

**ST. LANDRY PARISH COUNCIL
PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 7th, 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, Alvin Stelly, Vivian Olivier and Timmy Lejeune. Ex-Officio Wayne Ardoin. **ABSENT:** Jimmie Edwards.
3. **Person to address the Committee:**

- **Mr. Jerry Domengeaux Addressed the council.** *He stated,* “Members of the council my name is Jerry Domengeaux. For those of you that I have not meet previously I currently serve as Chairman of the Drainage District No. 1 in Ward 2. My appointment is coming up and I have sent my application in to the office for your consideration. We currently have approximately 12 miles of Channel in our District which we currently have no problems with. The largest one in our District is Bayou Bo-Bay. As people bring us complaints we have taken care of them, we currently have no problems with it. I am here to introduce myself to you and ask for your consideration for my re-appointment. Do you all have any questions?”

Councilman Ken Marks stated, “Mr. Domengeaux thanks for being here. Could you tell us where your District is incorporated or where your district cover so there won’t be any issues or confusion anywhere? I would appreciate it.”

Mr. Jerry Domengeaux stated, “We cover all of Sunset and Grand Coteau. We go up on HWY 182 out of Sunset up to Bayou Bo-Bay going on HWY 93 toward Cankton we are approximately 1 mile that way. On HWY 182 going towards Bayou Carencro we go up to the Carencro Bayou but coming west, nothing east because that is in another Drainage District. On the north end we tie in and Bo-Bay is our boundary which ties into Bayou Calahan.

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated. “Ward 1 South Drainage District borders with you. I think you boarder with Prairie Bass.”

Mr. Jerry Domengeaux stated, “Prairie Bass is on the east of us.”

Councilman Ken Marks stated, “Thank you, on your tax dollars your annual funds that you are generating is that number available here?”

Mr. Jerry Domengeaux stated, “Probably on an annual basis of \$200,000.00.”

Councilman Ken Marks stated, “A couple of hundred, okay. It is really not adequate I would think to do a lot of the things you need to do.”

Mr. Jerry Domengeaux stated, “We have been fortunate to be able to maintain throughout the years but our biggest one is Bayou Bo-Bay. When you get into that one it will lead the funds out fund pretty good.”

Councilman Faltery Jolivette stated, “Jerry I just want to say personally thank you and I appreciate you coming and answering questions and your presentation, it is a pet-peeve of mine. We want to say thank you for what you do and we appreciate it. How many years do you have running now with the drainage board?”

Mr. Jerry Domengeaux stated, “I have been there probably a year and ½ to two years after it was created. I served for 2 terms and then I was elected to the school board. When I got off of the school board I think this is my second term back on the board.”

Councilman Faltery Jolivette stated, “Welcome back and thank you.”

