

**ST. LANDRY PARISH COUNCIL
ADMINISTRATIVE/FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 6th, 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. Councilman Faltery Jolivette led the Pledge of Allegiance & Invocation.
3. **Roll Call:** Nancy Carriere, Faltery Jolivette, Dexter Brown and Ernest Blanchard. Ex-Officio Wayne Ardoin. **ABSENT:** Ken Marks.
4. **Person to address the Committee.**

Major Mark LeBlanc-St. Landry parish Sheriff Depart/Crime Stoppers Coordinator addressed the council. He stated, "My name is Mark Allen LeBlanc. I live at 448 St. Jude Avenue, Opelousas, LA. I have some handouts if I may pass them out and I really appreciate the time to speak before you. I come before you not really to ask for anything of any material significant and I am not asking for money. I know that it is a bit unusual but I am actually here to present a hope of very brief proposal of my recent duties. Many of you have known me a long time, I actually came out of retirement once again much to my wife's dismay to go back into law enforcement. I have been with the St. Landry Parish Sheriff's Department just over three and one-half years. The Sheriff in his wisdom has seen fit to promote me to major and I am now the Public Information Officer, I am also the Crime Stoppers Coordinator. I work directly with the St. Landry Crime Stoppers Board. I presented this to them and I got an overwhelming response so I am hoping I am on the right track. I am here to present this to you but also to seek information and guidance and if you think I am going down the wrong road that is fine or maybe there are other suggestions that you may be able to offer. The objective here is to assist in the combatting of the prevalent litter and dumping that goes on throughout our beautiful parish. I have listed the vested parties but we only need to drive around our rural areas to see what extent this travesty has occurred. I truly believe that our parish government and its resources are doing everything humanly possible to try and clear this up. The problem is that it happens and it has to be located and the resources are allocated. There are not enough resources to deal with the problem on the magnitude that we have but we have another resource and that is our citizens. I want to try and use St. Landry Crime Stoppers to utilize our citizens in keeping watch over our citizens to make sure that when dumping occurs they report it and they can be rewarded through the Crime Stopper Program. When I started this I was unaware of the detail components of the statue involved which is under the Louisiana Revised Statues 30. I was pleasantly surprised to find out that throwing a cigarette butt, the citation cost is \$300.00. It only goes up radically from that point. If you get caught dumping a tire that is a \$1,800.00 fine and you will pay for the cost of retrieval and you will pay for the cost of the transportation of the tire and you will pay for the cost of the disposal and the proper recycling disposal of the tire. That is written in the law. I have recently spoken with our District Attorney, Mr. Chad Pitre and he assures me that he has not yet and he will not forgo any of these citations. He said to this date every citation for littering or dumping that has gone through his office went through and it went to court. Whatever benevolence the judge sees fit within the boundaries of the law of course that prevails. We have the teeth to make this work and I think it is just a matter of getting the word out to our citizens and allowing them the opportunity to enforce each other and we will pay the tip money. The dollar amount have to be assigned. It is a mathematical computation that is used by Crime Stoppers. It is based on the level of the criminal act defined and the fees accessed etc. People may be getting a couple of hundred bucks for turning people in for dumping, littering or whatever, there are three primary grades. I am happy to say or I am more fully ignorant of any industrial dumping that goes on in our parish. I think that you all have a handle on that. Many years ago Solid Waste has really taken the bull by the horn in that regards. Now we are looking at the two lower levels which is gross dumping and littering. I may need from this a gust body either individually

