

AGENDA
ST. LANDRY PARISH COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2024 @ 6:00 P.M.
OLD CITY MARKET, 131 W. BELLEVUE ST.
OPELOUSAS, LOUISIANA

- I. CALL TO ORDER**
- II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & INVOCATION (Councilman Ernest Blanchard)**
- III. ROLL CALL**
- IV. CONDOLENCES**
- V. PERSONS TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL**
- Anna Bell Jones, John Gary Chavis, Marlana Leonora Jones Chavis, Darrell Chavis, Gerold Chavis, Lucius Jones Sr., and Lisa Guillory, 214 Gordon Opelousas, La 70570 Parcel #0603301000
 - Doris Guillory, Susan Kay Guillory, Judy Landry, James Wayne Guillory, and Betty Sinclair and Jean Albarado, Acadiana Road, Opelousas, La 70570 Parcel #0603153000
 - Vision Acquisition LLC, 111 Sherry Street Opelousas, La 70570 Parcel # 0103774710
 - Linda Gail Naquin Castille, 151 Richard Kolder Lane, Opelousas, La 70570 Parcel # 0104119800
 - Alma Etal Davenport and Floyd Davenport, Hwy 10 Melville, La 71353 Parcel #0401499500
 - CDB Leasing INC, 1485 Hwy 10 Washington, La 70589 Parcel #0500328001
 - Carolyn Rose Darboone, 116 Kennerson Road Opelousas, La 70570 Parcel # 0500929100
- VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**
- Regular Meeting: November 20th, 2024
 - Special Meeting: December 11th, 2024
- VII. PARISH PRESIDENT’S REPORT**
- VIII. NEW BUSINESS:**
- *Items passed through committee.
1. The Council to vote on whether or not to go forward on work on blighted property located at 214 Gordon Opelousas, La 70570 Parcel #0603301000 owned by Anna Bell Jones, John Gary Chavis, Marlana Leonora Jones Chavis, Darrell Chavis, Gerold Chavis, Lucius Jones Sr., and Lisa Guillory.
 2. The Council to vote on whether or not to go forward on work on blighted property located at Acadiana Road, Opelousas, La 70570 Parcel #0603153000 owned by Doris Guillory, Susan Kay Guillory, Judy Landry, James Wayne Guillory, Betty Sinclair and Jean Albarado.
 3. The Council to vote on whether or not to go forward on work on blighted property located at 111 Sherry Street Opelousas, La 70570 Parcel # 0103774710 owned by Vision Acquisition LLC.
 4. The Council to vote on whether or not to go forward on work on blighted property located at 151 Richard Kolder Lane, Opelousas, La 70570 Parcel # 0104119800 owned by Linda Gail Naquin Castille.

5. The Council to vote on whether or not to go forward on work on blighted property located at Hwy 10 Melville, La 71353 Parcel #0401499500 owned by Alma Etal Davenport, Floyd Davenport.
6. The Council to vote on whether or not to go forward on work on blighted property located at 1485 Hwy 10 Washington, La 70589 Parcel #0500328001 owned by CDB LEASING INC.
7. The Council to vote on whether or not to go forward on work on blighted property located at 116 Kennerson Road Opelousas, La Parcel #0500929100 owned by Carolyn Rose Darboone.
8. Vote to re-appoint Lachana McCartney for one appointment to Fire District No. 3 for a four-year term. (01-01-2025 – 01-01-2029)
9. Vote to re-appoint Ryan Dupre and appoint Jacob Moreau for two appointments to Fire District No. 5 for a two-year term. (01-01-2025 – 01-01-2027)
10. Vote to re-appoint Devin Johnson, Gilbert Guillory, and Joseph Popillion for three appointments to Fire District No. 6 for a two- year term. (01-18-2025 – 01-18-2027)
11. Authorize the Council Clerk to advertise for one appointment to St. Landry Agricultural Arena Authority for a five- year term. (01-18-2025 – 01-18-2030)
12. Authorize the Parish President to sign the approval of “The Silos RV Resort” Section 4, Township 6 & 7, Range 4 East located on HWY 31, Opelousas, La.
13. Authorize the Parish President to sign the Preliminary and Final Approval of Anna Loise Benoit ET AL- Lots 7A-7M (13 lots), Benoit Road and Howard Venable Road Opelousas, La.
14. Authorize the ratification of three appointments to the St. Landry Parish Communications District E-911 for a four-year term.
15. Authorize the Council Clerk to advertise for seven appointments to St. Landry Parish Tourist Commission for a three-year term. (02-19-2025 – 02-19-2028)
16. Authorize the Council Clerk to advertise for one appointment to St. Landry Parish Waterworks District No. 2 (Rural) for a four-year term. (01-01-2025 – 01-01-2029).
17. Authorize Council Clerk to advertise for one appointment to Public Works Commission District Six for a four-year term. (02-19-2025 – 02-19-2029)
18. Authorize Council Clerk to advertise for one appointment to Bellevue & Coulee Crouche Gravity Drainage District No. 20 for a four- year term. (02-15-2025 – 02-15- 2029)

IX. ORDINANCES TO BE INTRODUCED:

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-050

AN ORDINANCE TO REQUIRE THAT ALL ORDINANCES THAT ARE ENACTED BY THE ST. LANDRY PARISH COUNCIL SHALL BE RECORDED WITH THE ST. LANDRY PARISH CLERK OF COURT AFTER THE ORDINANCES ARE ENACTED BY THE ST. LANDRY PARISH COUNCIL

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-051

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ST. LANDRY PARISH CODE OF ORDINANCES SECTION 44-3 TO DESIGNATE A SPEED LIMIT OF 30 MPH FOR SCHOOL ROAD

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-052

An Ordinance to set regular meeting dates for the St. Landry Parish Council Meetings for the year 2025 on the third Wednesday of each month at six o'clock p.m. and for the Public Works and Administrative/Finance Committees to meet on the first Wednesday of each month at six o'clock p.m. with the exception of January 1, 2025 in reserve of New Year's Day.

Dates for upcoming Council Meetings in 2025 are listed below:

TENTATIVE COUNCIL MEETING DATES FOR 2025

(Third Wednesday of each month at 6:00 p.m.)

**January 15, 2025
February 19, 2025
March 19, 2025
April 16, 2025
May 21, 2025
June 18, 2025
July 16, 2025
August 20, 2025
September 17, 2025
October 15, 2025
November 19, 2025
December 17, 2025**

TENTATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING DATES FOR 2025

(First Wednesday of each month at 6:00 p.m.)

***January 2, 2025*
February 5, 2025
March 5, 2025
April 2, 2025
May 7, 2025
June 4, 2025
July 2, 2025
August 6, 2025
September 3, 2025
October 1, 2025
November 5, 2025
December 3, 2025**

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-053

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 2024-040 WHICH WAS ENACTED BY THE ST. LANDRY PARISH COUNCIL ON NOVEMBER 20, 2024, AND WHICH IS AN ORDINANCE TO ABOLISH HOSPITAL SERVICE DISTRICT NO. 1 IN ST. LANDRY PARISH, AND TO REPEAL SECTION 20-27, SECTION 20-28, AND SECTION 20-29 IN CHAPTER 20 OF THE ST. LANDRY PARISH CODE OF ORDINANCES IN ORDER TO ABOLISH HOSPITAL SERVICE DISTRICT NO. 1, AND THIS AMENDMENT IS TO LIST FURTHER HOSPITAL SERVICE DISTRICT PROPERTY THAT WILL BE CONVEYED, TRANSFERRED, AND VESTED IN ST. LANDRY PARISH GOVERNMENT.

