

**ST. LANDRY PARISH COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15th, 2023 @ 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 15th, day of February, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.

- I.** Chairwoman Vivian Olivier called the meeting of the St. Landry Parish Council to order.
- II.** Councilman Easton Shelvin led the Pledge of Allegiance & Invocation.
- III. ROLL CALL:** Jerry Red Jr., Nancy Carriere, Easton Shelvin, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Gil Savoy, Alvin Stelly, Wayne Ardoin, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards, and Coby Clavier. Ex Officio Vivian Olivier. **ABSENT:** None.
- IV. ELECTION OF OFFICERS:**

Councilman Wayne Ardoin stated, “Madam Chair if I am in order I would like to appoint our Legal Advisor, Mr. Garrett Duplechain as the Temporary Presiding Officer to hold the Election of Officers.”

A motion was made by Councilman Wayne Ardoin, seconded by Councilman Dexter Brown to appoint Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain as a Temporary Presiding Officer to hold the Election of Officers.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jerry Red Jr, Nancy Carriere, Easton Shelvin, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Gil Savoy, Alvin Stelly, Wayne Ardoin, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards and Coby Clavier. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** None. **ABSTAINED:** None. **WHEREUPON,** this motion was adopted on this, the 15th, day of February, 2023.

Temporary Chairman Garrett Duplechain stated, “At this time we will hold a selection by the council for their new chairman for the year 2023. Are there any nominations for Chairman for the Council for the year 2023?”

Councilman Wayne Ardoin stated, “Mr. Chairman, I would like to nominate Ms. Nancy Carriere.”

Councilman Alvin Stelly stated, “Second.”

Temporary Chairman Garrett Duplechain stated, “We have a nomination and a second for Ms. Nancy Carriere. Are there any other nominations?”

Councilman Dexter Brown stated, “I would like to nominate Mr. Jerry Red Jr. for Chairman.”

Councilman Timmy Lejeune stated, “Second.”

Temporary Chairman Garrett Duplechain stated, “We have a motion and a second to nominate Mr. Jerry Red Jr. for Chairman. We have two nominations. One nomination for Jerry Red and one nomination for Nancy Carriere. Are there any other nominations?”

Councilman Harold Taylor stated, “I vote that all nominations be closed.”

Councilwoman Mildred Thierry stated, “Second.”

Temporary Chairman Garrett Duplechain stated, “There is a motion and a second for the nominations be closed.”

A motion was made by Councilman Harold Taylor, seconded by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry to close all nominations for the St. Landry Parish Council Chairman for 2023.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jerry Red Jr, Nancy Carriere, Easton Shelvin, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Gil Savoy, Alvin Stelly, Wayne Ardoin, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards and Coby Clavier. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** None. **ABSTAINED:** None. **WHEREUPON,** this motion was adopted on this, the 15th, day of February, 2023.

Temporary Chairman Garrett Duplechain stated, “At this time the council will vote for the new chairman for 2023. The Clerk may now call the roll for votes.”

The votes were as follows:

<i>Councilman Name</i>	<i>Candidate</i>
Councilman Jerry Red Jr.,	<i>Jerry Red Jr.</i>
Councilwoman Nancy Carriere	<i>Nancy Carriere</i>
Councilman Easton Shelvin	<i>Jerry Red Jr.</i>
Councilwoman Mildred Thierry	<i>Jerry Red Jr.</i>
Councilman Harold Taylor	<i>Nancy Carriere</i>
Councilman Gil Savoy	<i>Nancy Carriere</i>
Councilman Alvin Stelly	<i>Nancy Carriere</i>
Councilwoman Vivian Olivier	<i>Jerry Red Jr.</i>
Councilman Wayne Ardoin	<i>Nancy Carriere</i>
Councilman Dexter Brown	<i>Jerry Red Jr.</i>
Councilman Timmy Lejeune	<i>Jerry Red Jr.</i>
Councilman Jimmie Edwards	<i>Jerry Red Jr.</i>
Councilman Coby Clavier	<i>Nancy Carriere</i>

Temporary Chairman Garrett Duplechain stated, “Is that all the votes Madam Clerk?”

Council Clerk Sherell Jordan stated, “Yes.”

Temporary Chairman Garrett Duplechain stated, “We have 7 votes for Jerry Red Jr. and 6 Votes for Nancy Carriere. The council have selected Jerry Red Jr. as the new Chairman for 2023.”

A motion was made by Councilman Harold Taylor, seconded by Councilman Jimmie Edwards to appoint Jerry Red Jr. as the St. Landry Parish Council Chairman for 2023.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jerry Red Jr, Easton Shelvin, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Gil Savoy, Alvin Stelly, Wayne Ardoin, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards and Coby Clavier. **NAYS:** Nancy Carriere. **ABSENT:** None. **ABSTAINED:** None. **WHEREUPON,** this motion was adopted on this, the 15th, day of February, 2023.

Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated, “At this time I will turn the gavel over to Mr. Red so the council can select a Vice-Chairman.”

Chairman Jerry Red Jr. stated, “First of all I would like to tell the council thank you for your support. With your support I am planning on doing the best of my ability to serving you as your chairman for 2023. I just want to remind the people in the audience, if you sign a speaker card you will have 5 minutes to speak. My plans for 2023 is to make sure that I get with the council to make sure that all of your districts and your precincts are in line for the election in October as well as setting a meeting of the budget. With that being said if there are any nominations for Vice-Chairman for 2023.”

Councilman Wayne Ardoin stated, “Mr. Chairman, I nominate Mr. Coby Clavier as Vice-Chairman.”

Councilman Timmy Lejeune stated, “Mr. Chairman, I nominate Ms. Vivian Olivier.”

Chairman Jerry Red Jr., stated, “We have Ms. Vivian and Mr. Coby Clavier for Vice-Chairman.”

Councilman Harold Taylor stated, “Let the nominations be closed.”

Councilman Wayne Ardoin stated, "Second."

A motion was made by Councilman Harold Taylor, seconded by Councilman Wayne Ardoin to close all nominations for St. Landry Parish Council Vice-Chairman for 2023."

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jerry Red Jr, Nancy Carriere, Easton Shelvin, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Gil Savoy, Alvin Stelly, Wayne Ardoin, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards and Coby Clavier. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** None. **ABSTAINED:** None. **WHEREUPON,** this motion was adopted on this, the 15th, day of February, 2023.

Chairman Jerry Red Jr., stated, "Now Madam Clerk if you will call the roll for the council to vote on the Vice Chairman for 2023. For the Record, I would like to vote."

The votes were as follows:

Councilman Name	Candidate
Councilman Jerry Red Jr.,	<i>Vivian Olivier</i>
Councilwoman Nancy Carriere	<i>Coby Clavier</i>
Councilman Easton Shelvin	<i>Coby Clavier</i>
Councilwoman Mildred Thierry	<i>Vivian Olivier</i>
Councilman Harold Taylor	<i>Coby Clavier</i>
Councilman Gil Savoy	<i>Coby Clavier</i>
Councilman Alvin Stelly	<i>Coby Clavier</i>
Councilwoman Vivian Olivier	<i>Vivian Olivier</i>
Councilman Wayne Ardoin	<i>Coby Clavier</i>
Councilman Dexter Brown	<i>Vivian Olivier</i>
Councilman Timmy Lejeune	<i>Vivian Olivier</i>
Councilman Jimmie Edwards	<i>Vivian Olivier</i>
Councilman Coby Clavier	<i>Coby Clavier</i>

Council Clerk Sherell Jordan stated, "Mr. Coby Clavier has 7 votes and Ms. Vivian has 6 votes."

Councilman Wayne Ardoin stated, "I will offer a motion that Coby Clavier be appointed Vice Chairman for 2023."

Councilman Harold Taylor stated, "I second."

A motion was made by Councilman Wayne Ardoin, seconded by Councilman Harold Taylor to appoint Coby Clavier as the St. Landry Parish Council Vice-Chairman for 2023."

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jerry Red Jr, Nancy Carriere, Easton Shelvin, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Gil Savoy, Alvin Stelly, Wayne Ardoin, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards and Coby Clavier. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** None. **ABSTAINED:** None. **WHEREUPON,** this motion was adopted on this, the 15th, day of February, 2023.

Vice-Chairman Coby Clavier stated, "I would like to take a second to thank everyone that supported me. I look forward to serving as your Vice-Chairman. Thank you."

Councilwoman Mildred Thierry stated, "I would like to thank our Chairladies for 2022, Ms. Vivian Oliver and Ms. Nancy Carriere. Thank you all."

V. CONDOLENCES:

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere: Hubert Anthony Jerry, Rosa Irma Chavis, Mildred Collins, Francis Xavier Chevis, Vernida Angelle, Gail Genevieve Brown, Georgia M. Kennerson Williams, Litney Joseph Smith Sr.

Councilwoman Mildred Thierry: Frank Daniel, Kiare Vallian, Kervin W. Valmont, Robert Joseph Woods Sr., Gayle Genevieve Brown, Enola Antoinette Evette Thomas, Flora Lynn Bocard Coleman, Michael Charles Jr., Mable Lazard, Rose Irma Chavis, Wilfred Joubert, Hubert Anthony Jerry, John Hubert Chavis, Joseph D. Thomas.

