the St. Landry Fire Department District #6 Station, Church Point, Louisiana, on **TUESDAY, APRIL 5, 2022 at SEVEN O'CLOCK (7:00) P.M.**, and shall then and there in open and public session, proceed to examine and canvass the returns and declare the result of the said special election.

**XIII. COMMITTEE MINUTES:**

A motion was made by Councilman Wayne Ardoin seconded by Councilman Timmy Lejeune to accept the **Administrative Finance** Committee Meeting Minutes from Wednesday, October 6<sup>th</sup>, 2021 as transcribed.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jerry Red Jr., Nancy Carriere, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Gil Savoy, Alvin Stelly, Vivian Olivier, Wayne Ardoin, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards, and Coby Clavier. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Easton Shelvin. ABSTAINED: None. WHEREUPON, this motion was adopted on this, the 20<sup>th</sup>, day of October, 2021.

A motion was made by Councilman Jimmie Edwards, seconded by Councilman Timmy Lejeune to accept the **Public Works** Committee Meeting Minutes from Wednesday, October 6<sup>th</sup>, 2021 as transcribed.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jerry Red Jr., Nancy Carriere, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Gil Savoy, Alvin Stelly, Vivian Olivier, Wayne Ardoin, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards, and Coby Clavier. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Easton Shelvin. ABSTAINED: None. WHEREUPON, this motion was adopted on this, the 20<sup>th</sup>, day of October, 2021.

**XIV. ADJOURN:**

A motion was made by Councilman Wayne Ardoin, seconded by Councilman Timmy Lejeune to adjourn the Regular Meeting.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jerry Red Jr., Nancy Carriere, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Gil Savoy, Alvin Stelly, Vivian Olivier, Wayne Ardoin, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards, and Coby Clavier. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Easton Shelvin. ABSTAINED: None. WHEREUPON, this motion was adopted on this, the 20<sup>th</sup>, day of October, 2021.

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