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-054

**AN ORDINANCE FOR THE RULES AND THE REGULATIONS THAT GOVERN
BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS IN ST. LANDRY PARISH.**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2024-055
(Sponsored By: Timmy Lejeune)**

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE 2024 OPERATING BUDGET

**ORDINANCE NO. 2024-056
(Sponsored By: Timmy Lejeune)**

AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT THE 2025 OPERATING BUDGET

X. ORDINANCES TO BE ADOPTED:

**ORDINANCE NO. 2024- 045
(Sponsored By: Councilman Ernest Blanchard)**

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ST. LANDRY PARISH ORDINANCE CHAPTER 44,
SECTION 44-14 so that Oak Road in St. Landry Parish can be included on the list of roads
in St. Landry Parish that are designated as “No Truck or 18-Wheeler Thru Traffic” routes.**

**WHEREAS, St. Landry Parish Ordinance Chapter 44, Section 44-14 lists the roads
in St. Landry Parish that are designated as “No Truck or 18-Wheeler Thru Traffic“ routes.**

**WHEREAS, this Ordinance amends St. Landry Parish Ordinance Chapter 44,
Section 44-14 so that Oak Road in St. Landry Parish can be included on the list of roads
that are designated as “No Truck or 18-Wheeler Thru Traffic” routes.**

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL FOR ST. LANDRY PARISH
GOVERNMENT that Chapter 44, Section 44-14 is hereby amended as follows:**

**The following roads are hereby restricted and designated as "No Truck or 18-Wheeler
Thru Traffic" routes:**

Andrepoint Road (Parish Road 6-10)	(1)
Beck Miller Road (Parish Road 6-340)	(2)
Beck Miller Road (Parish Road 6-340-1)	(3)
Begnaud Road	(4)
Belmont Drive	(5)
Comfort Lane	(6)
Country Ridge	(7)
Darjean Road	(8)
Dresser Loop	(9)
Federal Road (Council District No. 1)	(10)
Fisher Road (Parish Road 4-110)	(11)
Fort Hamilton Drive (Parish Road 1-319)	(12)
Frank Road	(13)
Frilot Cove Road	(14)
Gordon Street (Parish Road 6-45)	(15)
Government Road (Council District No. 3)	(16)
Greg Drive	(17)
Harmon Lane in Opelousas	(18)
Henderson Drive	(19)

Hidalgo Road (Council District No. 3)	(20)
Highway 1244	(21)
Iseringhausen Road	(22)
Jacob Road (Parish Road 6-345)	(23)
Jeff Thibodeaux (Parish Road 6-345)	(24)
Judson Walsh	(25)
Lawyer Road	(26)
Littell Street (Parish Road 6-40)	(27)
McClelland Road (Parish Road 6-35)	(28)
Nap Lane	(29)
National Road (Council District No. 3)	(30)
Nezat Road	(31)
North 6th Street between Hwy. 190 and Hwy. 104	(32)
Oak Road	(33)
Perry Drive (Parish Road 6-40-1)	(34)
Plantation Road	(35)
Rainbow Drive	(36)
Riverbirch	(37)
Rolling Oaks Drive (Parish Road 1-397)	(38)
Sir Thomas Henry Drive	(39)
Smith Lane (Parish Road 5-30)	(40)
Soileau Road (Parish Road 6-275)	(41)
Soileau Road from Hwy. 13 to Hwy. 757	(42)
Tecumseh Loop	(43)
Thibodeaux Street (Parish Road 6-35-2)	(44)
West Loop and Hwy. 190 West intersection	(45)

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-046
(Sponsored By: Councilman Alvin Stelly)

**AN ORDINANCE TO SELL ADJUDICATED PROPERTY TO AN ADJOINING
LANDOWNER OF THE ADJUDICATED PROPERTY AS PER LA R.S. 47:2202 (B)**

WHEREAS, Louisiana Revised Statute 47:2202 B. states that the governing authority of each political subdivision may allow an adjoining landowner to purchase adjudicated property for any price set by the governing authority without public bidding at a public meeting of the governing authority; provided, that the governing authority determines that the adjoining landowner has maintained the adjudicated property for a period of one year prior to the sale. Such a sale shall be deemed a public sale.

WHEREAS, the St. Landry Parish Government has determined that PAMELA ANDRUS of 116 DEJEAN STREET PORT BARRE, LOUISIANA bearing PARCEL#0400553525 is the adjoining landowner of adjudicated property bearing PARCEL# 8434285256 and has maintained said adjudicated property for a period of one year or more, and thus, may purchase the adjudicated property through a public sale without public bidding for a total amount of \$4,500.00.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL FOR ST. LANDRY PARISH GOVERNMENT that the following adjudicated property shall be sold by public sale without public bidding to PAMELA ANDRUS of 116 DEJEAN STREET PORT BARRE, LOUISIANA, an adjoining land owner to the adjudicated property who maintained said adjudicated property for one year or more, without public bidding, for a price set by St. Landry Parish Government of, as per LA R.S. 47:2202 B., at the assessed value and any additional cost owed to St. Landry Parish Government. Total sale price is \$4,500.00.

**PARCEL: 8434285256 Adjudicated Property
1 LOT BEING EAST 29' OF LOT # 1 (29X44) BLK 4 DEJEAN ADD 902770
(P-39-168) 926942 (L-40-679)**

The adjoining property which is owned by PAMELA ANDRUS bears parcel number

0400553525 in the St. Landry Parish land records.

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-047
(Sponsored By: Councilwoman Nancy Carriere)

AN AMENDING ORDINANCE OF THE ST. LANDRY PARISH COUNCIL TO ESTABLISH REGULATIONS AND PERMIT REQUIREMENTS FOR WIND FARM PROJECTS LOCATED IN THE PARISH AND TO PROVIDE FOR OTHER MATTERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH.

WHEREAS, the St. Landry Parish Council (the “**Governing Authority**”), acting as the Governing Authority of the Parish of St. Landry (the “**Parish**”), State of Louisiana, is a home rule charter government and a political subdivision of the State of Louisiana (the “**State**”) pursuant to Article VI, Section 5 of the Louisiana Constitution (1974); and

WHEREAS, the Governing Authority adopted [Ordinance No. 2021-017](#) and Ordinance No. 2024-002 (collectively, the “**Solar Farm Ordinance**”) on November 17, 2021, and February 21, 2024, respectively, establishing regulations and permit requirements for solar farms and other Energy Generation Systems located in the Parish and creating the St. Landry Parish Energy District (the “**District**”); and

WHEREAS, the Solar Farm Ordinance presently governs the regulations and permit requirements for solar farms and other energy generation systems in the Parish; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Authority seeks to expand its strategic and unified approach to address the vendors and developers seeking to develop Wind Energy Conversion Systems and Wind Farms within the Parish; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Sections 1-02 and 1-06 of the St. Landry Parish Home Rule Charter (the “**Home Rule Charter**”), the Governing Authority 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; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Home Rule Charter, the Governing Authority desires to adopt provisions specifically applicable to the development of Wind Farms and Wind Energy Conversion Systems within the Parish and to amend provisions regarding the application process for consistency as part of the Parish’s cohesive development and regulation of renewable energy projects in the Parish; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the St. Landry Parish Council, acting as the governing authority of the Parish, to facilitate and oversee the development of Wind Farms and Wind Energy Conversion Systems projects within the Parish, that the following provisions and amendments of **SECTIONS 32-53 and SECTIONS 32-68 through SECTION 32-79 of CHAPTER 32, ARTICLE III**, are hereby adopted and read as follows:

ARTICLE III: ENERGY GENERATION SYSTEMS

SEC. 32-53 – Permits and fees.

- a. Prior to placing, establishing, expanding, or substantively altering the operation of an Energy Generation System, a permit must be obtained by the developer from St. Landry Parish Government. Permits shall be issued only after the plan has been approved as provided for in this section.
- b. The Permit Applicant shall submit an Energy Generation System permit Application along with the plans for the proposed project. Each Application will include a site plan showing all property to be included in the project, all access roads, a drainage study, an environmental study, and a traffic plan.
- c. The Permit Applicant shall pay, upon submission of the Application, an application fee in the amount of the greater of \$1,000.00 or for any project consisting of 500

acres or less, and for a project consisting of more than 500 acres, the fee shall be \$1,000.00 plus an additional \$1.00 for each acre in excess of 500 acres. The applicable application fee shall be determined by consideration of the entire project, including buffer zones and access roads.