Councilman Harold Taylor: Christopher Alex Taylor Sr.

Councilman Alvin Stelly: Wayne Joseph LaGrange, Harry Comeaux.

Councilman Wayne Ardoin: Joseph Huet ‘Picheau’ Dupre, Douglas Dean, Lebon Simoneaux, Charles ‘Scotter’ Hiller V, Sam Morrow, Christopher Alex Taylor Sr., Harry Comeaux
Councilman Dexter Brown: John Hubert Chevis, Gayle Genene Brown, Flora Lynn Bocard Coleman, Joseph Huet ‘Picheau’ Dupre.
Councilman Coby Clavier: Donald ‘Jean’ Fontenot
Chairman Jerry Red called for a moment of silence for the families that lost their loved ones.

VI. PERSON TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL:

Judge Jason Meche addressed the council. He stated, “Good evening. I will be very, very brief, I hope to set a record. There is a Resolution before you tonight, I believe it is Resolution 002-2023. It is a Resolution of support asking the Legislature to introduce and pass a bill creating the Acadiana Regional Juvenile Justice District. Several other parishes have already passes similar Resolutions. I am here to answer any questions that you may have about the proposed legislation. I am also here to say that all of the Judges here do support the creation of this district. Are there any questions?”

Councilman Harold Taylor stated, “Judge Meche if you are for it then I am for it.”

Judge Jason Meche stated, “Thank you, it is much needed. I probably won’t stay for the vote but I would hope that you would pass the Resolution and we will forward it on to the Legislature.”

Mr. Mike Hefner, Chief Demographer addressed the council. He stated, “Thank you Mr. Chairman, it is good seeing all of you again. This is really a good time of year to take care of one of the very first things that new Chairman mentioned. That is tuning up your precincts, polling locations and the merger of some of our small precincts that were created during the reapportionment process. This will allow us to get everything set for your fall election so it will run as smooth as possible. I have had some conversations with the Clerk’s Office and the Registrar to set up some small groups, probably by regions, probably about 2-3 of you all at a time. That way we can take the time necessary to look at the maps and get your input so we could record those. You fully understand where the polling locations are, what precincts are qualified to be merged and whether you want to merge them or not, that is one of the things that the Secretary of the State will be asking all of the Parish Governments to do all around the state, try to get rid of those small ones created during the redistricting process. I will be working with the Council Clerk to go ahead and set up a schedule and we will start working together on that. After we meet with everybody we will the list and I will put together the polling locations and let you all take a look at that. If those all still look good to you then we work with the Council Attorney to go ahead and put that into an Ordinance then we will roll it right along. I am looking forward to it, it is part of the process after you do redistrict but we have a good amount of time now to work on this without being pressured.”

Councilwoman Mildred Thierry questioned, “Will we be provided with large maps where we can actually see the streets before they are finalized rather than after they are finalized?”

Mr. Mike Hefner, Chief Demographer stated, “Yes, I have already printed them up and I have already given them to the Council Clerk.”

Councilwoman Mildred Thierry questioned, “One other question. I heard the word ‘Lock Out’ used quite a bit during the last election. Can you explain that so we would know? Some people felt like something was rigged but it actually was a Lock Out. So could you please explain that?”

Mr. Mike Hefner, Chief Demographer, “A ‘Lock Out’ generally happens during Municipal Elections because Districts were sometimes Split Precincts. So part of a District like District ‘A’ in Opelousas might be in Precinct 1 and other part of the precinct 1 might be in District B. So when the Registrar finds the voters, the ones that go in Precinct 1, the ones that are signed to ‘A’ and they go in, they can vote for that but anyone else that is in the ‘B’ part of the Precinct, they can’t vote for that person, they are Locked Out. So that is how the Election Managers make sure that you are voting in your right Districts. Now for Parish Wide you are whole precincts so you don’t have Lock Outs but it is very, very common in Municipal Elections to do that.”

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere questioned, “Mr. Byron Stelly, you are in the audience, if I can just ask you a question. Are you are going to be here when Mr. Hefner goes over this with us?”

Mr. Byron Stelly, Registrar of Voters stated, “Yes.”

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated, “I want to take this opportunity because you are in the audience, I want to stand corrected and Mr. Stelly I want to apologize, I did mention to you that I will say this in the meeting if you would have come. I want to stand up and be able to stand corrected on a situation that we had with Mr. Stelly at the very beginning with confusion about e-mails. Since then I have found out that you did try to e-mail me. I just did not have the proper e-mail so I do want to take this opportunity to apologize and stand corrected that you did try to reach out to me.”

Mr. Byron Stelly, Registrar of Voters stated, “I appreciate the apology. As I have said I am looking forward to working with each and every one of you. What has happen in the past is the past. We are one team and one goal to do what is right for this parish. Thank you.”

Mr. Mike Hefner, Chief Demographer, “Along those lines the Registrar will be working with us as well as I am hoping someone from the Clerk’s Office. Ms. Oliver had some conversations with the Clerk’s Office right around the beginning of the year so we have already initiated some conversation about that. I told them what my plans were to get your small precincts merged where we can or where you so desire and also get the polling locations taken care of. I think this will be a real good opportunity for us to get everything all wrapped up well in advance so we can get it to the Secretary of the State and they will have plenty of time to implement it.”

Ms. Errin Rabeaux addressed the council. She stated, “Good evening, I am here to see if anyone can help a situation we are having. I live in Sunset on Chris Road which is a gravel road, District 8 and we are having a lot of issues. I know in the past it has been brought up to Mr. Bellard from one of our neighbors that have been there for a while, we live on the part of Chris Road closest to HWY 93 and we are having a lot of people that are coming and dump tons and tons of trash. It is starting to effect the drainage when it rains. One of the other reasons people do not abide by the 20 mile per hour speed limit, they are flying down there

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Chairman Jerry Red Jr., stated, “Mr. Bellard, would you like to speak on that? I am sorry, Ms. Vivian would you like to go first?”

Councilwoman Vivian Olivier stated, “I have some littering signs to put out. I just got them this afternoon. I will deliver them or put them out myself probably tomorrow. Now

Ms. Errin Rabeaux stated, “It probably is not going to help. There have been a lot of activity at the beginning of that road where they are dumping. There is a house on the left, they have cameras but it is becoming problematic because they are driving so fast. We have had 2 cars in the ditch in the last month. One of them were 5 teenagers and they all bailed and they had to

come and tow the vehicle. They are shooting at the stop signs. All of the stop signs have bullet holes it is so problematic out there. It is because it secluded.”

Councilwoman Vivian Olivier stated, “I will get them out to you probably tomorrow. Like I said, some people read them and some don’t.”

Ms. Errin Rabeaux questioned, “So what do we do for the drainage, the flooding in the roads? What can be done about this?”

Councilwoman Vivian Oliver stated, “I will try to get Solid Waste to go out there. They have a program where they can pick up some of the trash. I will try to get them to go out there.”

Ms. Errin Rabeaux stated, “I don’t drive a truck, I drive a car, so if I have to leave and the road is flooding, I can’t get out to leave. It is because of all of the trash. The drains keep stopping up everything.”

Councilwoman Vivian Olivier stated, “We will try to take care of it.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “If you don’t mind I will speak with you in a little bit. We have a plan and I just did not want to make a public announcement about it.”

Ms. Errin Rabeaux stated, “Okay, thank you.”

Ms. Brigitte Piattoly addressed the council. She stated, “Good evening. I am here for a status. I am here with my client, Ms. Michelle Benoit. The Parish Council had passed a Resolution as you all recall calling for an investigation of the situation where there was a warrantless search and seizure against the US Constitution of Ms. Benoit’s home and her little dogs were taken, one was put to sleep and one we believe was given away to someone in New Orleans. We have not received any information with respect to the results of this investigation.”

Chairman Jerry Red Jr., stated, “To my understanding, we the council, did this council pass an investigation because I don’t remember this council passing an investigation.”

Ms. Brigitte Piattoly stated, “No, a Resolution to conduct an investigation.”

Chairman Jerry Red Jr., stated, “I am not sure that this council pass a Resolution but let me make sure.”

Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain questioned, Madam Clerk, did the council pass a Resolution?

Council Clerk Sherell Jordan stated, “No.”

Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated, “We did not pass a resolution.”

Chairman Jerry Red Jr. questioned, “Mr. Ardoin you had tried to bring it before the council before.”

Councilman Wayne Ardoin stated, “The Sheriff had advised that he was going to do an investigation and report back to the council and give his investigative report to the District Attorney’s Office. That is what was agreed on in this council.

Ms. Brigitte Piattoly stated, “I agree the semantics are correct as Mr. Ardoin explained it. When will we receive that?”

Chairman Jerry Red Jr., stated, “We are waiting on anything from the Sheriff’s Office. But I know that a Resolution was not passed by this council, is that correct?”

Ms. Brigitte Piattoly questioned, “Will Ms. Benoit be contacted? She has not been contacted yet?”