or collectively your appearance in a Promotional Public Service Announcement of some type. You only have to look to the south of us and see Lafayette has been running an Anti-Litter Program. We have to see the likes of Mr. Stuller who owns Stuller Settings, picking up trash. That impacts the public to see our elected officials promoting this and to see our other promote citizens business leaders promoting this and it can only have a positive effect. I have to admit this stuck close to home. I live in Westgate Subdivision which is a beautiful little subdivision and I have to tell you that they have one short section of wooded area on St. Berchman right now, Andrepont Road and I have been maintaining the grass along that road out of the goodness of my heart because it make it easier to see the intersection and it does not cause me any grief doing it. One weekend I filled the front end loader bucket of my tractor with trash. My neighbor came along three days later pulling a cart and had it overflowing with trash. That is ridiculous, it is absolutely ridiculous. Some of these areas are not easily monitored. It would be very difficult to set a camera system or something. I have assurances from the sheriff and we have a camera surveillance system and we may be able to use it if it is not being occupied in any other activities. There may be some other resources that we can bring to bear the help with this. We would prefer that the word get out with a strong enough message that the citizens correct their own behavior. I would much rather see our parish resources utilized for the beautification of our parish instead of having to clean up everybody else mess. I don't think any of our good citizens here today would argue with that. Some of it is innocent enough and sometimes a little piece of something blows out of the back of a truck I am not worried about that. When I am seeing dumping of garbage bags full of trash that is being thrown out of vehicles. I am here to present this and you have my contract information and I would really appreciated any suggestions. The older I get and the longer I do this sometimes the dumber I feel. I really respect the opinion of others, any of our citizens and any of our other community leaders you know of please pass this word on and I am looking at a start date sometimes in 2025, right before the spring or something along those lines. Are there any questions?"

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere questioned, "Are you going to work in conjunction with the two detectives?"

Major Mark LeBlanc stated, "I certainly can. I would be more than happy to work with anybody and everybody in this endeavor. We will be utilizing our own enforcement personnel within the Sheriff's Department. The city themselves pretty much have a grasp on everything. I think the biggest problem area is mostly the rural area within the parish."

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated, "I just want to tell you that I go on St. Patrick's every day and I saw you last week so kudos to you."

Major Mark LeBlanc, "Thank you Ma'am."

Councilman Faltery Jolivette stated, "Thank you very much. My question is this, what is the next step? What is next?"

Major Mark LeBlanc, "We are going to get together with the Crime Stoppers Board. By the way I have a slogan, I don't know if it will take off or not, this is not my area of expertise. I would like to see the primary slogan saying: "**Store it, don't throw it.**" It is not a copyright slogan and nobody have used it in anywhere. It has typically been used in Florida along waterways. I am modifying it for use here within our parish."

Councilman Faltery Jolivette stated, "We won't be infringing on come some copyright?"

Major Mark LeBlanc, "No Sir. I researched that."

Councilman Faltery Jolivette questioned, "How do we get the word out? How do we advertise it?"

Major Mark LeBlanc, "That is going to fall to our wonderful news media. My relationship is the public information with the Sheriff's Department. I will endeavor to meet with our area news people and see if we can get PSA's their call and try to mention it in each and every possible opportunity when we have engagements with our news media."

As much as I can and as much as they are allowed a saturation of information we are looting at possibly utilizing handouts, they don't call them bumper stickers anymore but the sticker program we initiated one with Crime Stoppers that went over like crazy. In fact we recently won a national award for our sticker program for St. Landry Crime Stoppers. I am hoping to do it that way through connections with other Crime Stopper Entities throughout the United States. We can poll information from them and find best practices, techniques to get the information out there. It can be as simple as word of mouth."

Councilman Faltery Jolivette stated, "Thank you. That will work. I appreciate your efforts.

Councilman Ernest Blanchard stated, "It just so happen that I had dinner with a Code Enforcement Officer in Eunice today. We turned in 23 sheets to Richard LeBouef and his crew. That is how much debris we have in Eunice. When the wind blows it is all over the streets. You might want to talk to Richard LeBouef to see if you can get some help."

Major Mark LeBlanc, "I would appreciate that. We have noticed in our subdivision when you have massive amount of trash I would argue and I would be willing to argue with anybody that we don't have a drainage problem in this parish we have a debris problem. Some of that is going to be naturally occurring and that is just something that the maintenance crews are going to have to handle but I am telling you the amount of trash that have choked off drainage just in my subdivision. I can't tell you in the 25 years that I have lived there how many times my yard has been completely inundated with water. You are talking about property damage, let's hit it where it means the most. If you can stop the flooding through this effort or mitigate the flooding if nothing else then you will stand a high probability of people suffering less property damage, less cooperate damage and business damages from flooding which hopefully will reduce our rates and I don't think anybody will argue against that."