- d. The Parish Engineer shall review the permit Application and site plan. Permit applicant is responsible for all engineering costs associated with the project.
- e. If the Parish Engineer disapproves of the 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 plan and project, the developer 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 before obtaining an Energy Generation System permit. Notice of the time and location of the public meeting shall be published at least twice in the Parish's official journal before the public meeting.
- f. After the community meeting, the Permit Application and site plan shall be presented to the St. Landry Parish Council at a council meeting to approve or deny the permit.
- g. If a permit is granted hereunder, prior to commencing construction of the project, the applicant shall pay a permit fee in accordance with the established permit fee schedule as adopted by the St. Landry Parish Council. The total project value for the permit fee shall be the cost to purchase and install all equipment, plus the cost to construct ancillary structures and infrastructure utilized in the operation of the project that are within the bounds of St. Landry Parish. The Application will not be considered, nor the final permit to construct the project issued until the payment of the applicable fees.

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SEC. 32-68 Purpose. The purpose of this article is to promote the health, safety, and general welfare of the citizens of St. Landry Parish by regulating wind farms and wind energy conversion systems located within St. Landry Parish. The St. Landry Parish Energy District (the "**District**") shall have the authority and jurisdiction to oversee all proposals, approvals, and establishment of any Wind Farm or Wind Energy Conversion System within St. Landry Parish and shall have the authority to promote, negotiate, enter into, or amend contracts or obligations for Wind Farm projects for the benefit of St. Landry Parish, and to consider and oversee all other matters in connection. The District shall have the authority to approve, negotiate, modify, and renew any tax abatement and payment in lieu of tax ("**PILOT**") agreements. Sections 32-51 through 32-67 of this Article shall not be applicable to Wind Farms or WECS except to the extent expressly referenced in Sections 32-68 through 32-79.

SEC. 32-69 Definitions. For the purposes of this Chapter, the following terms shall mean:

- a. **Maximum WECS height:** The height of the WECS from grade to the top of the system including the uppermost extension of the blades.
- b. **Renewable Source:** any source used to create electrical or mechanical energy that is replenished at a higher rate than it is consumed.
- c. **Tower:** The vertical structures that support the electrical, rotor blades, or meteorological equipment
- d. **Tower Height:** The height above the grade of the hub portion of the tower, excluding the wind turbine itself.
- e. **Wind Energy:** Kinetic energy received from the wind that can be collected in the form of electric or mechanical energy by a wind energy conversion system.

- f. **Wind Energy Conversion System (WECS):** An electrical generating facility comprised of one or more wind turbines and accessory facilities, including but not limited to: power lines, transformers, substations and meteorological towers that operate by converting the kinetic energy of wind into electrical energy. The energy may be used on-site or distributed into the electrical grid.
- g. **Wind Farm:** The use of land where a series of WECS and related equipment and accessories are placed in an area of land for the purpose of generating wind power. A wind farm shall not be interpreted to mean one or more wind collectors intended to provide electrical power generation for a single residential dwelling or commercial property.
- h. **Wind Turbines:** Any piece of electrical generating equipment that converts the kinetic energy of blowing wind into electrical energy using airfoils or similar devices to capture the wind.

SEC. 32-70 Permits and Fees.

- a. Prior to placing, establishing, expanding, or substantively altering the operation of a Wind Farm or WECS, a permit must be obtained by the developer from St. Landry Parish Government. Permits shall be issued only after the plan has been approved as provided for in this section.
- b. The Permit Applicant shall submit a Wind farm or WECS permit Application along with the plans for the proposed project. Each Permit Application will include a site plan showing all property to be included in the project, all access roads, an environmental study, and a traffic plan.
- c. The Parish Engineer shall review the permit Application and site plan to ensure that the proposed design and methods of construction for the Wind Farm or WECS are in accordance with accepted standards of practice as outlined in this Article III and comply with any applicable building codes. Permit applicant is responsible for all engineering costs associated with the project.
If the Parish Engineer disapproves of the 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 plan and project, the developer 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 before obtaining a Wind Farm or WECS permit. Notice of the time and location of the public meeting shall be published at least twice in the official journal before the public meeting.
- d. After the community meeting, the Permit Application and site plan shall be presented.
- e. The Permit Applicant shall pay, upon submission of the Application, an application fee in the amount of the greater of \$1,000.00 or \$10.00 per megawatt rated capacity of the Wind Farm represented in the permit application. If a Permit is granted hereunder, prior to commencing construction of the Wind Farm or WECS, the developer shall pay a permit fee in accordance with the established permit fee schedule as adopted by the St. Landry Parish Council. The total project value for the permit fee shall be the cost to purchase and install each Wind Turbine, plus the cost to construct ancillary structures and infrastructure utilized in operation of the Wind Farm or WECS that are within the bounds of St. Landry Parish. The Application will not be considered, nor the final permit to construct the Wind Farm or WECS issued, until payment of the applicable fees.
- f. A permit issued under this Ordinance 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.

- g. The issuance of a permit under this article 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 article.
- h. A permit shall expire two years from the date of issuance if construction has not yet commenced on the Wind Farm or WECS, provided, however, the permittee may request up to two additional one-year extensions of the period within which construction must commence. Any extension request shall be accompanied by a summary of progress made towards development and any changes to the Wind Farm or WECS design as previously submitted under the original permit. Extensions are subject to the approval of the St. Landry Parish Council; further review by Parish Engineer will not be required unless the St. Landry Parish Council identifies major changes to the proposed Wind Farm or WECS. No public meeting will be required for a permit extension.

SEC. 32-71 Single or Multiple Tracts.

Wind Farms and WECS 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.

Any permit issued for a Wind Farm or WECS that 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 permit issued for a Wind Farm or WECS that relies on more than one lease agreement, if one of the lease agreements is terminated, the permit shall become null and void only to the part of the project that is affected by the lease termination by being on the land subject to the lease that was terminated

SEC. 32-72 Buffer Zones and Setback Requirements. Wind Farm and WECS plans shall comply with the following requirements:

- a. The plan for a proposed Wind Farm or WECS shall include the provision of a buffer zone around the perimeter of the project.
- 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. No Tower shall be located within 1.1 times the maximum WECS height from any adjacent public roadway.
- e. No Tower shall be located within 1.1 times the maximum WECS height from any residence unless otherwise waived by the homeowner.
- f. No Tower shall be located within 1.1 times the maximum WECS height from a non-participating adjacent property line.

SEC. 32-73 Special Safety and Design Standards. All Towers shall adhere to the following safety and design standards:

- a. Clearance of rotor blades or airfoils must maintain a minimum of 12 feet of clearance between their lowest point and the ground.
- b. All Commercial/Utility WECS shall have a sign or signs posted on the pad mount transformers, the junction boxes, and the substation, warning of high voltage. Other signs shall be posted at the entrance to the site with the 911 address and emergency contact information.
- c. All wind turbines, which are a part of a commercial/utility WECS, shall be installed with a tubular, monopole-type tower.