Chairman Jerry Red Jr., stated, “Well it would be the Legal Counsel to contact her. That would be Mr. Garrett Duplechain.”

Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain started, “It is under investigation now so I cannot comment on it right now.”

Councilman Wayne Ardoin question, “Mr. Duplechain, since you are an employee of the District Attorney’s Office would you report back to us at the **next meeting** about if it has been turned into the District Attorney’s Office or whatever the status that it is in.”

Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated, “Yes.”

Ms. Brigitte Piattoly stated, “It seems to be a clear cut matter. There was a firsthand eye witness, Ms. Terri Courvelle who was the Director of Animal Control at the time and we also have a sworn statement by Ms. Michelle Benoit so there should not be a whole lot to investigate. Mr. Kidder needs to be interviewed and that should not take a month or two.”

Chairman Jerry Red Jr., stated, “We are awaiting for the information from the Sheriff’s Office.”

Ms. Brigitte Piattoly stated, “Well I thank you very much. We just want to keep it in the public eye.”

Chairman Jerry Red Jr., stated, “The next person we have to address the council is Ms. Terri Courvelle.”

Ms. Terri Courvelle stated, “I would like to dedicate my time to Ms. Alysia Malone.”

Chairman Jerry Red Jr., questioned, “Did she fill out a speaker card?”

Ms. Terri Courvelle stated, “Yes.”

Ms. Alysia Malone stated, “How are you all doing tonight? Okay, I will tell you why I am here. I came to the Louisiana Equine Council Annual Meeting on January 14. I was approached by several people who said that I need to go by the Animal Control to check on some horses that were not being taken care of since their intake about three weeks. I am a Bissell Pet Partner or shall I say I was a Bissell Pet Partner so I called Cathy Bissell. I said that I am in town would you like for me to go by and assess the horses at Animal Control? She said, I did not know there were horses at Animal Control, I said yes there are evidently horses there. So I arrived and I spoke with the girl in the office. She was not aware that the horses were part of Animal Control. She was with Bissell also. There was a young lady that was working there and said I will go show you where the horses are, so I was escorted to the back. Now I have been doing Thoroughbred Rescue and Horse Rescue for 35 years since I was 15 year old. I am on dispatch for 3 different Sheriff Departments, St. Tammany, Tangipahoa and Hammond Police Department, I go out on their abuse and neglect cases, I write up assessments all day long. I take their seizure because most Sheriff’s don’t have anywhere to put them. I have very rarely been so upset as to see horses in this conditions. I wrote up a formal assessment of these horses for Ms. Bissell which she said she was going to send to Jessie Bellard, the Parish President and she did e-mail it to him. In the process of this my organization was asked to take custody of these horses. A lot of people that I spoke with said these horses looked much better when they came in here, nobody have been taking care of them. It was obvious they had no Vet care. Some of them had open sores, two of them had maggots coming out of their backs from the sores. It was horrible. The water trough had two inches of molding green water with leaves in it. Their moldy bale of hay had the hay net still attached to it. I spoke to several of the Trustees and they said, no as far as we know there is no feed, they have hay, well these are Thoroughbreds, registered Thoroughbreds, nobody even knew who they were. So I told Ms. Bissell, I said I will be happy to help, my organization does hold horses during criminal cases. I am contracted by the Parishes to do so, they pay me and the Bond sometimes covers this. However I told her I cannot take them unless they are legally released by the DA’s Office to me. I made some phone calls to the DA’s Office and I spoke to Mr. Garrett several times that they were not to be released from the Parish because they were going to be evidence in a Criminal Case. I relayed this message several times to Ms. Bissell. In the interim these horses needed

Vet care immediately. I insisted she get a Vet out right away. She did, she called Grant Fontenot. He went out and they wanted a list of what I thought the horses needed. I said, Coggon, Nasal Swabs for strangles, vaccinations, worm the horses and take care of the sores that were all over the horses, proper hay and feed, what should have been done upon intake, obviously it had not been done. So I went and purchase, Triple Crown Senior, Alfalfa, Mineral and Salt Blocks, everything that these horses needed, which again, my organization shouldn't have to do, they were in Parish Control. I provided the hay and the feed for the next few weeks for these horses with my own money, not my organization, mine because I can't legally do it through my organization because they are not my organization but Ms. Bissell had asked me to help. When Mr. Bellard received the assessment he e-mailed her back and said yes, I think that she should take the horses, they will be better cared for at her facility but they are part of a court case. Ms. Bissell sent me a screen shot of this e-mail. I said I am sorry Ms. Bissell that is not enough, I cannot remove those horses. They are not being legally released. This went on for two weeks while I drove back and forth two hours away from my farm to help take care of these horses. Dr. Grant Fontenot did go out upon my insistence, Cathy Bissell paid him. He pulled Coggon's and he vetted the horses. They needed feed shot because some of them had infections and they were sick. As far as I know that was the only time that he went out. On the 24th I went back frustrated kind of exasperated because I keep t being asked by the Bissell pet foundation to please take them even Dr. Sanders, please take them, they need out of here now. They did not want to hear that I did not have the Legal Rights to take them. I was a little frustrated and that is why I drive back and forth because they obviously needed care and I could not remove them. I found out on the 26th or the 27th that the horses had been removed and transported up to North Carolina. I again contacted the DA's Office and I was told no, they had not been released. I said are you aware that they are gone? No we are not. I was asked, did you tell Ms. Bissell and Dr. Sanders they were not to be removed, I said, I did. I was told that I have nothing to worry about. I was asked if my organization had anything to do with it, no we did not. In the middle of all of this I read the report that was put out about the arrest of Sharon Martinez and Rigoberto Martinez. They had 18 horses on their property, they were arrested for cruelty and 9 of the horses were taken. I thought if there are horses left maybe I should go by and see if they need help. Maybe they need help with the rest of the horses and maybe my organization can help rehome them if they need help so I reached out to her. When I spoke with her I was made aware that when investigator Kidder went to her property he told her I am going to arrest you and put you in hand cuffs if you don't sign these horses over to me right now. She was scared, her husband barely speaks English and he was scared. They did sign some form which they were never given a copy of. Three of these horse were poor. He stated in his report, three of the horses were poor and the others were not as poor but poor. He said the rest of the animals on the property looked good, looked well taken care of but yet when Mr. Kidder was there one of the gentlemen that was helping to load these horses up on the trailer he allowed him to pick out 9 of her healthy horses and take them, those were never documented, those were all registered thoroughbreds. He essentially gave away registered thoroughbreds without documenting them on the report. She was too scared to come forward. Now I have identified all of these horses and I know where they are. The people that took the horses to North Carolina, they did not know who they were but guess who in the nation, guess who gets called when somebody can't identify a Thoroughbred, that is how I found out where they were, they were calling me to identify them. I said look at here, the horses that are gone missing and Ms. Bissell never had the common courtesy and I have been working with her for 5 years to tell me that they were leaving, I guess she did not want to tell me because she knew it was illegal. I warned her. If you remove those horsed you better have your ducks in a row because that is Obstruction of Justice. I have spoken several times to people around the area about this. It seems to me that going on to someone's home/property and by the way she has a locked gate in the front, I don't know if they needed a search warrant, I don't know if they had a search warrant but they did go on her property and it was intimidation by a Police Officer. I can tell you because I do this all the time. I can't roll up to somebody's farm and say I am going to arrest you if you don't sign those horses over to me, that is just not the way it is done. I would end up in hand cuffs in St. Tammy or Tangipahoa if we did something like that. We have a couple of problems here, Mr. Bellard gave me permission to take these horses. Did he know that it was going to be an Obstruction of Justice on my part if I did? I don't know. Did Mr. Kidder who wrote up the release form for Cathy Bissell and Dr. Sanders releasing them to take the horses, all he gave them were the signed surrender form that they signed under duress. Supposedly they had health certificates and I would love to know which Vet put a health search on 8 emaciated Thoroughbred to take a 14 hour trailer ride up to cold North Carolina because a Vet would lose his license over that. Health Search is just that it is a Health Certificate saying

that they are healthy enough for transport. When she removed them over state line that brought the Fed in. I know where these Thoroughbreds are, they are being hidden and Bissell told the people who have them do not speak to her, she is lying. Well luckily I do know where the Thoroughbreds are and they do not want to send them back, I am in complete conversation right now with one of the rescues who have been smart enough to listen to what I have said, they are in communication with the owner about the 2 that they have and with me. They are taking good care of them. To back track, Ms. Martinez had been trying for 6 months to a year to try and get help with these horses, calling rescues, calling people and reaching out for help on these horses. She did not receive any, she is not from here and she did not know how to get anymore help because she was sick, she had diabetes, she had COVID really bad and she knew she could not handle the horses. But in St. Tammy, Tangipahoa, if somebody needs help we help them, you don't go and arrest them. I have a text message between one of Bissell's employees."

Chairman Jerry Red Jr., stated, "I will have to ask you to wrap it up. You have one minute left."