- **Ms. Doris White addressed the council. She stated,** “Hello, I have been here before and I am back with the same subject of the Environment and the condition of the parish. Can you all here me? Okay. The purpose of money is to improve one standard of living that is why we all work for money, right? Your purpose too I believe is the same thing and that is to improve the standard of living of the people that you represent. Is it not?”
- **Councilman Faltery Jolivette stated,** “It is, yes Ma’am.”
- **Ms. Doris White stated,** “I would hope so. The Solar People have come in and this governing body will receive some funds or have received some funds. In other words you have the money that have not improved our standard of living instead it has lowered the standard of living in our community. The property value in our community have gone down. We are largely of a small farming community with a lot of retirees who come in with a fixed income. We have people with a good income that comes in and retire in that area and they are not going to come anymore when they are going to see acres and acres of panels. In my situation I thought I was living in the country and now I have a huge power plant in front of my house with the lights that shine through my living room. This is not improving our standard of living. I understand that the windmill thing is still in the making and I urge you to oppose this, these windmills. It is immeasurably worse than the solar energy. People living a mile from these windmill farms are affected by them and their communities are affected by them and nobody is going to come and build a home and retire in those areas with these huge windmills and solar panels all over the place. I am urging you to oppose any establishment of windmills in our community and in the whole parish because it is detrimental to the people of the parish, it lowers the standard of living and it prevents people from coming in and building and living in those areas. It will ultimately reduce the property tax that you receive from the people living in that area. While I am at it I would like to say if the money that come in from the Solar people be spent by you at least 50% of that should go to the community that were affected by the solar panels. We should get 50% of the monies and I urge our representative, Ms. Mildred Thierry to advocate for us that our community be improved because it has been dis-improved to put it simply. I urge you again to refuse the windmills that are coming into the community because it destroys the community and that is not your job, your job is to improve the community. Thank you.”
- **Parish President Jessie Bellard stated,** “So the property values in those areas have gone up. The property value have gone up in that area tremendously and that is facts that is not just hearsay. So the property value have gone up and it has been up for farmland, \$5,500.00 per acre of commercial property. Every piece of land that the Solal Panel owns went up in property value. The farmers and the landowners who farm that area or own the land has the right to put whatever they want to put on their property, we don’t control that nor should we. If you live in the country you want to live in an environment where you can decide what you want to put on your own property far being from government to tell you what you are going to do with your property. When it comes to the windmills the same thing applies, with the windmills we have two companies that are talking to us right now in Evangeline Parish and Acadia Parish. From Lawtell to Eunice there is a trough that runs from Acadia all the way to Evangeline Parish and they already leased out 13,000 acres of land. By the time they get to us it is done. We don’t have a magic wand to think 5 years ago what they should have done. As far as the people and the farmers they are all happy with the benefits of the Solar Farms and everything else. I am not advocating for anything other than what the people who owns the property want, not what the neighbors want because the neighbors live there and they don’t want me telling then what to do with their property. I am worried about the people that is going to be affected by the Solar Farms and the Wind Farms and that are the ones that are leasing out their property and gaining the property value.”
- **Councilman Timmy Lejeune stated,** “I have a question Mr. Bellard. The property that was leased for the Solar Farm they were leased a long time ago like a mineral right on a lease. They did not come to us first am I correct? They went to the people a long time ago.”
- **Parish President Jessie Bellard stated,** “Three and four years before they were coming to us.”
- **Councilman Timmy Lejeune stated,** “So it is the neighbors that leased their land to these people to do what they done, it is not us.”

- *Ms. Doris White stated*, “Many times it is not our neighbors it is the absentee landowners.”
- *Councilman Timmy Lejeune stated*, “It makes it difficult for the ones who owns the land it is their property to do what they want.”
- *Ms. Doris White stated*, “So you have nothing to do with it.”
- *Parish President Jessie Bellard*, “By the time it gets to us.
- *Ms. Doris White stated*, “When it gets to you what you have to do with it?”
- *Parish President Jessie Bellard stated*, “When it gets to us the only thing that we are doing is making deals with these companies to get the best bank for our books for the parish.”
- *Ms. Doris White stated*, “If you refuse to make a deal with them what happens?”
- *Parish President Jessie Bellard stated*, “Then we lose out.”
- *Ms. Doris White stated*, “Then they don’t have a deal.”
- *Parish President Jessie Bellard stated*, “We lose money and the landowners get nothing.”
- *Ms. Doris White stated*, “Well.”
- *Parish President Jessie Bellard stated*, “No, No, that is not how that works. We are here to make sure that we take care of the people whoever that may be. Just because some land owners don’t live on the property doesn’t say they are not a landowner. I get it that the people who lives next door are mad because they have a windmill or they have a solar farm. We don’t have zoning in this parish for a reason because we believe in people doing what they need to do for their property on their own property. It would be like if I go to your place and tell you what kind of fence you can put in your front yard, that is not what we do, that is not government. We let the people in the country do what they need to do. That is why people leave the city and go to the country.”
- *Ms. Doris White stated*, “So a commercial project can come anywhere in the parish and we don’t have anything to say about it.
- *Parish President Jessie Bellard stated*, “Yes Ma’am that is correct. We have no law on the books that tell us that we can do anything about it. Commercial or Residential it does not mean anything to us because we have no zoning. If the subdivision have these laws that they put in place for their own, it is called Subdivision Rules, they can restrict people from going in their subdivisions but there is no law against it. There are a lot of things that happens in the parish that everybody loves to have the freedom until it is right next door.”
- *Ms. Doris White stated*, “Who is advocating for the neighbors?”
- *Parish President Jessie Bellard stated*, “The neighbors can come to the council meeting or come to my office and I can tell you the same thing I will say and this council is going to say. We don’t have a law on the books that says we can prevent them from coming in.”
- *Ms. Doris White stated*, “This body should be able to advocate for the neighbors. It should not be allowing companies to come in and destroy the way of life and say we don’t have nothing to do with it.”
- *Parish President Jessie Bellard stated*, “We follow the law. There is no law on the books that says that we can’t. In fact if we would deny them permits they would bring us to court and win because there is no law backing us up to deny it. There are a lot of things that go along with this that people don’t realize until the solar farms are in place and now the wind farms wants to come in. There is no zoning.”