- d. Consideration shall be given to painted aviation warnings on all towers less than 200 feet
- e. **Color and finish.** All Wind Turbines and Towers that are part of a commercial/utility WECS shall be white, grey, or another non-obtrusive color. Blades may be black to facilitate deicing; Finishes shall be matte or non-reflective.
- f. **Secured Access.** For any proposed WECS, the plan shall include a plan for limited access to the Wind Farm substation(s) by a security fence no less than six (6) feet nor no greater than eight (8) feet in height.
- g. **Lighting.** To reduce light pollution, lighting shall be limited to the minimum lighting reasonably necessary for the WECS' safe operation, and the lighting shall be directed downward where reasonably feasible. Lighting, including lighting intensity and frequency of strobe, shall adhere to but not exceed requirements established by the FAA permits and regulations. Red strobe lights shall be used during nighttime illumination to reduce impacts on neighboring uses and migratory birds.
- h. **Other Signage.** All other signage shall comply with the sign regulations found in these regulations.
- i. **Collection and Transmission Lines.** All communications, collection, distribution and/or transmission lines installed as part of a WECS shall be buried or placed underground, where physically feasible and commercially reasonable.
- j. **Waste Disposal.** Solid and Hazardous wastes, including but not limited to crates, packaging materials, damaged or worn parts, as well as used oils and lubricants, shall be removed from the site promptly and disposed of in accordance with all applicable local, state and federal rules and regulations.
- k. **Decommissioning Plan.** The plan for a proposed WECS shall include a decommissioning plan for the remediation of the area of the project upon the cessation of operation in compliance with the following requirements:
 - 1. The plan for a proposed Wind Farm or WECS shall include a decommissioning plan for the remediation of the area of project upon the cessation of operations of the Energy Generation System.
 - 2. Decommissioning of the Wind Farm or WECS shall begin no later than 12 months after the project has ceased to operate as an Energy Generation System. For purposes of this provision, temporary cessation of operations of the Wind Farm or WECS due to circumstances beyond the control of the developer or operator, such as force majeure or commercial decisions by the developer's or operator's customers, for a period of less than 12 months would not trigger any decommissioning requirements.
 - 3. The decommissioning plan shall provide for the removal of the Wind Farm or WECS equipment, ancillary structures, and other infrastructure utilized in the operation of the Wind Farm or WECS up to a depth of four (4) feet unless otherwise agreed or requested by the applicable landowner.
 - 4. The decommissioning plan shall provide for the remediation of any environmental hazards remaining on the property of the Energy Generation System, as determined by the EPA, DEQ, or the St. Landry parish Government, in accordance with all applicable state and federal laws.
 - 5. Any lease forming a portion of the application for the original permit shall include reference to the decommissioning plan and the funding or security thereof as a necessary term therein.
 - 6. The decommissioning plan shall provide for a decommissioning fund or security with sufficient funding to remediate all the property encompassing the project and restoring said property to its original purpose. Prior to commencing construction on the Wind Farm or WECS, the developer shall

present documentation to St. Landry Parish Government that the decommissioning fund or security is established.

1. **Drainage Plan Not Required.** WECS shall not be required to submit a drainage plan or comply with requirements of Sec. 32-56.
- m. **Environmental Study.** The plan for a proposed WECS shall include environmental studies in accordance with all local, state, and federal requirements.

SEC. 32-74 Responsibilities and Duties.

- a. The Parish President and two Council members appointed by the Council Chairman shall be charged with negotiating the terms and conditions of any and all agreements and contracts for establishing a WECS, including but not limited to the following:
 1. Tax abatements, leases, and related payments in lieu of tax agreements.
 2. Terms and conditions regarding removing energy-generating equipment at the end of operations or the equipment's end-of-life period.
 3. Engage with community leaders and citizens to keep them informed about the establishment of a WECS to ensure community feedback and public comment.
 4. Provide an updated legal and regulatory framework for consideration for adoption by the Parish Council.
 5. Ensure compliance with all terms and conditions of agreements entered into by the energy-producing entity and the parish of St. Landry.
 6. Ensure compliance with all state and federal laws and local rules and regulations.

SEC. 32-75 Authorization of Officers. The Parish President, the Chairman of the Parish Council, and the Clerk of the Parish Council are hereby authorized, empowered, and directed to do any and all things necessary and incidental to carry out the provisions of this Article.

SEC. 32-76 Severability. If any provision of this Ordinance shall be held to be illegal or invalid, such illegality or invalidity shall not affect any other provision of this Ordinance, but this Ordinance shall be construed and enforced as if such illegal or invalid provisions had not been contained herein. Any constitutional or statutory provision enacted after the date of this Ordinance which validates or makes legal any provision of this Ordinance which would not otherwise be valid or legal shall be deemed to apply to this Ordinance.

SEC. 32-77 Repeal. All ordinances or resolutions, or parts thereof, in conflict herewith, are hereby repealed.

SEC. 32-78 Recordation. A certified copy of this Ordinance shall be filed and recorded as soon as possible in the Mortgage Records of the Parish of St. Landry, State of Louisiana.

SEC. 32-79 Publication; Effective Date. Upon its adoption, this Ordinance shall be published one (1) time in the official journal of the Parish. The Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

XI. RESOLUTIONS TO BE ADOPTED:

NONE.

XII. COMMITTEE MINUTES:

**ST. LANDRY PARISH COUNCIL
ADMINISTRATIVE/FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4th, 2024
OLD CITY MARKET, 131 W. BELLEVUE ST.
OPELOUSAS, LOUISIANA**

ADMINISTRATIVE/FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

1. Chairman Harold Taylor called this meeting of the Administrative/Finance Committee of the St. Landry Parish Council to order.
2. Councilwoman Nancy Carriere led the Pledge of Allegiance & Invocation.
3. **Roll Call:** Nancy Carriere, Faltery Jolivette, Harold Taylor, Ken Marks, Dexter Brown and Ernest Blanchard. Ex-Officio Wayne Ardoin. **ABSENT:** None.

Administrative Finance Chairman Harold Taylor stated, “Mr. Chairman, I think that you have some announcements to make.”

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, “The clerk advised me that Ms. Pat Mason-Guillory came and she left everyone a notice about the Annual Wreath across St. Landry Parish in Conjunction with the Walmart Transportation Department. It will be Saturday held December 14th, 2024 at the Veterans Memorial at 10:00 a.m. Each one of you have a notice on your desk and she ask that you sign it if you are planning to attend so she can make accommodations for the amount of Wreath’s that she may need. That is all that I have. Thank you Mr. Taylor.”

4. **Person to address the Committee.**
None.

5. **Parish President & Finance Reports:**

- *Approval of "The Silos RV Resort" Section 4, Township 6&7, Range 4 East located on Hwy 31 Opelousas, La.*

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “I don’t have anything.

Administrative Finance Chairman Harold Taylor stated, “It has approval of the Silos RV Resort.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “It is put under the Parish President Report but I am not the one who requested to place it there. It should have been a line item on the agenda but however you all want to address it, it does not matter.”

Administrative Finance Chairman Harold Taylor questioned, “Did we get paper work on that?”

Assistant Clerk Karen Barlow stated, “Yes Sir we just passed the paperwork out to you all.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “So the recommendation from Morgan Goudeau and Associates regarding the Approval of the “Silos RV Resort says that they recommend the approval granted that it is contingent upon the above comments being appropriately addressed in the letter.”

Administrative Finance Chairman Harold Taylor stated, “Okay, I guess we will deal with it. It is not on the agenda other than in your report.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “It is in the Parish President’s Report. However you all want to handle.”

Administrative Finance Chairman Harold Taylor stated, “Do we have a motion to send this up to full council?”

A motion was made by Councilman Ken Marks, seconded by Councilman Faltery Jolivette to forward to Regular Meeting held on **Wednesday, December 18th, 2024** to authorize the Parish President to sign the approval of “The Silos RV Resort” Section 4, Township 6 & 7, Range 4 East located on HWY 31, Opelousas, La.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Nancy Carriere, Faltery Jolivette, Ken Marks, Dexter Brown and Ernest Blanchard. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** None. **ABSTAINED:** None.

Motion forwarded.

- **Preliminary and Final Approval of Anna Loise Benoit ET AL- Lots 7A-7M (13 lots), Benoit Road and Howard Venable Road Opelousas, La**

Administrative Finance Chairman Harold Taylor stated, “Mr. President, do you want to make a comment on the Preliminary and Final Approval of Anna Louis Benoit.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “From what I am understanding we did get the report and everything else from the Engineers to accept it and to forward it to the full council for approval. You should have that in your packet, the letter should be in your packet.”

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, “It was just given to us. Mr. Taylor you should have it right there. The young lady that is sitting right next to Mr. Bellard handed it out, Shawnee.”

Administrative Finance Chairman Harold Taylor stated, “What is the pleasure of the committee? Do we have a motion?”

A motion was made by Councilman Ernest Blanchard, seconded by Councilman Ken Marks to forward to Regular Meeting held on **Wednesday, December 18th, 2024** to authorize the Parish President to sign the Preliminary and Final Approval of Anna Loise Benoit ET AL- Lots 7A-7M (13 lots), Benoit Road and Howard Venable Road Opelousas, La.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Nancy Carriere, Faltery Jolivette, Ken Marks, Dexter Brown and Ernest Blanchard. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** None. **ABSTAINED:** None.