Mr. Perry Fontenot addressed the council regarding his application for the SLED Board. He stated, "Good afternoon I am Perry Fontenot. This is my daughter Karis Fontenot, she is a dancer with Ms. Grace Hamilton and my son is with me but he had to step out, he wanted to go to the restroom. My address is 122 Spanish Moss Lane here in Opelousas. Mr. Chairman, board, thank you for having me this evening. I just wanted to inform the board that I will be applying for the SLED Board Position."

Administrative/Finance Chairman Harold Taylor stated, "Tell us a little bit about yourself."

Mr. Perry Fontenot stated, "I am an Environmental Scientist. It was great to hear the conversation we just talked about with the debris. I am the Regional Consultant at DQ for the Acadian and Central Louisiana Region. I work primarily with small businesses and outreach development. Just today I was in Jennings doing what they call Enviroscape talking about liter and pollution and developing a plan on how to stop a lot of those things in that area. Additionally I am a Lieutenant in the Army, a Special Project Officer. Whenever there is an emergency we go to the Regional Staging area which is in Roseland and we wait for the respective Parish Presidents to send out their orders and we make sure the respective comedies get to the regions wherever requested."

Councilman Faltery Jolivette questioned, "Mr. Fontenot, what is your interest? I read your notes, why would you want to serve?"

Mr. Perry Fontenot stated, "Why not, I am a citizen here in the parish and I feel that I have a lot to offer. Giving that I am working primarily with small business and having the military connection I think that is something that I can contribute to the board."

Councilman Faltery Jolivette stated, "Thank you."

Administrative/Finance Chairman Harold Taylor stated, "Are there any other question? Thank you very much. Our next speaker is Mr. Thurman Johnson. Please give us your name and address and tell us about yourself."

Mr. Thurman Johnson addressed the board regarding his application for the SLED Board. He stated, “My name is Thurman Johnson. I live at 408 Collins Lane, Opelousas. The Plaisance area, Ms. Thierry’s District. I am a Business Manager at Great Beginning Pediatrics, my wife’s pediatrics practice. I am also co-owner of Pedro’s Lodge and Event Center here in downtown. I am a former member of the Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors. The chairman of the board three years ago, I am also on the Chamber Foundation Board. I call myself an in port to Louisiana because I was born and raised in Beaumont Texas. We moved to Austin Texas. I was an Electrical Engineer, Manufacturing Engineer Project Manager. I also spent some time in St. Clair and Silicon Valley with my job. We moved here because my wife wanted to move back home. She is a Plaisance girl. We came back home for her to open up her practice.”

Administrative/Finance Chairman Harold Taylor stated, “Are there any questions?”

Councilman Faltery Jolivette questioned “Why?”

Mr. Thurman Johnson stated, “I wanted to continue to use my experiences in the different areas. I was also a coach here at North West High School and I have been around the kids. I have two boys of my own who are in college. Unfortunately I don’t feel that they can come back here to work. It needs to have more business opportunities and I feel my experience can help with that. I have seen Austin grow from to what it is now. I lived there during that time and it is a big difference. I think I can share some of that experience here and hopefully build something for our youth to come home for.”

Administrative/Finance Chairman Harold Taylor stated, “Are there any other questions for Mr. Johnson? Our next speak is Ms. Toni Effingger.”

Ms. Toni Effingger addressed the board regarding her application for the SLED Board. She stated, “How are you all doing today? My name is Toni Effingger. My address is 329 Rodeo Drive, Opelousas. I am re-applying to continue my spot on the SLED Board. During the time that I originally got on the SLED Board it was 2020. There were a lot that we did not get a chance to do in 2020 because of COVID. It took a long time to understand what the process was in being on the SLED Board and what my purpose was. After being there for the last four years I want to continue so I can continue to learn and continue to help. I am the Broker Owner of Re/Max Excellence Real Estate here in Opelousas so I am working to make everybody a home owner so that we can combat crime so that we can have business growth. That are some different things that I feel that I can offer based on my experience. My family is originally from here but I was not raised here, I came back here so that I can be in between my parents and care for them. Opelousas have grown on me so it is my home and I want to continue to support the SLED Board and its growth to Opelousas. Do you all have any questions for me?”