Ms. Alysia Malone stated, "Okay, let me just say this, intimidation by an offer, malfeasance in an office, livestock theft, you name it we have a lot of problems here. I filed a complaint with the Sheriff's Department on all of this as have Ms. Martinez. I went to the man's house who have the other 9 horses that he was given. He said that Kidder gave me the horses and he said that I need the poor ones for the investigation for the court case but you can take the rest that are healthy. Just pick out whatever ones that you want. I went to his residence and I can tell you that feeding registered Thoroughbreds, two big breeding stallions, three young breeding mares is not the way to take care of them. The breeding stallions are in a terrible place. I am hoping that the council take this into consideration and does something about this case. Thank you."

Councilman Wayne Ardoin questioned, "Mr. Duplechain, this lady mentioned your name. You are involved, do you have any input on this?"

Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated, "The horses are part of a Criminal Prosecution that is going on right now. I can't comment on it any further than that. I follow what she was saying and she had a lot to say but they are part of an investigation, Criminal Prosecution."

Councilman Wayne Ardoin stated, "Does she have any, this is all new right here tonight, can she go to the DA's office with this matter that she is speaking about tonight?"

Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated, "She can go anywhere she wants to. I know she have been to the Sheriff's Department. She can go to any public agency that she wants to. I know they are charged with a misdemeanor and the horses are part of the Criminal Prosecution that is basically it."

Ms. Alysia Malone stated, "I will add that they have all of my information about the investigation. I did a full report on it and so did the Inspector General. They are waiting to see how this plays out."

Councilman Alvin Stelly questioned, "Why was the horses moved to North Carolina, out of the state?"

Ms. Alysia Malone stated, "That is what I want to know. They were illegally removed and I was told that could not happen but it happened anyway. I have asked why nothing has been done about that. She also was not given a 24 hour Bond Notice. By law they have to give a Bond Notice."

Councilman Alvin Stelly questioned, "Can you comment about that Mr. Bellard? Why those horses were moved to North Carolina?"

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "I am not answering any questions."

Chairman Jerry Red Jr., stated, "It is under investigation."

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated, "I am just curious to know, the horses that are going to be in the criminal case, are those the ones that went to North Carolina?"

Ms. Alysia Malone stated, “Yes Ma’am.”

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere questioned, “Garett, I just want to know, the ones that are out of the state, when it is time for the court case are the horses coming back? How does that work?”

Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated, “The investigation has already been turned over to the DA’s Office. There is a Criminal Prosecution now so I can’t comment on it any further than that.”

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere questioned, “She mentioned the Detective. I am not asking about the investigation, I am wondering, do you know anything about the Detective doing anything illegal?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “I know everything about this case. I am here to tell you all that it is not even close to what she is stating. Not even close to what they are stating but I will tell you all like this, we will not break the law, we will not do anything intentionally to break the law and this case right here is not even close to what she is stating. This happened on a day where I was actually the one answering the phone. I was the one who took the complaint, I was the one who told these guy to go and do the investigation and I can promise you it is not what is being said here tonight. Let the investigation take its course and I can assure you all that the guy that work for Parish Government did nothing wrong and I will leave it at that.”

Ms. Alysia Malone stated, “He stated that he told Ms. Bissell to go and do the investigation. Ms. Bissell was not here during the time of the investigation.

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “I did not say anything about Ms. Bissell doing an investigation.”

Ms. Alysia Malone stated, “Okay.”

Chairman Jerry Red Jr., stated, “Moving right along, the next person to speak before the council is Mr. Tyler Franchebois.”

Mr. Tyler Franchebois addressed the council. He stated, “I was actually invited here by Mr. Jerry Red to come and introduce myself and my team to you guys. Some of you may actually already know me, I recognize a few faces on the council. Mr. Eddie Dejean and I actually worked for Lowe’s for several years so most of you probably know me from there. Currently I am the Bank Manager at First Horizon. My name is Tyler Franchebois and this is Ms. Margaret Fontenot. These are both of my bankers here and I just wanted to introduce myself and let you all know who I was. I am here to help the community. If you guys need anything or if anybody in the audience needs anything please feel free to come and sit down and talk with me. I am typically in my office from 9-5 on Monday – Friday. On Tuesdays I go out into the community and I visit business owners in the community and let them know who I am and what I am here for. Thank you all for your time and I just wanted to stop in and say that. Does anyone have any questions?”

Ms. Shanon Martinez addressed the council. She stated, “I want to know why I was arrested on my own property? I want to know why they took my horses and abused then when they had them in their custody. I want to know why they are in North Carolina and why they gave half of the horses to somebody else.”

Chairman Jerry Red Jr., stated, “Once again, Mr. Garrett Duplechain is this the same thing that is under investigation?”

Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated, “The name matches so it is the same. She was appointed an attorney, it is a misdemeanor, I am a misdemeanor prosecutor so I cannot comment on that to her, her attorney isn’t present.”

Chairman Jerry Red Jr., stated, “There is nothing that could be discussed right now before this council.”

Ms. Alysia Malone stated, “We are getting her counsel. Thank you.”

Mr. David Ryder addressed the council. He stated, “I donate my time to Ms. Malone.”

Chairman Jerry Red Jr. stated, “Your time was dealing with the ordinance. That is totally different. So do you want to come and talk about your ordinance Mr. David Ryder?”

Ms. Alysia Malone stated, “I will take his 5 minutes to complete what I was saying.”

Chairman Jerry Red Jr., stated, “I believe he is down here to speak on ordinances.”

Ms. Alysia Malone stated, “Well you just don’t want to listen to what else I have to say.”

Chairman Jerry Red Jr., stated, “Ma’am I am saying what he has written down. He want to speak on ordinances. I am asking if he want to speak, he will speak on ordinances. Will you speak on the ordinances? If you are not going to speak on ordinances you will not be able to speak. That is what he has written down.”

Ms. Alysia Malone stated, “A lot of the ordinances are against Louisiana Law. As somebody that have been abused and neglected for the state for a long time I have gone over the ordinances. A lot of them are against Louisiana Law. Louisiana Law trumps Parish Law. So I think when this council receive these ordinances they need to go over them word by word and then go over the Louisiana State Ordinances. Whoever wrote these did not know what they were doing. A chain is not a leash, they are outlawed in Louisiana. Honestly I was blown away by the ordinances. I don’t understand how anybody would pass them. You have to know Louisiana Law. We have run into a lot of problems because it seems like not many people understand the law, even the ones that are investigating it. My organization does Educational Programs for Sheriff Offices and we go in and educate their deputies on the law. When I was at the Sheriff’s Office he said let me print out the LA Statue for you, I told him I could repeat them backwards and forwards for you, I don’t need that printout. He said, I don’t know them and I told him you should know them because you are the Sheriff. So as far as the ordinance go I know that you all are getting a new copy of the new ordinance to be passed, I suggest that you research that and make sure that they are in accordance and do not defy the State Laws because many of them do. Thank you.”

Councilman Harold Taylor questioned, “Are you relaying a message about the Proposed Animal Ordinance or the one that is in existence presently?”

Ms. Alysia Malone stated, “Both.”

Councilman Harold Taylor questioned, “You are saying that the Proposed does not follow State Law, is that what you are suggesting?”

Ms. Alysia Malone stated, “Several things in there.”

Councilman Harold Taylor stated, “Thank you.”

Ms. Alysia Malone stated, “You are welcome.”

Councilman Timmy Lejeune stated, “Excuse me Ma’am, I want to thank you for coming and speaking out about the ordinance. What I would like for you to do is take that Proposed Ordinance and circle each one of them that you feel is not correct and make sure that I get a copy.”

Ms. Alysia Malone stated, “Absolutely.”

Councilman Timmy Lejeune stated, “I thank you.”

Mr. Terryl Malveaux addressed the council. He stated, “Hello, how are you all doing? I have an address of 249 Greenview and I am dealing with a flood issue, drainage and a road. I

have a parish sign at the end of my road but it is not a parish road, 500 feet of it is but the rest is not. I am trying build me a home back there but I am dealing with issues right now.”

Councilwoman Mildred Thierry stated, “Mr. Chairman, I have been trying to work with him on this issue since the previous administration. I am not going to get into it I will let them tell you what they say they have been told. I have been trying but I think it is only about 500 feet they are saying that is a parish road and the rest of it isn’t. I have been battling with that and I am glad that they came tonight so they won’t think that I am just telling them that. I have directed them to different persons and they were told the same thing. It is out of my hands.”

Mr. Terryl Malveaux stated, “Actually the road is like 1500 feet. The Parish only did 500 feet and told me that it is not a parish road, I have to do the rest myself.”

Ms. Malinda Malveaux addressed the council. She stated, “Hi my name is Malinda Malveaux, I am Terryl’s wife. We understand that you guys are telling us that the road is private. The issue that we are having is drainage. We cannot build a road up and fix the road to build a home with the ditches being blocked and the water is not draining to the culverts.”