Motion forwarded.

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, “Mr. Chairman we have to accept the Parish President’s Report but before you accept it I have a couple of questions in the Parish President’s Report. I asked Mr. Bellard a while ago, Mr. Bellard, we were involved in that lawsuit with Chem Spray.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “Correct.”

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, “You advised us that we were going to court and we went to court what is the disposition on the Chem Spray Deal?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “They ruled on the Chem Spray and advised that they could do the work as prescribed.”

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, “Is that on the two Bayou’s?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “Correct.”

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, “Okay, so how much did that lawsuit cost us? Did it cost us for Chem Spray’s Attorneys or just your representation or our representation?”

Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated, “The cost, I don’t know what the cost is. I did not get a bill.”

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, “Okay, are you going to give us the judgement on it?”

Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated, “I had brought a copy of the Judge’s reasons for judgement here, I can bring it again on the December 18th, 2024 meeting if you want.”

Administrative Finance Chairman Harold Taylor questioned, “What was the outcome?”

Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated, “The ruling is that Chem Spray would get the job and would be performing the jobs on Bayou Mallet and Bayou Carron.”

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere questioned, “I know that Mr. Bellard pointed to Mr. Garrett so did you represent us in that case? That is maybe why you don’t have the cost.”

Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated, “Paul Gibson had represented St. Landry Parish Government in that case.”

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, “So you are going to bring us everything on it.”

Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated, “Yeah, I brought a copy of the reasons for judgement to the last meeting. I will bring it again for the next meeting if you want.”

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, “I just think that we were involved with it and we just need to know what the deal is and how much it cost.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “He provided that to you all at the last meeting.”

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, “No, he never provided me with that. He said he brought it but evidently Ms. Sherell did not give it to us because I don’t have one and I don’t think any councilmember here can say that they had it.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “I just want to make sure that we are clear that he did provide it.”

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, “Okay, the next question, what is the disposition on the Dumpsters at Hidden Hills? That is another lawsuit that we had.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “Nothing.”

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, “Okay and Garrett represented us on that. Garrett do you want to explain where are we at on that?”

Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated, “The next court hearing is January 2, 2025. Our Morgan Goudeau and Associates is supposed to get back with us as to an area, a right-of-way on the side of the road that would be a private area which would be by the Home Owners Association and not a Parish right-of-way. Once we get that information prior to January 2, 2025 then we would know if the Home Owners Association would move the Dumpsters on to their private right-of way and get it off of the Parish right-of-way.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “Just for the record I was asked to grant permission for them to allow me to be there. I told them no because if we start with one we would have to do it for the rest of the parish. That was not done.”

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, “So in other words they are going to stay where they are at right now.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “Until a Judge rules or until a decision is made. As far as for staying on the Public right-of-way I did not agree to that at all.”

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, “Eventually they are going to be moved is what you are saying?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “I will have to believe that that is what would happen, correct.”

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, “Okay, the last question I have is I went for a deposition today in Lafayette with Mr. Paul Gibson and the Attorney for Ms. Terry Courville. Mr. Paul Gibson is representing us. What is the price tag on that one?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “What I don’t understand is this. This is a case with litigations.”

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, “Yes Sir.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “This is a Public Meeting and you are going to ask me a question about that.”

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, “I just want to know.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “I can tell you the answer right now Mr. Ardoin.”

Chairman Wayne Ardoin questioned, “Where are we at on the price tag on it?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “I am not giving you an answer.”

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, “Okay. Thank you.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “Come on it is an Open Litigation Case. You have been on this council for about 30 years, you should know better than that.”

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, “Yes Sir but my thing is this: We have not had that many lawsuits. Here we have had 3 that have come up.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “So we will start back from the tally from the Police Jury Days to now do you want to do that?”

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, “It don’t make me any difference.”

Administrative Finance Chairman Harold Taylor stated, “Point of order here, one at a time, one at a time. Mr. Chairman.”

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, “I am finished, I am finished.”

Administrative Finance Chairman Harold Taylor stated, “Mr. Bellard, do you have anything else to say?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “I never had anything to say to start off with Mr. Chairman.”

Administrative Finance Chairman Harold Taylor stated, “Well Mr. Bellard I have a couple of questions. How are we doing with the Budget? Are you about ready to give it to us?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “Mr. Lejeune is going to be submitting it on the 18th of December.”

Administrative Finance Chairman Harold Taylor stated, “The 18th, of December okay, have you any information regarding the Bonded Commission Meeting on the \$3,000,000.00 Line of Credit?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “Yes, we went yesterday to Baton Rouge and it is not \$3,000,000.00 it is \$2,000,000.00 and it is structured differently. I don’t know how it got to that point of an 8 year bond but it is not even that. It will be a line of credit like we

had before when I got here, a year to year line of credit and not a five year, not a three year and not an eight year.”

Administrative Finance Chairman Harold Taylor questioned, “So how do we pay that off in one year?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “It is a line of credit that goes into place and then every year it can be renewed if needed. It is the same structure as what we had before.”

Administrative Finance Chairman Harold Taylor stated, “Okay, help me to understand this. We had a \$7,000,000.00 Dollar Budget, \$7,400,000.00 is what we anticipated in revenue for the General Fund correct, last year. We only received \$6,400,000.00 so far as of October 31st is that correct? We got a \$911,000.00 deficit as of October 31st in the General Fund, is that correct?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “I mean I can look at the numbers and tell you tomorrow.”

Administrative Finance Chairman Harold Taylor stated, “That is the handout that we have on our desk.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “If you are talking about the handout then yes.”

Administrative Finance Chairman Harold Taylor stated, “So let’s just say that it is somewhere between \$6,400,000.00 and \$7,000,000.00 is what it is going to end up being but we are borrowing \$2,000,000.00 and not \$3,000,000.00 now.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “We are not borrowing any money unless we need it. It is a line of credit if needed and we will find out.”

Administrative Finance Chairman Harold Taylor questioned, “So how do we make up for the \$3,000,000.00 we over spent?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “We did not overspend \$3,000,000.00. That is what I am trying to make everybody understand.”

Administrative Finance Chairman Harold Taylor stated, “I am really confused.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “I am confused with you all because the way that it was structured by the attorney’s was structured wrong. They put it into a loan for 8 years when it was not even needed. We are going to know better by next week as far as exactly what we are going to need but it is not going to be even a draw of the whole amount. It is a line of credit up to \$2,000,000.00 dollars. I did not find out how it was structured until I got to the Bond Commission yesterday and they were looking at me like this is not what you need. I said no I do not need this. So that is why we are re-negotiating and redoing everything so next Thursday I will go back to the Bond Commission and finalize everything.”

Administrative Finance Chairman Harold Taylor stated, “For \$2,000,000.00 and not \$3,000,000.00.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “Correct, Yes Sir. A line of Credit up to \$2,000,000.00”

Administrative Finance Chairman Harold Taylor questioned, “How did you come up with the number of \$3,000,000.00 short, overspend?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “Oh I did not come up with the \$3,000,000.00 Dollars overspend.”

Administrative Finance Chairman Harold Taylor questioned, “Who came up with it?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “So the attorney that is representing us on this right here drew the numbers up and put it in there and it went up too that amount but it was not that amount that we needed and they did it on a 8 year payment plan which we did not want that and we did not understand why it was structured that way. I think what happen the Asphalt Overlay and the equipment is all 8 year projects so I think they just combined it and made it an 8 year project as well on the line of credit so it was structured wrong from the beginning, so it is fixed now.”

Administrative Finance Chairman Harold Taylor stated, “So help me understand. You are so much short on the Prisoner Deal? How much did you say that was?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “We spent \$774,000.00 over budgeted on inmates this year.”