- **Ms. Doris White stated,** “I would prefer that you all find some way to advocate for the little guy. There should be a law that says that landowners who don’t live in the parish cannot affect this parish the way that they have. An absentee landowner.”
- **Parish President Jessie Bellard stated,** “But the landowners own the land and that is who pays us taxes.”
- **Ms. Doris White stated,** “I propose that you all find some ways to help out these communities. It will get much, much worse when the windmills come in. I find it hard to think that the property value next to a windmill is going up.”
- **Parish President Jessie Bellard stated,** “Whenever you get your tax roll this year everybody will be surprised at how much the taxes will go up in that area.”
- **Ms. Doris White stated,** “So what makes the tax value go up?”
- **Parish President Jessie Bellard stated,** “That property over there is commercial property now.”
- **Ms. Doris White stated,** “Oh, it becomes commercial property.”
- **Parish President Jessie Bellard stated,** “Yes, Ma’am.”
- **Ms. Doris White stated,** “So the farming community and the retirement community is being turned into a commercial property.”
- **Parish President Jessie Bellard stated,** “No Ma’am if you live at your house and it is just your house then you will have no problems. If the commercial property that is next door to you and the landowners are going to send a bill which is going to be up and it is all about taxes.”
- **Ms. Doris White stated,** “You all will need to make some new laws. Thank you.”
- **Councilwoman Mildred Thierry stated,** “It is my understanding that these solar companies provide some community funds to the schools in the area.”
- **Parish President Jessie Bellard stated,** “Correct, yes Ma’am. Each one put money up and I want to say it was \$250,000.00 for the schools especially in District No. 4 in your area, yes Ma’am.
- **Ms. Doris White stated,** “Do you have a record of which schools?”
- **Parish President Jessie Bellard stated,** “Yes Ma’am we do.”
- **Ms. Doris White stated,** “Can I get a copy of that.”
- **Parish President Jessie Bellard stated,** “Definitely.”
- **Ms. Doris White stated,** “I will be by to pick it up. I still would like to advocate that we get 50% of all of the money.”
- **Parish President Jessie Bellard stated,** “Oh trust me she does.”
- **Councilman Timmy Lejeune questioned Ms. Doris White, He stated,** “How many acres of land do you own?”
- **Ms. Doris White stated,** “In that community about 40 acres.”
- **Councilman Timmy Lejeune stated,** “You have 40 acres of land in that community, do you have land somewhere else besides that community?”

- **Ms. Doris White stated,** “I do.”
- **Councilman Timmy Lejeune questioned,** “How many acres do you have in the Parish if you had to guess totally?”
- **Ms. Doris White stated,** “That is the only one that I have in the parish.”
- **Councilman Timmy Lejeune stated,** “So if someone approached you to dig an oil well on your 40 acres and they would tell you that you would get \$100,000,000.00 a year in revenue would you not put that oil well on your property to protect the noise that it would create in your community?”
- **Ms. Doris White stated,** “I might not. They approached me to pay me \$38,000.00 just to run a line through my front yard and I refused. Now we have a plant right in front of me but the light shines in my bedroom. An old lady living next to me who is partially blind says there is light that is coming into her house and it is very confusing to her.”
- **Councilman Timmy Lejeune stated,** “Mr. Bellard, can you check on that please. Thank you.”
- **Chairman Wayne Ardoin questioned,** “Mr. Bellard, on the books do we have any ordinances or anything as far as those Solar Panels?” There is one on HWY 167, I know I passed there just the other day. The grass has gotten out of hand. Do we have anything on the books where they have to clean up there?”
- **Parish President Jessie Bellard stated,** “Yes, they have to take care of everything
- **Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated,** “The vegetation.”
- **Parish President Jessie Bellard stated,** “Yes, everything. They are not complete.”
- **Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated,** “Thank you, I appreciate it.”
- **Mr. Leroy Randall Jr. addressed the council. He stated,** “Good evening. My name is Leroy Randall Jr. I am a Board Member for Fire District No. 7. I am here tonight because we have to renew our membership and we were told as new members we would have to come to the council to introduce ourselves. I have been a member for at least 6 years. I am not technically a new member I am just renewing my membership. I don’t know if that was a misunderstanding or is this the new standard?”
- **Parish President Jessie Bellard stated,** “No, it is not a misunderstanding. This for every member that wants to be re-appointed or a new appointment. You are here at the right time.”
- **Mr. Leroy Randall Jr. stated,** “I am here to introduce myself. My name is Leroy Randall Jr. as I said earlier. I don’t know if there is anything else you all need from me. Are there any questions?”
- **Councilman Timmy Lejeune stated,** “I want to thank you for coming, we appreciate it. We would like to put a face with the people that we appoint for the board. I am very grateful that you came by.”
- **Councilman Faltery Jolivette stated,** “Mr. Leroy thank you. Like Mr. Lejeune stated we like to put a face with the person. I also wanted to ask your years of experience but I see that you served on the board for six years.”
- **Mr. Leroy Randall Jr. stated,** “Yes Sir.”
- **Councilman Faltery Jolivette stated,** “So you are well versed in that area obviously. Thank you.”