Councilwoman Mildred Thierry stated, “I would like to say I hope that you guys understand that we as councilmembers don’t have the authority to say anything that gets done. We can’t schedule any work, the only voice that we have when to come to that is to call Public Works and make them aware of the situation then it is out of our hands. If I could literally schedule every concern that comes to me I tell you what, it would get done immediately but we don’t have that authority. With the Home Rule Charter in place, which the people put into place the councilmembers do not have authority to make those type of decisions. So if I could help you all I would but I can’t. I have done all that I can do.”

Ms. Malinda Malveaux stated, “We are not asking for help with the road we are just asking if we can get some help with the drainage system.”

Councilwoman Mildred Thierry stated, “I have been reporting that in that area, Collins Lane. I got on Barry yesterday. I said Barry there is a washout, please go and take care of that on Collins Lane. I told him about the problems and it is in the making. Government is a long process to get things done. It has not manifested yet but there are some things from what I have been told that have been put in place to deal with that issue. Now how soon that will happen, I don’t know. So maybe you can ask Mr. Bellard, maybe he can better assist.”

Chairman Jerry Red Jr., questioned, “Mr. Bellard, Greenview, is that a private road?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “The first 500 feet is a Parish Road. That is the Inventory System that was done in the past. It was not this council, it was in the Jury Days.”

Chairman Jerry Red Jr., stated, “So you say the first 500 feet is private?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “No, the first 500 is Public. It is a Parish Road. The problem is in the back of the property where they want to build the water drains to the back. Then there is a canal back there that drains towards Collins. So until we dredge out Bayou Carron to alleviate some of that flooding problem we are having down there and start cleaning out the canals there is really nothing that we can do. I can’t go and dig on private property and the water won’t go to the road, it has to go to the back. So until we start the dredging process I can’t do anything about it until that is done.”

Chairman Jerry Red Jr., questioned, “What about the first 500 feet?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “We can dig that but the water does not go to the front it goes to the back where they want to build.”

Mr. Terryl Malveaux stated, “They had a home back there.”

Chairman Jerry Red Jr., stated, “Even though they had a home on private property parish cannot go on private property. We have private subdivision and we can’t do anything on

private roads. I would like you to take his number at the end to the meeting and you can talk to him.”

Ms. Malinda Malveaux stated, “We have his card. So we have to did the ditches and drain it.”
Chairman Jerry Red Jr., stated, “If you are living in that private section then yes. I would ask that you get his card and he can probably refer you to someone that could probably help you out.”

Ms. Malinda Malveaux stated, “We have talked to him. That is why we know that we have to build the road which we have no problem building the road. It is just that we can’t build the road without drainage.”

Councilwoman Mildred Thierry stated, “Mr. Bellard, is there something that we can do soon to deal with that drainage so that they could build their road?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “The issue is to clean that canal. We are waiting on the Scope of the work to be done. Once that canal is dug out and cleaned out a lot of that water is going to get away from your property. Once that is done it is going to help, I can promise you that. Barry is working on a solution but we just can’t go on your private road and dig that to the canal but I can clean the canal to pull it away from there. The problem is the canal is stopped up. That is the bottom line.”

Mr. Terryl Malveaux stated, “We have trees in it. They have a ditch already but it needs to be re-dug on that property. The ditch goes all the way back to the canal. It needs to be cleaned out because they have trees that have grown all in there.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “Correct and that is the work that is going done in the near future to clean that out which will give you a way out for your water to get out from the property.”

Councilman Coby Clavier stated, “A question that comes to my mind is there a drainage board that is present in that area?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “Not in that area, no sir.”

Councilman Coby Clavier stated, “That is too bad.”

Chairman Jerry Red Jr., stated, “The next person to speak before the council is Mr. Tracy Duplechain about the budget.”

Mr. Tracy Duplechain stated, “I decline.”

VII. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was made by Councilman Wayne Ardoin, seconded by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry to approve **the Regular Meeting Minutes from January 18th, 2023** as transcribed.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Nancy Carriere, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Gil Savoy, Alvin Stelly, Vivian Olivier, Wayne Ardoin, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards and Coby Clavier. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** Easton Shelvin. **ABSTAINED:** None. **WHEREUPON**, this motion was adopted on this, the 15th, day of February, 2023.

A motion was made by Councilman Harold Taylor, seconded by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry to approve the **Special Meeting Minutes from January 31st, 2023** as transcribed.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Nancy Carriere, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Gil Savoy, Alvin Stelly, Vivian Olivier, Wayne Ardoin, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards and Coby Clavier. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** Easton Shelvin. **ABSTAINED:** None. **WHEREUPON**, this motion was adopted on this, the 15th, day of February, 2023.

VIII. PARISH PRESIDENT REPORT:

- **NextEra Energy**

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “Before you all there is **Resolution No. 008-2023** regarding NextEra Energy. It is a Resolution of Support for the Pilot Program that we discussed in detail. It is the same negotiations that were done. Everything is the same it is just that I would like to have support from the council to turn it over to SLED and the SLED Board will actually take the appropriate actions at that time. But all of the numbers are the same, nothing have changed. It just that I would like to have support from the council as a Resolution.”

Councilman Harold Taylor stated, “I just want to make a couple of comments. I have met with all of the folks here tonight from the NextEra Team. I want to thank them for their Business Development here in our Parish and our Community. Additionally I would like to give the highest regards and thanks to Chris Cochran who is a Project Manager and his Associate JR. God bless you, God bless you. I am pleased to inform you that the folks in this project, the farmers are putting up the land have all called and said that they are happy with the arrangements. I appreciate the time Chris that you all took to work the issues out that they had. We would be happy to make a motion for the Resolution when it comes up a little bit later unless you want to take it up now.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “So this one is not the Resolution for the Permit. It is just a Resolution of Support for the actual Pilot Program that we initiated that SLED is going to have to take up at their next meeting just give them a letter of support from the Parish.”

Councilman Wayne Ardoin stated, “He offers it as a motion, I will second it.”

A motion was made by Councilman Harold Taylor, seconded by Councilman Wayne Ardoin to approve **Resolution 008-2023**.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Nancy Carriere, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Gil Savoy, Alvin Stelly, Vivian Olivier, Wayne Ardoin, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards and Coby Clavier. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** Easton Shelvin. **ABSTAINED:** None. **WHEREUPON,** this motion was adopted on this, the 15th, day of February, 2023.

Resolution 008-2023

WHEREAS, as the governing body of St. Landry Parish, we want to promote an environment that supports economic growth and encourages capital investment in St. Landry Parish;

WHEREAS, we have met with representatives of NextEra Energy several times to discuss their solar project and its impact on St. Landry Parish, and the project brings the type of capital investments we like to see in St. Landry Parish;

ACCORDINGLY, BE IT RESOLVED, by the St. Landry Parish Council, that we would like to pass a resolution in support of the PILOT being worked on by NextEra and SLED for the Project we look forward to a long beneficial partnership with NextEra Energy.

A motion was made by Councilman Wayne Ardoin, seconded by Councilman Harold Taylor to accept the Parish President’s Report.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Nancy Carriere, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Gil Savoy, Alvin Stelly, Vivian Olivier, Wayne Ardoin, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards and Coby Clavier. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** Easton Shelvin. **ABSTAINED:** None. **WHEREUPON,** this motion was adopted on this, the 15th, day of February, 2023.

IX. NEW BUSINESS:

***Items passed through committee.**

1. Notice is hereby given that at its meeting to be held on Wednesday, March 15, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. at its regular meeting place, the Old City Market, 131 W. Bellevue Street, Opelousas, Louisiana, the Parish Council of the Parish of St. Landry, State of Louisiana, plans to consider adopting a resolution ordering and calling elections to be held in (i) Sub-Road District No. 1 of Road District 11A of the Parish of St. Landry, State of Louisiana and (ii) Sub-Road District No.

2 of Road District 11A of the Parish of St. Landry, State of Louisiana to authorize the continuation of ad valorem taxes therein.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry, seconded by Councilman Harold Taylor to approve the Announcement of a Public Meeting to be held on Wednesday, March 15th, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. at its regular meeting place, the Old City Market, 131 W. Bellevue Street, Opelousas, Louisiana, the Parish Council of the Parish of St. Landry, State of Louisiana, plans to consider adopting a resolution ordering and calling elections to be held in (i) Sub-Road District No. 1 of Road District 11A of the Parish of St. Landry, State of Louisiana and (ii) Sub-Road District No. 2 of Road District 11A of the Parish of St. Landry, State of Louisiana to authorize the continuation of ad valorem taxes therein.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Nancy Carriere, Easton Shelvin, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Gil Savoy, Alvin Stelly, Vivian Olivier, Wayne Ardoin, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards and Coby Clavier. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** None. **ABSTAINED:** None. **WHEREUPON**, this motion was adopted on this, the 15th, day of February, 2023.

2. Notice is hereby given that at its meeting to be held on Wednesday, March 15, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. at its regular meeting place, the Old City Market, 131 W. Bellevue Street, Opelousas, Louisiana, the Parish Council of the Parish of St. Landry, State of Louisiana, plans to consider adopting a resolution ordering and calling an election to be held in the Parish of St. Landry, State of Louisiana to authorize the renewal of an ad valorem tax therein.