Administrative Finance Chairman Harold Taylor stated, “Okay, then you had.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “\$250,000.00 somewhat dollars on the Coroner. Then we had close to \$1,000,000.00 Dollars on the Debris Removal from the storms but since then the Governor has agreed to pay 75% of the total amount and we are getting those numbers in now. He had agreed to do 75% but not of the total amount that was actually spent but now that we have the total amount he agreed to do it.”

Administrative Finance Chairman Harold Taylor questioned, “We haven’t gotten the 75% and we may not get it for Fiscal Year 2024 am I correct?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “We have not gotten the money yet. We were told that it is a possibility we will get it but I am not waiting on it for this year. Anyhow if it comes in January or February it is still going to be accounted back to 2024.”

Administrative Finance Chairman Harold Taylor stated, “Thank you, does anyone else have any questions?”

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere questioned, “I just want to know Mr. Bellard, how are we doing with Walmart?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “Actually Walmart agreed to everything that was put on the table. I was very pleased with the negotiations with Walmart because Walmart since day one wanted to be a tax payer of this parish. I can’t wait until the negotiations, actually it is in the lawyer’s hands now to put it on paper and I can’t wait for people to see the difference between where we were going until the Tax Assessor and I got involved to where we are not. Walmart has always sent e-mails wanting to be tax payers and have that whole complex put underneath their name since their 20 year time has up. It is changing and over the next 12 years it is estimated about \$17,000,000.00 of more money coming to the Parish of St. Landry other than just \$200,000.00 a year what was going to get done.”

Administrative Finance Chairman Harold Taylor questioned, “So what is Parish Government going to get out of the \$17,000,000.00?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “So there is three phases to the deal. The first phase is Ad Valorem Taxes period. They get on the tax roll.

Administrative Finance Chairman Harold Taylor questioned, “What is that amount? Do you know?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “It is around \$500,000.00 Dollars a year. A little over \$500,000.00. The second part of it is the actual project that is actually coming around where they are going to be do some investments into the incentive that they have now and that investment is going to be to the \$400,000,000.00 Dollar range. The Pilot Program for that is going to be 65-35 where they get a 65% tax cut and 35% for the next 12 years. We have until 2039. It don’t start until 2026, 2027 and 2028 but by the time it is all said and done it is about a 12 year plan. The final version, the final leg of it is the

sales tax that they agreed to pay up \$8,900,000.00 to the parish in lieu of not paying state sales tax. So basically they are getting a 50% cut on State Tax by doing this Pilot Program.”

Administrative Finance Chairman Harold Taylor questioned, “So of these three Phases a net for St. Landry Parish Government is what?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “Not for the Parish Government it goes to SLED.

Administrative Finance Chairman Harold Taylor questioned, “I am just interested in what does this organization gets out of all of this? You said \$500,000.00. Is it more than \$500,000.00?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “Well \$500,000.00 is what they are going to be paying Ad Valorem Taxes for the bill. It is like any other business. We get 11.24% of that on our normal allocation every year on Ad Valorem Taxes.”

Administrative Finance Chairman Harold Taylor stated, “I am confused. The \$500,000.00 isn’t coming to St. Landry Parish Government?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “It is coming to the tax collectors.”

Administrative Finance Chairman Harold Taylor stated, “All of the entities so I am interested in what this organization is going to get out of it.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “So out of the \$500,000.00, 11.24% of that comes to Parish Government.”

Administrative Finance Chairman Harold Taylor stated, “So 10%, \$50,000.00 roughly.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “Roughly, yeah. That was not done before and on the other part of it on the second part of the plan which is going to be the project itself and it goes into 2 phases but the end result is \$400,000,000.00 Dollars and I forgot the exact number on that one but it is 65-35 percent and the final part is the sales tax. It goes to SLED and they are going to disburse the money out to the agencies.”

Administrative Finance Chairman Harold Taylor stated, “Ms. Nancy you had a question.”

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere questioned, “Is there any updates with Mr. Jagneaux?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “Nothing as of this morning. The only thing I had was something from his attorney stating a couple of options. Option one is to pay the lease of where he is storing files now which would be about \$50,000.00 a year. Option 2 was that he was going to give us the building and he has a long term lease. We just made it clear to get more information on giving us the building but what. The \$1,200,000.00 Dollars that he has spent on there is what he wants to re-coup but we are not going to do that.”

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated, “If you can just keep us updated. I did not know what was going on if we had settled or not.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “We will just get more verification on what those options are and what they really mean.”

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere questioned, “The Director of Community Action, have you replace that person?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “Yes I have.”

Councilman Faltery Jolivette questioned, “Mr. Jessie, of the \$8,900,000.00 Sales Tax, how long is that in years?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “That is a onetime payment. That is not going to be like a 12 year payout plan. That will be a onetime payment and from there SLED will disburse it. That will be the big question because it is not a tax at that point. It is a Pilot Payment. It can be distributed in all kinds of different ways. I am hoping and praying that they do it in a way where the Sales Tax Structure that is in place now, they follow that.”

Administrative Finance Chairman Harold Taylor questioned, “Who is going to make that decision on how it is going to be done?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “SLED.”

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated, “I have one more question. Maybe Garrett can answer that one. With the Insulin, did you hear anything?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “I can answer that question. I met with them a couple of weeks ago. We are not part of that. We don’t even qualify.”

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated, “I know that he had been doing it and I was suppose to get on a conference call the other day but we had joined that lawsuit.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “We joined the lawsuit but we are not qualified to join the lawsuit.”

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere questioned, “Why?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “Well we don’t have enough employees to join the lawsuit.”

Councilman Faltery Jolivette questioned, “Was that one of the stipulations?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “Yes. That was one of the main things that we got right away on the conference call was that. We don’t have enough employees to qualify to go towards anything. Even if we did you have to track all of the Insulin that they were taking throughout a period of time back to 2014 I believe, so we are not in the lawsuit.”

Councilman Dexter Brown questioned, “You say that we don’t have enough employees with St. Landry Parish Government?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “Correct. With Parish Government, correct.”

Councilman Dexter Brown stated, “But wasn’t that lawsuit for the guidelines of the constituents in the parish?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “No Sir. That was my impression until I got on the conference call. The first thing that they asked is how many employees we have. I told them and they said they don’t know why we are joining the lawsuit. I said I was asked to be on this call. They asked me some questions. It was all about employees and basically employees that we pay if they need insulin and we pay for the insulin. Not our insurance company but if we directly pay or if the employee directly paid for insulin.”

Councilman Dexter Brown stated, “To my understanding it was the individuals in the parish who paid for insulin. That is when I initially brought it to the table. That is what the guy at the NACO Conference had stated.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “The five attorney’s on that Zoom Call were like me, they did not understand why we were involved.”

Councilman Dexter Brown stated, “Thank you Sir.”

Councilman Timmy Lejeune stated, “Mr. Brown, do you still have the attorney’s names? Would you please call them and ask them to explain that to you one more time. I

understood very well that it was for the constituents of our parish and it did not matter who you worked for. So if you would could you please reach out to him and make sure that he is giving out the proper information. If we do qualify for our people of this parish we do whatever we have to do to make sure that we understand.”

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated, “It was Ms. Laruby May, a law firm that came. If you don’t mind just for a second could Garrett elaborate more? I had spoken to Garrett and we agreed to participate. I want him to explain a little more because he had been on all of the calls. I was suppose to be on the calls but I was working.”

Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated, “All Class Action Lawsuits are different. You have different qualifications. The Insulin Class Action Lawsuit of course would have been a good opportunity if we qualified for it but if you don’t qualify for it we can’t participate in it. That is different from the OPIOID Class Action Lawsuit where we not only qualify for it but you had other agencies such as the Sheriff and the hospital that qualified for it and so we were able to participate in that. Once you go into a class action lawsuit and whatever legal counsel is representing you at some point they are going to know if you qualify for it or not and in this case apparently we don’t. If we had qualified for it then it would have been a great opportunity but apparently we don’t. That is how it is with Class Action Lawsuits. We were fortunate with the OPIOID Lawsuit. We still have the Environmental Lawsuit in the Cankton area that is still going on. Unfortunately some delays were in it so I will talk to him to see where it is. Some lawsuits are successful and some are not, some you qualify, some you don’t, so that is where we are at.”