4. Public Works Report:

a. Update on Leasing Equipment

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “That is the other thing that Mr. LeFleur was going to be touching on. It is \$1,800,000.00 of equipment that we are going to be buying instead of leasing. He has a schedule and he is figuring it out. I am hoping by the full council meeting he will be here and he will be able to present what we are going to be doing.”

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated, “The \$1,800,000.00 is it possible that we can get a list of what those equipment’s are?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “Definitely, he was suppose to be here tonight to present it. I will make sure that you all get it ahead of time before the next meeting.”

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated, “Thank.”

Mr. Barry Soileau, Public Works Director addressed the council. He stated, “In the month of July we:

Boom Axed	37 Roads
Culvert Cleaned	40 Roads
Culvert Installation	16 Roads
Debris Removal	75 Roads
Ditching	11 Roads
Grading	26 Roads
Material Spreading	10 Roads
Patching	60 Roads
Shredding	112 Roads
Sign Installation	41 Roads
Tree Removal	4 Roads
Washout	4 Roads

Councilman Timmy Lejeune questioned, “Do you have a lot of tree debris pick up left?”

Mr. Barry Soileau stated, “I would say that we are like 80% done on the tornado stuff. People are cleaning their property and they are putting it back. Now we are having to double back. We have two trucks running every day and a dump trailer.”

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere questioned: Mr. Soileau, thank you for all that you do. I want to start off with a positive. I want to know, Mr. Bellard, do we have any more money that the state had given us? And are we doing everything with the parish funds is that Correct?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “Right, the time frame that was given to us everything was allocated. We have not received the funds back yet but we applied.”

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere started, “So we don’t have any other contractors but our parish government employees that are picking up all of the debris from the storms.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “They are picking up debris parish wide every day. It is not so much as a storm related it is just in general.”

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated, “I saw on TV that they were cleaning up at Moosa in Eunice. It is still our employees or did we contract that out?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “No that is our employees and myself. I would be there right now if I was not here.”

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere questioned, “What is the time limit left if we are doing that work?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “We don’t have a time limit.”

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated, “We are not almost complete is what I am saying.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “We have a lot of work to do. I am almost finished with the second story on the back side. I have another two hours or so on that one to take it down. Then we have the big piece in the front. I am thinking within the next six weeks we will be finished. All of that concrete has to be picked up and grinded and put on roads and stuff. What we are doing with the material is that we are averaging a little over \$1,000.00 a day that is being brought to the scrap yard on metal. The material that is picked up and brought to the yard will be material that will be put down underneath our roads that don’t have a bottom. We have some roads that no matter what we do with them we can never put enough lime stone on them. We are going to take the top layer off and put this material at the bottom and come back on top and hopefully we can start having bottoms to some of these little country roads that goes to nowhere but a farm. A lot of these rice fields and stuff that stay wet. We have a lot of material that we are going to be using but everything is being done by the people here. We even have 2 women that are driving dump trucks for us right now and they work in the office and they can drive a truck, in fact that is where Cynthia is at right now.”

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated, “Is that our property? Will we be discussing what we will be doing with it?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “So the Hospital District that meets once a year there when I went to their last meeting they were going to do some things with that property that did not meet. I was not going to sign no paper. That is why we are going to demolish it and it will be sold at Public Auction or however way that it needs to be done. Whatever money that we receive from that goes back to the parish to pay us back for the labor that we put in place over there and equipment.”