Parish President Jessie Bellard questioned, “Mr. Chairman, I am assuming this is for the Health Unit. It is not stated. I just want to make sure.”

Chairman Jerry Red Jr., stated, “Yes, it needs to be worded in this resolution.”

Council Clerk Sherell Jordan stated, “Yes, it is for the Health Unit. She is aware and she said that they don’t word it like that.”

Chairman Jerry Red Jr., questioned, “Can you add it to the bottom of this?”

Council Clerk Sherell Jordan stated, “Okay.”

A motion was made by Councilman Coby Clavier, seconded by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry to approve the Announcement of a Public Meeting to be held on Wednesday, March 15th, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. at its regular meeting place, the Old City Market, 131 W. Bellevue Street, Opelousas, Louisiana, the Parish Council of the Parish of St. Landry, State of Louisiana, plans to consider adopting a resolution ordering and calling an election to be held in the Parish of St. Landry, State of Louisiana to authorize the renewal of an ad valorem tax therein.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Nancy Carriere, Easton Shelvin, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Gil Savoy, Alvin Stelly, Vivian Olivier, Wayne Ardoin, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards and Coby Clavier. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** None. **ABSTAINED:** None. **WHEREUPON**, this motion was adopted on this, the 15th, day of February, 2023.

3. Vote to re-appoint Robert Fox and Ronald Dugas for two appointments to Ward Two Gravity Drainage District No. 1 for a four-year term. (03-05-2023 – 03-05-2027).

A motion was made by Councilman Harold Taylor, seconded by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry to re-appoint Robert Fox and Ronald Dugas to Ward Two Gravity Drainage District No. 1 for a four-year term. (03-05-2023 – 03-05-2027).

On roll call vote: YEAS: Nancy Carriere, Easton Shelvin, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Gil Savoy, Alvin Stelly, Vivian Olivier, Wayne Ardoin, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards and Coby Clavier. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** None. **ABSTAINED:** None. **WHEREUPON**, this motion was adopted on this, the 15th, day of February, 2023.

4. Vote to appoint Tyler Austin Cormier for one appointment to Coulee Crouche Fire Protection District No. 4 for the remainder of a two-year term. (04-20-2022 – 04-20-2024).

A motion was made by Councilman Harold Taylor, seconded by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry to appoint Tyler Austin Cormier to Coulee Crouche Fire Protection District No. 4 for the remainder of a two-year term. (04-20-2022 – 04-20-2024).

On roll call vote: YEAS: Nancy Carriere, Easton Shelvin, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Gil Savoy, Alvin Stelly, Vivian Olivier, Wayne Ardoin, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards and Coby Clavier. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** None. **ABSTAINED:** None. **WHEREUPON,** this motion was adopted on this, the 15th, day of February, 2023.

5. Authorize the Council Clerk to advertise for one appointment to Ward 3 Consolidated Gravity Drainage District No. 1 for the remainder of a four-year term. (12-21-2020 – 12-21-2024).

A motion was made by Jimmie Edwards, seconded by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry to authorize the Council Clerk to advertise for one appointment to Ward 3 Consolidated Gravity Drainage District No. 1 for the remainder of a four-year term. (12-21-2020 – 12-21-2024).

On roll call vote: YEAS: Nancy Carriere, Easton Shelvin, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Gil Savoy, Alvin Stelly, Vivian Olivier, Wayne Ardoin, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards and Coby Clavier. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** None. **ABSTAINED:** None. **WHEREUPON,** this motion was adopted on this, the 15th, day of February, 2023.

6. Authorize the Council Clerk to advertise for one appointment to South St. Landry Community Library District for a five year term. (04-01-2023 – 04-01-2028).

A motion was made by Councilman Wayne Ardoin, seconded by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry to authorize the Council Clerk to advertise for one appointment to South St. Landry Community Library District for a five year term. (04-01-2023 – 04-01-2028).

On roll call vote: YEAS: Nancy Carriere, Easton Shelvin, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Gil Savoy, Alvin Stelly, Vivian Olivier, Wayne Ardoin, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards and Coby Clavier. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** None. **ABSTAINED:** None. **WHEREUPON,** this motion was adopted on this, the 15th, day of February, 2023.

7. Authorize the beginning process for the study of Speed Bumps on Sugarland Circle.

Chairman Jerry Red Jr., stated, “Legal Counsel is this just to introduce an ordinance?”

Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated, “The beginning process is that the survey is mailed out to the Registered Voters on that road in order to submit it to Public Works and have a Public Hearing and introduce the ordinance to put the speed bumps. Seventy-five percent (75%) or more of the people on that road surveyed have to agree to it. So the beginning of this if council authorizes it is for our clerk to mail out the survey for all of the registered voters on Sugarland Circle.”

Chairman Jerry Red Jr., stated, “Okay, so we are just mailing out.”

Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated, “It is the very beginning and you have to get 75% approval or the ordinance says that it does not happen.”

A motion was made by Councilwoman Nancy Carriere, seconded by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry to begin the process for speed bumps on Sugarland Circle.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Nancy Carriere, Easton Shelvin, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Gil Savoy, Alvin Stelly, Vivian Olivier, Wayne Ardoin, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards and Coby Clavier. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** None. **ABSTAINED:** None. **WHEREUPON,** this motion was adopted on this, the 15th, day of February, 2023.

X. ORDINANCES TO BE INTRODUCED:

Councilman Timmy Lejeune stated, “I will take responsibility for introducing this ordinance.”

Chairman Jerry Red Jr., stated, “So we will have a Public Hearing next month at 5:45 p.m.”

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-002 (SPONSORED BY COUNCILMAN TIMMY LEJEUNE)

AN ORDINANCE TO REPEAL THE ANIMAL AND FOWL ORDINANCES IN CHAPTER 8, ARTICLES I, II, III, IV, V, VI, AND VII IN THE ST. LANDRY PARISH CODE OF ORDINANCES AND REPLACE THEM IN CHAPTER 8 WITH THE

FOLLOWING ANIMAL AND FOWL ORDINANCES

XI. ORDINANCE TO BE ADOPTED:

None.

XII. RESOLUTIONS TO BE ADOPTED:

A motion was made by Councilman Harold Taylor, seconded by Councilman Dexter Brown to Adopt **Resolution No. 002 of 2023**.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Nancy Carriere, Easton Shelvin, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Gil Savoy, Alvin Stelly, Vivian Olivier, Wayne Ardoin, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards and Coby Clavier. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** None. **ABSTAINED:** None. **WHEREUPON**, this motion was adopted on this, the 15th, day of February, 2023.

RESOLUTION NO. 002 OF 2023

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF LEGISLATION TO CREATE THE ACADIANA REGIONAL JUVENILE JUSTICE DISTRICT COMPRISED OF VARIOUS PARISHES IN OR NEAR THE ACADIANA REGION; PROVIDING FOR THE EFFECTIVE DATE THEREOF; AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, for a number of years, there has been inadequate space in local juvenile detention facilities to protect public safety through the pretrial detention of youthful repeat offenders and/or those charged with committing the most serious violent crimes, many of which involve the use of firearms and other dangerous weapons; and

WHEREAS, there approximately 12 local juvenile detention facilities in the state, many of which do not have space available to hold pretrial youth from outside of their respective jurisdictions or will not accept such use; and

WHEREAS, Act 501 of the 2016 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature raised the age of juvenile jurisdiction to include seventeen (17) years old (Raise the Age Legislation), and

WHEREAS, many jurisdictions have experienced dramatic increases in serious violent crimes committed by youthful offenders with the use of firearms and other dangerous weapons since passage of the Raise the Age Legislation; and

WHEREAS, many youthful offenders committing these violent crimes with the use of firearms and other dangerous weapons must be released back into their communities because there is no available space in local juvenile detention facilities to hold them before trial thereby creating serious public safety concerns; and

WHEREAS, this problem has been made worse by the fact that the Louisiana Office of Juvenile Justice (“OJJ”) recently informed judges throughout the state that it is currently unable to accept sentenced youth into state custody because the OJJ juvenile detention facilities in that state are at full capacity causing a backlog of sentenced youth to remain in local juvenile detention facilities; and

WHEREAS, public safety can best be protected in the parishes in or near the Acadiana region by creating additional local detention facility space in the parishes in or near the Acadiana region for the pretrial detention of youthful repeat offenders and/or those youth charged with committing the most serious violent crimes many of which involve the use of firearms and other dangerous weapons; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the St. Landry Parish Council hereby expresses its support of Legislation to create the Acadiana Regional Juvenile Justice District to be comprised of various interested parishes in or near the Acadiana Region.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to those members of the Louisiana Legislative representing St. Landry Parish.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall become effective immediately

upon adoption by the St. Landry Parish Council.

A motion was made by Councilman Dexter Brown, seconded by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry to Adopt **Resolution No. 003 of 2023**.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Nancy Carriere, Easton Shelvin, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Gil Savoy, Alvin Stelly, Vivian Olivier, Wayne Ardoin, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards and Coby Clavier. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** None. **ABSTAINED:** None. **WHEREUPON**, this motion was adopted on this, the 15th, day of February, 2023.