Councilman Timmy Lejeune stated, “Mr. Taylor, I think that I still have the floor. I would like to ask Mr. Garrett a question. Mr. Garrett you were never with the understanding that it was for the people of the parish and not just the people who were employed by different agencies in the parish? You were very much with that understanding when the presentation was made? That is a ‘yes’ or a ‘no’ answer. That is all that I need. I just want to know.”

Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated, “No.”

Councilman Timmy Lejeune stated, “You believe that it was intended for the people of the parish but then in this conversation on the phone and the questionnaire the parish had nothing to do with it, is that correct?”

Councilman Dexter Brown stated, “Yes, it was for the constituents, the residents.”

Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated, “Their Legal Counsel came here and spoke to the council. When they were speaking to the council you are asking me if I recall that she said it was for the people of the parish and not for the employees of Parish Government. I don’t recall her saying either way.”

Councilman Timmy Lejeune stated, “I would ask that we have the clerk, not at this moment but have it ready for the full council if you could pull the minutes of that meeting for us please so we can look back. If you all know that attorney that you all spoke to over at NACO. I just want to make sure that we are on the right page. That is not what they told us. I want to understand that, that is it. I am not saying that our President is wrong I just want to understand why this guy said all of that. I have no further questions, thank you.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “All of our stuff is live so we can go back and play the actual Facebook Post and see exactly what they said. When it came on one of the first questions that they asked me is how many employees we have. When I told them they said you don’t qualify. The meeting may have lasted five minutes. I don’t remember what month that was when they came but I can get it to play back to here exactly what they said because I am kind of curious now.”

Councilman Timmy Lejeune stated, “I just find that it does not make any sense.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “I agree.”

Councilman Timmy Lejeune stated, “It only touches the people that are employed by Government and not the public.”

Councilman Ken Marks stated, “Point of clarity, either we have or we do not have documentation of such when that was presented to us is that correct?”

Councilman Dexter Brown stated, “Yes sir. The information that I had I gave it to Mr. Duplechain.

Councilman Ken Marks stated, “So Mr. Duplechain should have a copy.”

Councilman Dexter Brown stated, “Yes, he should.”

Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated, “The information was given to me by Mr. Brown so I called. They were a law firm in Texas representing Police Jury.”

Councilman Ken Marks questioned, “Excuse me, do you have a copy of the documentation? If you do what does it say?”

Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated, “The documentation?”

Councilman Ken Marks stated, “Which is what we are talking about right?”

Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated, “Of the Law Firm in Texas. I called them multiple times and left messages and they did not return my phone call. Shortly after that Nancy came forward with a Law Firm in Washington DC who was representing the exact same Class Action Law Suit that Mr. Brown brought to us. Because they were reaching out to us we went with the Law Firm in Washington DC, the May Jung Law Firm. They were going to represent us in their Class Action Law Suit. It turned out we did not qualify if the represented from the Law Firm who was here addressing the council had perhaps inquired significantly into our situation maybe we would have found that out during the meeting that we did not meet the qualifications for that Insulin Class Action Lawsuit. We found that out on the conference call because it was later when this Law Firm found out what our qualifications were. It is the same, the exact same Insulin Class Action Lawsuit that Mr. Brown brought to us. We are not going to find one law firm that is going to squeeze us in and the other law firm is not going to happen like that.”

Councilman Ken Marks stated, “On what Mr. Timmy had requested from a video or from the minutes meeting documentation I would like to also have that documentation of the lawsuit to be included with that as well.”

Councilman Dexter Brown stated, “I have been wrong many of times in my 55 years of life. With that lawsuit, that Insulin Lawsuit I know 100% I am not wrong. That was for the constituents of the parish. Whenever we will go back in our minutes we are going to find out that it is for the constituents of the parish that was on insulin that were overcharged. I believe someone gave Mr. Bellard some wrong information. He said it was that attorney’s and I am not bucking that because I was not on the call. I can put Dexter Quinn Brown’s name on the line because I am fighting just like we all are fighting for our constituents every day. That was for the constituents of the parish, Thank you.”

Administrative Finance Chairman Harold Taylor stated, “Alright we are moving on. I do have one question for you Mr. Bellard while we are still on this. We got a text from you about not filing anything in the Clerk of Court’s Office unless we had someone from finance attending, had that been resolved, the issue?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “Yes, that is how it is.”

Administrative Finance Chairman Harold Taylor stated, “What was the issue?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “So the issue was that people go upstairs and file stuff and the invoices don’t get to Finance. From now on people need to go to Finance and Finance is going to go with them to file whatever paper work. But while we are on that subject I think that we need to seriously look at what we are filing upstairs.”

Administrative Finance Chairman Harold Taylor stated, “Sure and we spoke to the Counselor to research it and see what we have file. If we don’t have to file every word of the minute.

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “It is \$110.00 a page when we go and file upstairs for a Resolution or something.”

Administrative Finance Chairman Harold Taylor stated, “He will do some research on it and get back to us.”

Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated, “There is a section in the Home Rule Charter which does not say you have to file Resolutions and Ordinances with the Recorder of Mortgage Recorded Conveyances St. Landry Parish Clerk of Court. It says recorded by Clerk and our Clerk Sherell would record in her office.”

Administrative Finance Chairman Harold Taylor stated, “My point is this: Do the research, write it and put it in writing exactly what we need to do. You take some time to take a look at it okay.”

Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated, “Mr. Ardoin and I had discussed it earlier and it doesn’t say that we have to record it with Clerk of Court. It is just that our Council Clerk records it in there. The statute and ordinances says that things have to be recorded in the Clerk of Court and sometimes they do like our dilapidated building ordinances has to be recorded with the recorded mortgages.”

Administrative Finance Chairman Harold Taylor stated, “Exactly, we just want to see exactly what your research says, okay, thank you.”

A motion was made by Councilman Ken Marks, seconded by Councilman Ernest Blanchard to accept the Parish President & Finance Report.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Nancy Carriere, Faltery Jolivette, Ken Marks, Dexter Brown, and Ernest Blanchard. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** None. **ABSTAINED:** None.

Motion carried.

6. Authorize the ratification of three appointments to the St. Landry Parish Communications District E-911 for a four-year term.

Councilman Dexter Brown stated, “On Mr. Mark Guidry with the Opelousas Police Department he is now the Assistant Chief and not Captain any more. He is the Assistant Chief Mark Guidry.”

A motion was made by Councilman Ernest Blanchard, seconded by Councilman Dexter Brown to forward to Regular Meeting held on **Wednesday, December 18th, 2024** to approve the ratification of three appointments to the St. Landry Parish Communications District E-911 for a four-year term.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Nancy Carriere, Faltery Jolivette, Ken Marks, Dexter Brown and Ernest Blanchard. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** None. **ABSTAINED:** None.

Motion forwarded.

7. Authorize the Council Clerk to advertise for seven appointments to St. Landry Parish Tourist Commission for a three-year term. (02-19-2025 – 02-19-2028)

A motion was made by Councilman Ken Marks, seconded by Councilman Dexter Brown to forward to Regular Meeting held on **Wednesday, December 18th, 2024** to authorize the Council Clerk to advertise for seven appointments to St. Landry Parish Tourist Commission for a three-year term. (02-19-2025 – 02-19-2028).

On roll call vote: YEAS: Nancy Carriere, Faltery Jolivette, Ken Marks, Dexter Brown and Ernest Blanchard. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** None. **ABSTAINED:** None.
Motion forwarded.

8. Authorize the Council Clerk to advertise for one appointment to St. Landry Parish Waterworks District No. 2 (Rural) for a four-year term. (01-01-2025 – 01-01-2029).

A motion was made by Councilman Ernest Blanchard, seconded by Councilman Dexter Brown to forward to Regular Meeting held on *Wednesday, December 18th, 2024* to authorize the Council Clerk to advertise for one appointment to St. Landry Parish Waterworks District No. 2 (Rural) for a four year term. (01-01-2025 – 01-01-2029).