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated, “I just want to understand, when it is going to be sold at the Public Auction is this going to be separate from Adjudication? Will this be a separate auction? Will that be for the Public?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “That is right correct. We will keep one of the buildings. One of the building is 13,000 square feet and all it needs is a roof on it. The bones are still good on the inside. Hopefully we can get a grant to refurbish it and put it back into office complexes or whatever. It looks like we are going to have about 2 acres to sell once we complete demolition and bring it back down to ground level. The other part will stay for the parish and they have another couple of acres around the area that we own as a parish but all of that is going to stay and hopefully we can make something out of it.”

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated, “Again Mr. Soileau thank you for all that you do. I know that we spoke last week about the grass cutting. Are we cutting and spraying or are we just cutting?”

Mr. Barry Soileau, Public Works Director stated, “Both.”

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated, “I know you were moving along in the parish. So I want to thank you very much again.”

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, Alvin Stelly and Timmy Lejeune.

NAYS: None. **ABSENT:** Jimmie Edwards. **ABSTAINED:** None.

Motion carried.

5. Forward all applications received for two appointments to Fire District 7 for a one and two-year term. (09-19-2024 - 09-19-2028)

A motion was made by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry, seconded by Councilman Timmy Lejeune to forward to Regular Meeting held on *Wednesday, August 21st, 2024* all applications received for two appointments to Fire District 7 for a one and two year term. (09-19-2024 - 09-19-2028).

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

Motion forwarded.

6. Forward all applications received for one appointment to Ward Two Gravity Drainage No. 1 for a four-year term. 1 South Gravity Drainage District No. 1 for a four-year term. (09-21-2024 - 09-21-2028)

A motion was made by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry, seconded by Councilman Jody White to forward to Regular Meeting held on *Wednesday, August 21st, 2024* all applications received for one appointment to Ward Two Gravity Drainage District No. 1 for a four-year term. (09-21-2024 - 09-21-2028).

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

Motion forwarded.

7. Discuss starting time and length of hearing for each Ordinance. (Councilwoman Mildred Thierry).

Councilwoman Mildred Thierry stated, "I am not going to spend a lot of time on this item at this point. I would like for us to as a full council to take a look at the starting time of the Public Hearing and the length of each Ordinance that we spend. Starting a public hearing at 4:15 p.m. is not giving a lot of people the opportunity if they wanted to come in and be a part of the Public Hearing. Most people if they are still working they are still employed at that time. We have our own two council clerks they are still on the clock at 4:15 p.m. It is my recommendation that we consider and I will forward to the full council looking at starting no earlier than 5:00 p.m. and I will have more ideas that I will bring up before the full council with this. I would like to make a motion that we look at and discuss what we can do to make sure we don't start any Public Hearings at 4:15 p.m. because the public does not have the opportunity to weigh in on it at that time."

A motion was made by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry, seconded by Councilman Timmy Lejeune to forward to Regular Meeting Held on *Wednesday, August 21st, 2024* to continue the discussion on a time to start the Public Hearings.

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

Motion forwarded.

8. Authorize the Council Clerk to advertise for one appointment to Public Works Commission District Six for a four-year term. (10-20-2024 – 10-20-2028)

A motion was made by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry, seconded by Councilman Timmy Lejeune to forward to Regular Meeting held on *Wednesday, August 21st, 2024* to authorize the Council Clerk to advertise for one appointment to Public Works Commission District Six for a four-year term. (10-20-2024 – 10-20-2028)

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

Motion forwarded.

9. Discuss where we are at with the Private Road Ordinance. (Chairman Wayne Ardoin).

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, "Mr. Bellard, I know that there are 2 or 3 ordinances that have been drawn up and none have been acted on but your attorney have drawn one up that maybe we can look at?"

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “Yes we have one that is going to be brought for the 21st meeting. Right now he is almost finished. After he gets finished I will send it to Garrett so they can look at it and then we will bring it to the council on the 21st of August.

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, “Then you will have a price tag as far as what it will cost those owners that are adjoining on that road?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “Yes Sir. It will not be a price like a set amount. It will be hourly rates and stuff. It will not be a set amount like for a grader or anything. It is whatever the cost is going to be for that job. That way we don’t have to worry about coming back to change an ordinance to change the prices.

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, “On the material wise, let’s say there is no material and you know what road I am talking about, Fleur Des Coteau, there is a gentleman right before the range. He went in and took it upon himself and all of the neighbors saw what he was doing but he dug a hole in the road to be to the bottom of it I guess and he was going to put some material in it and it started raining then they have a duck pond on the road so everybody have to go around on the highland and it causes chaos. That is why I am bring it back up so we can try and come up with something. When you are going to have the ordinance drawn up everybody is going to have to pitch in or nothing is going to be done.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “There is a couple of ways to do it. You are right they are going to have to agree to sign over the right to be on the private property is number one but they don’t all have to pay as long as the price that is agreed up is paid and we have to make sure that we can get on the property that is the key thing. Not everybody wants to pay and that is okay.