RESOLUTION NO. 003 OF 2023

A RESOLUTION TO RELOCATE THE POLLING LOCATION AT LIVING WATERS COMMUNITY CHAPEL TO THE YAMBILEE BUILDING.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE ST. LANDRY PARISH GOVERNMENT, that:

The Precinct 24 and Precinct 25 polling location at Living Waters Community Chapel, 946 S. Bullard Street in Opelousas, Louisiana is hereby relocated to polling location at the Yambilee Building, 1939 West Landry Opelousas, La 70570.

A motion was made by Councilman Coby Clavier, seconded by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry to Adopt **Resolution No. 004 of 2023**.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Nancy Carriere, Easton Shelvin, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Gil Savoy, Alvin Stelly, Vivian Olivier, Wayne Ardoin, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards and Coby Clavier. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** None. **ABSTAINED:** None. **WHEREUPON**, this motion was adopted on this, the 15th, day of February, 2023.

RESOLUTION NO. 004 OF 2023

A RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE RENEWAL OF THE ST. LANDRY PARISH MULTI-MITIGATION PLAN FOR 2022 THAT ALLOWS THE PARISH AND ITS MUNICIPALITIES TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR FEMA HAZARD MITIGATION FUNDS.

WHEREAS the St. Landry Parish Government recognizes the threat that natural hazards pose to people and property within St. Landry Parish; and

WHEREAS the St. Landry Parish has prepared a multi-hazard mitigation plan, hereby known as the 2022 St. Landry Parish Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan in accordance with the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000; and

WHEREAS the 2022 St. Landry Parish Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan identifies Mitigation goals and actions to reduce or eliminate long-term risk to people and property in St. Landry Parish from the impacts of future hazards and disasters; and

WHEREAS adoption by the St. Landry Parish Government demonstrates their commitment to the hazard mitigation and achieving the goals outlined in the 2022 St. Landry Parish Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ST. LANDRY PARISH COUNCIL, LOUISIANA, THAT:

The St. Landry Parish Council adopt the 2022 St. Landry Parish Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan Renewal and it be forwarded to GOHSEP and FEMA for final approval.

A motion was made by Councilman Coby Clavier, seconded by Councilman Alvin Stelly to Adopt **Resolution No. 005 of 2023**.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Easton Shelvin, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Gil Savoy, Alvin Stelly, Vivian Olivier, Wayne Ardoin, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards and Coby Clavier. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** None. **ABSTAINED:** Nancy Carriere. **WHEREUPON,** this motion was adopted on this, the 15th, day of February, 2023.

Councilman Harold Taylor stated, “Just for clarity is this the issue that we are having with the two properties.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “That is the issue that we are having with Mr. Lance Lee who have been coming to the council.”

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated, “I just wanted to ask Mr. Duplechain a question. I have been doing a little bit of research and speaking to different attorneys and I want to know if everyone in this matter been contacted? I know Mr. Lee and his wife are here and they are familiar with everything that is going on but have everyone that are involved been contacted?”

Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated, “Everybody have been contacted. In order to invalidate a conveyance you need a Judgement signed by a Judge. I spoke to the other attorney on the other side and this matter is on track and well in hand especially once this council pass this resolution.”

Councilman Wayne Ardoin questioned, “You recommend us to go ahead and pass this resolution?”

Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated, “Then we will all be in the same direction.”

Chairman Jerry Red Jr., stated, “My only question is you said the other person on the other side was contacted also? Because I remember hearing you saying that it was recorded in the courthouse that he has ownership of it. So now you are saying that he does not have ownership of it.”

Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated, “If a Judge signs a Judgement that is what can invalidate a conveyance or that is what is needed to acquire a title. Anything happening to do with title to property or conveyances, ownership of land in the Clerk of Court’s office you would need a Judgement signed by a Judge. In that case after the required litigation that will be done, I have spoken with the Lee’s Attorney and everything is well in hand on this case.”

Chairman Jerry Red Jr., stated, “My only question that I am asking is because we started selling Adjudicated Property when Civic Source was doing it for the Parish. I know we were going to have pickups and all kinds of little things that is not done properly but my only take on this is, and I know that we are not selling property at this time, I just want to make sure that everything is done right before this council take any kind of action.”

Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated, “This is only pertaining to this particular lot or adjudicated property that we know about this. This is only pertaining to this particular one.”

Chairman Jerry Red Jr. stated, “My reason for saying that is I can remember that a councilmember said he don’t want to vote on anything because he is not too young and he don’t want to get behind bars. So I just want to make sure. Are you correct? Are you correct?”

Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated, “Yes.”

Chairman Jerry Red Jr., stated, “We have a motion and a second.”

RESOLUTION NO. 005 OF 2023

WHEREAS, the St. Landry Parish Council has received information that the Non-Warranty Cash Sale conveying adjudicated property, which was recorded under Act Number 1236966 in the Conveyance Records of the St. Landry Parish Clerk of Court, is invalid because the

State statutes which govern the sale of adjudicated property, LA R. S. 47:2201 through 47:2207, were not complied with.

WHEREAS, the Non-Warranty Cash Sale of the adjudicated property bearing parcel number 0300290300, which was recorded under Act number 1236966 in the Conveyance Records of the St. Landry Parish Clerk of Court, must be declared invalid by the St. Landry Parish District Court so that the property will revert back to the St. Landry Parish Government.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the St. Landry Parish Council hereby authorizes any and all lawsuits and litigation on behalf of the St. Landry Parish Government to have the St. Landry Parish District Court declare invalid the Non-Warranty Cash Sale conveying the adjudicated property bearing parcel number 0300290300, which was recorded under Act Number 1236966 in the Conveyance Records of the St. Landry Parish Clerk of Court, so that said property will revert back to the St. Landry Parish Government.

A motion was made by Councilman Wayne Ardoin, seconded by Councilman Harold Taylor, to amend **Resolution No. 006 of 2023** to add new verbiage.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Nancy Carriere, Easton Shelvin, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Gil Savoy, Alvin Stelly, Vivian Olivier Wayne Ardoin, Timmy Lejeune, and Coby Clavier.

NAYS: Dexter Brown and Jimmie Edwards. **ABSENT:** None. **ABSTAINED:** None.

WHEREUPON, this motion was adopted on this, the 15th, day of February, 2023.

Councilman Harold Taylor stated, “Mr. Chairman, earlier tonight I spoke to Mr. Duplechain about a couple of the ‘**Therefore.**’ Like for instance the one regarding Section 502 and 504 was inadvertently written that the Charter Mandate that an amendment to the budget of St. Landry Parish Government must be passed by December 31 of the year that the budget that they were seeking to amend is formed. Section 5.2 or 4 does not say that I would to amend it. The council have agreed to amend it since he saw what the actual writing was. I would like to add one other section for Declaratory Judgement in the Resolution and I will be happy to read the correction and the additional one.”

Chairman Jerry Red Jr., questioned, “Did this come through Committee?”

Councilman Harold Taylor stated, “He had not written it yet. He did not write it until after we approved the verbal part of it. This is the first copy that we got of the official resolution which was tonight in our packet.”

Chairman Jerry Red Jr stated, “So you are saying that you have an additional part?”

Councilman Harold Taylor stated, “Yes and I would like to read it and have the council consider it and include it in the Resolution if it is okay?”

Chairman Jerry Red Jr. questioned, “Mr. Duplechain, can this be added?”

Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated, “The council can amend the Resolution if they want to. It is up to the council what they want to do. The council will vote on how they want to handle it. Mr. Taylor wrote the Resolution as it is his right to do so, he is a councilman, I read it and I did not see any conflict of interest in there. If you all want to put in Mr. Taylor’ Resolution which he wrote, the council can do that if they want to, whether or not the council sends it to committee it up to you all. I read it today for the first time.”

Chairman Jerry Red Jr. stated, “You read it?”

Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated, “For the first time today.”

Chairman Jerry Red Jr., stated, “Did anyone else get a chance to read it?”

Councilman Harold Taylor stated, “No.”

Chairman Jerry Red Jr. stated, “And you want them to pass it.”

Councilman Harold Taylor stated, “I just did this today after I read the minutes. If it is okay I would like to read it and get some clarity on it. The section that I want to amend is Section 502 and 504. This is how I am proposing that it be stated:”

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the St. Landry Parish Council hereby authorizes any and all lawsuits and litigation to have the St. Landry Parish District Court render a Declaratory Judgment on whether or not Section 5-02 mandates that the operating budget shall be finally adopted no later than the second to last regular meeting of the fiscal year in which it was submitted. Whether or not Section 5-04 (A) of the St. Landry Parish Home Rule Charter mandates that supplemental appropriations are to be adopted by an Ordinance in the same manner required for adopting the original budget. i.e.: shall be finally adopted no later than the second to last regular meeting of the fiscal year in which it was submitted.

Councilman Harold Taylor stated, “That is the addition. It has to do with:”

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the St. Landry Parish Council hereby authorizes any and all lawsuits and litigation to have the St. Landry Parish District Court render a Declaratory Judgment on whether or not Section 3-10 (5) of the Home Rule Charter requires Parish Council approval of contracts signed by the Parish President.