On roll call vote: YEAS: Nancy Carriere, Faltery Jolivette, Ken Marks, Dexter Brown and Ernest Blanchard. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** None. **ABSTAINED:** None.

Motion forwarded.

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

None

10. Adjourn.

A motion was made by Councilman Ernest Blanchard, seconded by Councilman Faltery Jolivette to adjourn the Administrative/Finance Committee Meeting.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Nancy Carriere, Faltery Jolivette, Ken Marks, Dexter Brown and Ernest Blanchard. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** None. **ABSTAINED:** None.

Motion carried.

**ST. LANDRY PARISH COUNCIL
PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4th, 2024
OLD CITY MARKET, 131 W. BELLEVUE ST.
OPELOUSAS, LOUISIANA**

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

1. Public Works Chairwoman Vivian Olivier called this meeting of the Public Works Committee of the St. Landry Parish Council to order.

2. Roll Call: Jody White, Mildred Thierry, Timmy Lejeune and Jimmie Edwards.
Ex-Officio Wayne Ardoin. **ABSENT:** Alvin Stelly.

3. Person to address the Committee:

- *Mrs. Lachana McCartney addressed the council,* “She stated, I live at 334 Fort Hamilton Drive Opelousas, La. 70570. Goodevening to all, some of you I know and some of you I don’t, some of you I may know from working in sales and marketing in the Holiday Inn in the hotel business. I have served on the Fire District 3 Board and my term is coming to an end, my desire is to serve on the board again. I have a 20 year background in sales and marketing and accounting so since I been on the board we have been moving the Fire District Board forward we purchased two new trucks and we will purchase two more trucks. We have been doing very well and not in the red anymore. It has been very productive and compared to corporate boards (ISG Boards) I work with this is a very good board to work with, it’s productive, and we get along very well. I like it.”

Councilman Timmy Lejeune stated, “Thank you for coming I appreciate it.”

Mrs. Lachana McCartney stated, “You’re welcome, I wanted everyone to be able to put a name and a face together some of you I have called on the phone before I

talked to and some of you I already knew but I wanted to come so you can put a name and a face together.”

- **Mr. Jacob Moreau addressed the council,** “He stated, I live at 3232 Highway 31 Arnaudville, La 70512. I am here for an appointment to Fire District #5 Board. I been on the board for the past 3 years and we are doing some great things with ours we just bought 3 new trucks and just finished the station in Arnaudville and prepping to re-do another one. Looking forward to the future and would like to continue that board just came to put name to the face.”

Councilman Timmy Lejeune stated, “Thank you Mr. Moreau job well done.”

Councilman Faltery Jolivette stated, “Thank you Mr. Moreau and I see your qualifications are quite impressive and I just want to say are you hired as an Engineer with DOTD?”

Mr. Jacob Moreau stated, “Yes.”

4. Public Works Report:

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, you should have a copy of Public Works report in your package.

“For the month of November we:

Boom Axed	10 Roads
Culvert Cleaning	1 Road
Culvert Installation	9 Roads
Debris Removal	38 Roads
Ditching	9 Roads
Grading	34 Roads
Material Spreading	8 Roads
Patching	28 Roads
Shredding/Grass Cutting	10 Roads
Sign Installation	33 Roads
Tree Removal	4
Washout	8

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

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jody White, Mildred Thierry, Timmy Lejeune, and Jimmie Edwards. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** Alvin Stelly **ABSTAINED:** None.

Motion carried.

5. Forward all applications received for one appointment to Fire District No. 3 for a four-year term. (01-01-2025 – 01-01-2029)

A motion was made by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry, seconded by Councilman Timmy Lejeune to forward to Regular Meeting held on **Wednesday, December 18th, 2024** all applications received for one appointment to Fire District No. 3 for a four-year term. (01-01-2025 – 01-01-2029)

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jody White, Mildred Thierry, Timmy Lejeune, and Jimmie Edwards. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** Alvin Stelly. **ABSTAINED:** None.

Motion forwarded.

6. Forward all applications received for two appointments to Fire District No. 5 for a two-year term. (01-01-2025 – 01-01-2027)

A motion was made by Councilman Jody White, seconded by Councilman Jimmy Edwards to forward to Regular Meeting held on **Wednesday, December 18th, 2024** all applications received for two appointments to Fire District No. 5 for a two-year term.

(01-01-2025 – 01-01-2027)

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jody White, Mildred Thierry, Timmy Lejeune, and Jimmie Edwards **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** Alvin Stelly. **ABSTAINED:** None.
Motion forwarded.

7. Forward all applications received for three appointments to Fire District No. 6 for a two- year term. (01-18-2025 – 01-18-2027)

A motion was made by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry, seconded by Councilman Jody White to forward to Regular Meeting held on **Wednesday, December 18th, 2024** all applications received for three appointments to Fire District No. 6 for a two- year term.

(01-18-2025 – 01-18-2027)

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jody White, Mildred Thierry, Timmy Lejeune, and Jimmie Edwards **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** Alvin Stelly. **ABSTAINED:** None.
Motion forwarded.

8. Forward all applications received for one appointment to St. Landry Agricultural Arena Authority for a five- year term. (01-18-2025 – 01-18-2030)

A motion was made by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry, seconded by Councilman Jimmie Edwards to forward to Regular Meeting held on **Wednesday, December 18th, 2024** all applications received for one appointment to St. Landry Agricultural Arena Authority for a five- year term. (01-18-2025 – 01-18-2030)

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jody White, Mildred Thierry, Timmy Lejeune, and Jimmie Edwards **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** Alvin Stelly **ABSTAINED:** None.
Motion forwarded.

9. Authorize Council Clerk to advertise for one appointment to Public Works Commission District Six for a four-year term. (02-19-2025 – 02-19-2029)

A motion was made by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry, seconded by Councilman Jimmie Edwards to forward to Regular Meeting held on **Wednesday, December 18th, 2024** to authorize Council Clerk to advertise for one appointment to Public Works Commission District Six for a four-year term. (02-19-2025 – 02-19-2029)

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jody White, Mildred Thierry, Timmy Lejeune, and Jimmie Edwards **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** Alvin Stelly **ABSTAINED:** None.
Motion forwarded.

10. Authorize Council Clerk to advertise for one appointment to Bellevue & Coulee Crouche Gravity Drainage District No. 20 for a four- year term. (02-15-2025 – 02-15- 2029)

A motion was made by Councilman Timmy Lejeune, seconded by Councilman Jimmie Edwards to forward to Regular Meeting held on **Wednesday, December 18th, 2024** to authorize Council Clerk to advertise for one appointment to Bellevue & Coulee Crouche Gravity Drainage District No. 20 for a four- year term. (02-15-2025 – 02-15-2029)

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jody White, Mildred Thierry, Timmy Lejeune, and Jimmie Edwards **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** Alvin Stelly **ABSTAINED:** None.
Motion forwarded.

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

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, “Madam Chair I would like to remind everyone about the meeting that has been called for Wednesday, December 11, 2024 at 5:30 p.m. because

we have two Ordinances public hearings in reference to the sale of those two properties we are in the process of buying. Did you notify by email madam clerk?"

Assistant Council Clerk Karen Barlow stated, "Yes email was sent out."

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, "You called the meeting right Mr. Bellard."

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "Yes I did."

Councilman Timmy Lejeune stated, "Mr. Bellard do you have any updates on Nap Lane?"

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "If I am not mistaken next Thursday the bond commission will be getting those bonds approved to 2.5 Million dollar project."

Councilman Timmy Lejeune stated, "Some of the roads in the subdivision off of Nap Lane, they are claiming that the culvert is collapse when you enter the subdivision. Maybe you can ask public works to look at that tomorrow please."

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "Yes I will get someone to go look at that tomorrow morning."

12. Adjourn.

A motion was made by Councilman Jody White, seconded by Councilman Jimmie Edwards adjourn the Public Works Committee.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jody White, Mildred Thierry, Timmy Lejeune, and Jimmie Edwards. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** Alvin Stelly. **ABSTAINED:** None.
Motion carried.

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