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, “As long as they come up with the amount of money that we are asking for, the hourly rate or whatever we are going to ask for.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “Yes sir.”

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, “You will bring it up later.

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “I Should have that next week and I will send it to Garrett and if we can all agree on the ordinance then we can bring it to the council on the 21st.

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated, “I know we talked about a certain percentage of people that have to sign the right of way have you all have the percentage?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “It will be in the ordinance whatever that number will be. I did not see a draft of it yet.

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated, “I was just wondering what you were looking at. If one person can stop the whole show at the beginning.

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “If was depending on what type of work that needs to be done. If it was going to be a complete overlay what they did in the past they were on assessment on the properties where not everybody had to agree to do it but the majority could do it on that road, this is a little bit different as for the maintenance of it. The maintenance is going to have to be where they allow us on the road. If it is going to be an overlay project and whole group gets together and 51% agree there is a difference. There are two separate ways to do this and we are going to have the options of both of them in the ordinance.

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated, “The second question that I have is this: I don’t know who we are going to be getting to do the work, will it be us because we will be billing them and making some money so are we prioritizing our work over doing private roads? I am for helping private roads but I am just curious to know that we have some grading and we have some work to be done so how is that going to work?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “As everybody know right now we don’t have it in place so it is going to be a work in progress. Keep in mind that people who live on these private roads they still pay taxes.”

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated, “I agree with you 100%.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “I am not going to be able to justify taking the crew off of a road to go and do this unless it is considered an emergency.”

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated, “I would agree, that is fine. Thank you.”

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, “Mr. Bellard in the case of Fleur Des Coteau, the center of the road a person owns that half and the other person owns it across the street so how are we going to handle that? Are you going to have some verbiage in there to get this together where as they all will have to agree? Everybody will have to sign a right-a-way there.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “If they don’t all agree then we will have a problem. It will be up to them to decide among the group. That would be consider as an emergency since day one.”

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, “I know that we have drawn up 3 ordinances and none of them have come into play yet.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “I think this one will be something that we will be able to work with or at least start with. We will have some issues but we have been looking at other parishes and trying to understand how they do theirs and not many do anything with private roads.”

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, “Thank you.”

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated, “We are looking forward to Choupique Road also being resolved. Thank you very much.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “Yes Ma’am.”

10. Discuss status of debris pickup. (Councilwoman Mildred Thierry)

Councilwoman Mildred Thierry stated, “Madam Chair I think this item has already been taken care of earlier in the meeting.”

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

Councilman Timmy Lejeune stated, “Mr. Bellard on Tecumseh Loop there are vehicles that park on the end of the road I don’t know if they are using it for a parking lot the community is complaining about that.

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “It is a Sheriff’s Office. If it is on the roadway it will be a violation of the statue.”

Councilman Timmy Lejeune stated, “They do nothing. They have called.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “I will call the sheriff tomorrow and see what we can do.”

Councilman Timmy Lejeune stated, “Okay thank you.”

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, “I just want to make an announcement that I have received word from Mr. Chris Chavez of DOTD. They are going to shut down HWY 178 Bridge across Bayou Bourbeux by the Dimmick Property. They will shut the bridge down and repair it. There are some pilings that are bad and they will start an overlay project. I spoke to

Representative Dustin Miller and they are in the process of overlaying that road from Domengeaux Lumber Company at HWY 182 in Sunset to HWY 182 at the Old Harold Fontenot Grocery Store. That is in the process. They were going to close the road yesterday but he put it back another week. They are going to close the road first to fix the bridge then they are going to start overlaying. Dustin Miller advised that there were some verbiage in the bill to overlay that road and they are going to have all of that taken care of.”

Public Works Chairwoman Vivian Olivier questioned, “Where are they going to end it?”

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, “They are going to end it at HWY 182 to HWY 182. That is the short cut to go to the back side of Sunset. That separate you and I in District 8 and District 9. Chris Chavez of DOTD advised it. Thank you and that is all that I have.”

12. Adjourn.

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

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jody White, Mildred Thierry, Alvin Stelly and Timmy Lejeune.

NAYS: None. **ABSENT:** Jimmie Edwards. **ABSTAINED:** None.

Motion carried.

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