Councilman Harold Taylor stated, “That is the amendment and the correction.”

Chairman Jerry Red Jr., stated, “Are there any questions?”

Councilman Wayne Ardoin stated, “Are you offering that as a Resolution Mr. Taylor? To add on to what is on Resolution 006-2023.”

Councilman Harold Taylor stated, “Yes, that is correct. Adding the amendment and amending the language in Section 504 and 502 to reflect what is in the Charter. The Charter does not say anything about 30 days. It says it actually going to be the second meeting in November that we have to pass a budget, not 30 days before the end of the Fiscal Year, it does not say that in the Charter. We are asking the courts to interpret the Home Rule Charter as it is written, not as we envision it.”

Councilman Wayne Ardoin stated, “Mr. Duplechain, being that he read it, are you alright with all of the verbiage on it?”

Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated, “I read it today for the first time and this is the Resolution. I did not see anything illegal or conflict of interest in it. I read it today.”

Councilman Wayne Ardoin questioned, “So you are alright with it, is that what you are saying?”

Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated, “I am alright with it legally, yes.”

Councilman Wayne Ardoin stated, I will offer a second on Mr. Taylor’s changes.”

Councilman Timmy Lejeune stated, “I have no problem changing it I just have a question. Do we have to amend the agenda in order to change anything that is on the agenda before the meeting starts or can we proceed in the direction we are headed. I just want to make sure that we are doing this correctly.”

Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated, “If it is not on the agenda then it has to be a unanimous vote at the beginning of the meeting to put something on the agenda that is not already on the agenda. Now the Resolution is on the agenda, I read it today for the first time.”

Councilman Timmy Lejeune questioned, “Can we amend what is on this paper without amending it before the meeting? That is my question to you, yes or no? Can we do that without amending the agenda? I just want to know.”

Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated, “You can amend it.”

Councilman Timmy Lejeune stated, “At the beginning of the meeting, do we need to amend the agenda at the beginning of the meeting to be able to change this tonight? That is my question.”

Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated, “You need to amend it to put it on the agenda at the beginning of the meeting.”

Councilman Timmy Lejeune stated, “But not to change the Resolution.”

Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated, “Right, you can take a vote to replace the resolution.”

Councilman Timmy Lejeune stated, “I just want to make sure. I don’t want any hiccups later down the road.”

Councilman Harold Taylor stated, “Mr. Chairman, just for clarity. An ordinance and a Resolution can be amended until it is adopted. It is on the agenda to be considered. We can amend it now and vote on it in a few minutes. It is on the agenda so we don’t have to add it to the agenda.”

Chairman Jerry Red Jr., stated, “It is not on this agenda Mr. Taylor.”

Councilman Harold Taylor stated, “The resolution is on the agenda. All I am asking is that we amend it which we can do until we take a final vote.”

Chairman Jerry Red Jr., stated, “This portion that you want added, it has to be done at the beginning of the meeting.”

Councilman Harold Taylor stated, “No sir, I disagree. Counsel.”

Chairman Jerry Red Jr., stated, “Mr. Duplechain can you please explain this.”

Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated, “It is on the agenda. You are just replacing it with a different form.”

Chairman Jerry Red Jr., stated, “So it have to be done at the beginning of the meeting is that correct?”

Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated, “Well, to be put on the agenda, it has to be done at the beginning of the meeting. It is already on the agenda it is just that the council is exchanging the one that is on the agenda for this one.”

Chairman Jerry Red Jr., stated, “So you are telling me that this here is on this paper.”

Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated, “No, this would be used to replace what is on the agenda.”

Chairman Jerry Red Jr., stated, “That is correct. So apparently we want to amend the agenda to put this on it, is that correct?”

Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated, “Yeah, right.”

Chairman Jerry Red Jr., stated, “So it needs to be done when? At the beginning of the meeting.”

Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated, “Right.”

Chairman Jerry Red Jr., stated, “Unanimous, so it is not on the agenda.”

Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated, “Right, and I don’t know if the council wants to pass it through committee.”

Councilman Harold Taylor stated, “Mr. Chairman, if we may, can we just have an up or down vote on it?”

Chairman Jerry Red Jr., stated, “We have a motion and a second for something that is not on the agenda. If you all want to vote for it, roll call.”

Councilman Harold Taylor stated, “We are voting on the amendment to the agenda, the amendment to the resolution.”

Chairman Jerry Red Jr., stated, “Do you want to amend and put this in the place of 006-2023, is that correct?”

Councilman Harold Taylor stated, “That is exactly correct. We are amending the resolution that we have in our minutes today just like we can amend the ordinance until we take the final vote. There is no difference.”

Councilman Wayne Ardoin stated, “Mr. Duplechain, if I understood you correct and I asked you that question before I second his motion. You said that you read it for the first time today but it was okay to go ahead with it, am I correct?”

Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated, “That is right.”

Councilman Wayne Ardoin stated, “With your verbiage and what you advised that we can go ahead with it and proceed and take a vote.”

Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated, “Right to replace it with this one, yes.”

AMENDED RESOLUTION NO. 006 OF 2023

WHEREAS, the St. Landry Parish Council would desire definitive resolution by the St. Landry Parish District Court on interpreting the St. Landry Parish Home Rule Charter Sections 5-02, Section 5-04, Section 2-10 (D), and Section 3-10 (5) of the St. Landry Parish Home Rule Charter.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the St. Landry Parish Council hereby authorizes any and all lawsuits and litigation to have the St. Landry Parish District Court render a Declaratory Judgment on whether or not Section 2-10 (D) of the St. Landry Parish Home Rule Charter mandates that the St. Landry Parish Council must have seven votes in the affirmative to pass an Ordinance, Resolution, or any other action.

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the St. Landry Parish Council hereby authorizes any and all lawsuits and litigation to have the St. Landry Parish District Court render a Declaratory Judgment on whether or not Section 3-10 (5) of the Home Rule Charter requires Parish Council approval of contracts signed by the Parish President.

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the St. Landry Parish Council hereby authorizes any and all lawsuits and litigation to have the St. Landry Parish District Court render a Declaratory Judgment on whether or not Section 5-02 mandates that the operating budget shall be finally adopted no later than the second to last regular meeting of the fiscal year in which it was submitted. Whether or not Section 5-04 (A) of the St. Landry Parish Home Rule Charter mandates that supplemental appropriations are to be adopted by an Ordinance in the same manner required for adopting the original budget. i.e.: shall be finally adopted no later than the second to last regular meeting of the fiscal year in which it was submitted.

THIS RESOLUTION ADOPTED ON THE 15th DAY OF FEBRUARY 2023.

A motion was made by Councilman Jimmie Edwards, seconded by Councilman Harold Taylor to Adopt **Resolution No. 007 of 2023**.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Nancy Carriere, Easton Shelvin, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Gil Savoy, Alvin Stelly, Vivian Olivier, Wayne Ardoin, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards and Coby Clavier. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** None. **ABSTAINED:** None. **WHEREUPON,** this motion was adopted on this, the 15th, day of February, 2023.

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “This is the actual permit application. This is the only thing that the council has to approve. It is just the wording. I just ask Mr. Red to say that it was the St. Landry Solar LLC.”

Councilman Harold Taylor stated, “Then they will get the final action.”

RESOLUTION NO. 007 OF 2023

BE IT RESOLVED, that the St. Landry Parish Council approves St. Landry Parish Government to issue a permit to NextEra Energy for a Solar Farm project on Highway 103, one mile south of Port Barre, Louisiana.

XIII. COMMITTEE MINUTES:

A motion was made by Councilman Easton Shelvin, seconded by Councilman Harold Taylor to accept the **Administrative Finance Committee Meeting Minutes** from **Wednesday, February 1st, 2023** as transcribed.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Nancy Carriere, Easton Shelvin, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Gil Savoy, Alvin Stelly, Vivian Olivier, Wayne Ardoin, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards and Coby Clavier. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** None. **ABSTAINED:** None. **WHEREUPON,** this motion was adopted on this, the 15th, day of February, 2023.

A motion was made by Councilman Wayne Ardoin, seconded by Councilman Easton Shelvin to accept the **Public Works Committee Meeting Minutes** from Wednesday, **February 1st, 2023** as transcribed.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Nancy Carriere, Easton Shelvin, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Gil Savoy, Alvin Stelly, Vivian Olivier, Wayne Ardoin, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards and Coby Clavier. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** None. **ABSTAINED:** None. **WHEREUPON,** this motion was adopted on this, the 15th, day of February, 2023.

XIV. ADJOURN:

A motion was made by Councilman Easton Shelvin, seconded by Councilman Coby Clavier to Adjourn the Regular Meeting.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Nancy Carriere, Easton Shelvin, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Gil Savoy, Alvin Stelly, Vivian Olivier, Wayne Ardoin, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards and Coby Clavier. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** None. **ABSTAINED:** None. **WHEREUPON,** this motion was adopted on this, the 15th, day of February, 2023.

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