Councilman Faltery Jolivette stated, “You pretty much answered them.”

Ms. Toni Effingger stated, “Thank you. “By the way, I think you all have a flyer for the Thanksgiving Dinner.”

Administrative/Finance Chairman Harold Taylor stated, “Ms. McKnight, Ms. Devin McKnight. Please state your name and address and you may have the floor.”

Ms. Devin McKnight addressed the board regarding her application for the SLED Board. She stated, “Good evening everyone. My name is Devin Manuel McKnight. My address is 713 S. Walnut Street, Opelousas, LA. I just want to thank each and every one of you for allowing me to come forward to formally introduce myself. I have recently applied for the SLED Position. I am a lifelong resident here in St. Landry Parish, District 2. I am the youngest of two girls. My mother is Della Lewis Manuel and my father is Martin Wayne Manuel. I am happily married to my husband Alfred Brandon McKnight. We have been happily married for four months now as of today so I am a newlywed. I am a graduate of Opelousas High School and upon from graduating from Opelousas I attended the University of New Orleans. There I received my Bachelor of Science and Business Management with a Concentration in Human Resources. Thereafter I went back

to graduate school and I received my Master of Business Administration with a Secondary Degree in Health Care Management. With my education as well as with my professional background I have served 8 years in the Health Care Profession with 6 of those years being with Ochsner Lafayette General. There I am the Clinical Supervisor and I oversee 7 clinics. I also work with a team of medical professional that range from doctors to nurse practitioners to nurses and a multitude of other health care professionals, I love what I do. I love what I do and I love being a service to all individuals and I feel that health care is definitely the place for me. In addition to my professional I am deeply committed in my Faith. I am a lifelong Parishioner of Holy Ghost Catholic Church. There I am a Lector, a Eucharistic Minister and when needed I am an Adult Alter Server. In addition to that I have had the honor of being the Chairperson for the Centennial Core Committee when we celebrated our 100th year celebration for Holy Ghost. I am also a member of the Knights of Peter Claver and the Ladies Auxiliary Court 8. In that organization I serve as the Junior Daughter Assistant Counselor. That is basically me wrapped up in one. I truly feel that I would be beneficial and an asset to the SLED Board and I look forward to it. I feel that I have strong communication skills and I am a team player and I am extremely supportive of the people that I work along beside me. I am a strategic planner and there are a wide range of things that I can do. I can go on and on but I won't do that tonight. I appreciate you all letting me come forward to speak to you. I am open to any and all questions if anyone have any."

Councilwoman Mildred Thierry questioned, "What is your name again?"

Ms. Devin McKnight stated, "My name is Devin Manuel McKnight."

Councilman Faltery Jolivette questioned, "Are you going to have some time to serve on the board?"

Ms. Devin McKnight stated, "Absolutely. I always have time. I make time."

Councilman Faltery Jolivette stated, "Thank you Ms. McKnight."

Ms. Devin McKnight stated, "Thank you and you all have a blessed evening."

5. Parish President & Finance Reports:

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "You all have in front of you the Inventory Tax that the Governor is proposing for this year. The Inventory Tax that they want to take away from the Tax Rolls. In front of you is what we would actually lose as a parish. When I am talking about as a parish is what we collect to run Government as Parish Government. That is not counting District 5 or District 6. That is \$9,100,000.00 and some change. I meet with the Governor two weeks ago and there were 26 Parish President's in the room and every last one of us said that same thing, we can't do it. If this tax goes away we can't survive as a Government because of a lot reasons. Number one: Mandated Expenses. Our Mandates are \$4,600,000.00 per year as we sit now. We collect about \$4,000,000.00 a year in taxes for that Mandate. We are already \$600,000.00 in the hole. If we would take the option of doing away with the Inventory Tax that would cripple us another \$900,000.00 a year for Parish Government's Mandated Expenses. The option of that and I can pretty much tell you that we are going to probably say 'No' and every last one of us in that meeting told them 'No'. There are two other options where if you phase it out over 5 years we would get \$8,000,000.00 upfront money and that would carry us over for basically 7 years. In 7 years you have to find a way to recoup your \$900,000.00 that you are losing. There is another option that gives you \$15,000,000.00 if you phase it out now. January 1, 2025 and you phase it out you get \$15,000,000.00 but as you can see that is \$9,000,000.00 right here just on what Parish Government takes in and that would not help us at all. So they are doing away with the Franchise Tax so the business Community will get a break on the Franchise Tax. I don't know of any parish in the State of Louisiana that will do the Inventory Tax voluntarily because of the loss of revenue for each one of them. Other than that we haven't seen anything that is going to be drastic as far as Government is concerned. This is something that if we take that option we would lose a lot of money that we could not function without it. Sherry put this together for us and I wanted to hand it out to you all tonight so you all can have it and look at it and see what you all think about it. I don't know if anybody is going to take it. They

are leaving it up to the Parish President, the Sheriff and the School Board Superintendent. It has to be a unanimous decision to take it or not take it. I did not say nothing one way or the other but I am telling you all unless you all tell me different I am going to say 'No' because I don't see where we are benefitting at all with this program. I wanted you all to get a copy of it so you all can see the actual numbers that Sherry put together for us."

Administrative/Finance Chairman Harold Taylor stated, "So Mr. President if I understand it right the Governor wants to do away with the Inventory Tax. As it is today these merchants pay the Inventory Tax and then they get a refund from the State and he want to eliminate the state's share of it."

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "That is correct."

Administrative/Finance Chairman Harold Taylor stated, "If I am correct then he is going to allow the parishes to continue doing the Inventory Tax, in other words he is shifting the responsibility. How is he saying that, he is getting the cut and he is making us the culprits?"

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "It is not a bad thing but it is the truth and he told us that. He is taking away the credits on this. It is \$285,000,000.00 that the state pays in credits. He told us that he is taking it away and you all have the option to keep it on the books or not but that is the decision for the locals. He was open and honest with it and that is what his plan is. It is up to the locals to decide on how."

Administrative/Finance Chairman Harold Taylor stated, "So when do we have to do that?"

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "They have to pass it. I think the session just started today. I just wanted you all to have this in front of you all and the most recent information that I received from the Governor Office reference to this. Out of everything in the package this is the one that we were most worried about and it is an option so it is not mandatory. There were 26 parishes there were there and none of us said that we were taking the option."

Administrative/Finance Chairman Harold Taylor stated, "Are there any other questions? Is there anything else?"

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "Yes Sir. The other thing is one of the issues we are having in collecting the liens on adjudicated properties. Whenever an adjudicated piece of property comes up we go and we clean it up and we put a lien on the property. They have been going straight to the Sheriff's Office and redeeming the property without paying the lien. What I want to is pass an Ordinance requiring that a lien certificate or release is given by the parish once we collect the liens on it before they can redeem their property back. The Sheriff may collect it, there is no saying that he shall but Lance told me today that it is an ordinance that we have to pass on a local level to require that anybody going to redeem property. If there is a Governmental Lien on it they have to pay the Lien first before we will release the property. I want to get that ordinance drafted and bring it back to the council for the full council meeting. I just wanted to give you all that as the information."

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

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

6. Discuss Proposed Budget Cuts.

Administrative/Finance Chairman Harold Taylor stated, "Are there any questions? The next item was a discussion of the budget. Are we ready to go forward with a budget?"

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “I was going to ask if you all wanted to form a committee to sit down so we can look at that budget cuts that we will have to do this year. I am good with whoever you all want to put on the committee. Whatever you all decide.”

Administrative/Finance Chairman Harold Taylor stated, “Do you want the Finance Committee to serve on that?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “That is fine.”

Administrative/Finance Chairman Harold Taylor stated, “If someone can’t then we will bring in another member. The Chairman should be around I am sure.”

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, “I will be glad to sit on it.”

Administrative/Finance Chairman Harold Taylor stated, “We can’t be seven members correct?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “Right, correct, yes Sir.”

- 7. Authorize and forward to Full Council a vote on whether or not to approve the application for review of the Industrial Tax Exemption Program (ITEP) application submitted by Noble Plastics, LLC.**

Administrative/Finance Chairman Harold Taylor stated, “In you packet you have the details of that. I have read it in detail and recommend that we forward it to the Full Council for approval.”

A motion was made by Councilman Ernest Blanchard, seconded by Councilwoman Nancy Carriere to forward to Regular Meeting held on **Wednesday, November 20, 2024** to approve The Application for Review of the Industrial Tax Exemption Program (ITEP) application submitted by Noble Plastics, LLC.

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

Motion forwarded.

- 8. Authorize and forward to Full Council Citizen Participation Plan for the LCDBG Clearance Program Application.**

The St. Landry Parish Government has adopted the following Citizen Participation Plan to meet the citizen participation requirements of Section 508 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended. The St. Landry Parish Government is committed through adoption of this plan to full and total involvement of all residents of the community in the composition, implementation and assessment of its Louisiana Community Development Block Grant (LCDBG) Program. Attempts will be made to reach all citizens, with particular emphasis on participation by persons of low and moderate income, residents of slum and blighted areas and of areas in which funds are proposed to be used. A copy of this plan will be made available to the public upon request.

A motion was made by Councilman Faltery Jolivette, seconded by Councilman Ernest Blanchard to forward to Regular Meeting held on **Wednesday, November 20, 2024** to approve the Council Citizen Participation Plan for the LCDBG Clearance Program Application.

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

Motion forwarded.

- 9. Forward to Full Council RESOLUTION NO. 030-2024**

A motion was made by Councilman Ernest Blanchard, seconded by Councilman Dexter Brown to forward to Regular Meeting held on **Wednesday November 20th, 2024** to Adopt **Resolution No. 030-2024.**

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

RESOLUTION NO. 030-2024

A resolution approving the holding of an election in Fire Protection District No. 3 of the Parish of St. Landry, State of Louisiana, on Saturday, March 29, 2025, to authorize the renewal of a special tax therein.

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Fire Protection District No. 3 of the Parish of St. Landry, State of Louisiana (the "Governing Authority"), acting as the governing authority of Fire Protection District No. 3 of the Parish of St. Landry, State of Louisiana (the "District"), adopted a resolution on November 19, 2024, calling a special election in the District on Saturday, March 29, 2025, to authorize the renewal of a special tax therein; and

WHEREAS, the governing authority of the District has requested that this Parish Council, acting as the governing authority of the Parish of St. Landry, State of Louisiana, give its consent and authority for the District to hold the aforesaid election, and in the event that the election carries to continue to levy and collect the special tax provided for therein; and

WHEREAS, as required by Article VI, Section 15 of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana of 1974, it is now the desire of this Parish Council to approve the holding of said election and in the event that the election carries, to authorize the District to continue to levy and collect the special tax provided for therein;

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

SECTION 1. In compliance with the provisions of Article VI, Section 15 of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana of 1974, and in accordance with the request of the Board of Commissioners of Fire Protection District No. 3 of the Parish of St. Landry, State of Louisiana, this Parish Council hereby approves the holding of an election in the District, on Saturday, March 29, 2025, at which election there will be submitted the following proposition, to-wit:

**PROPOSITION
(MILLAGE RENEWAL)**

Shall Fire Protection District No. 3 of the Parish of St. Landry, State of Louisiana (the "District"), continue to levy a special tax of 10.36 mills on all property subject to taxation in the District (an estimated \$2,422,000 reasonably expected at this time to be collected from the levy of the tax for an entire year), for a period of 10 years, beginning with the year 2026 and ending with the year 2035, for the purpose of constructing, maintaining and operating the District's fire protection facilities, and paying the cost of obtaining water for fire protection purposes, provided that a portion of the Tax proceeds is required to be contributed to state and statewide retirement systems as provided in R.S. 11:82?

SECTION 2. In the event the election carries, this Parish Council does hereby further consent to and authorize the District to continue to levy and collect the special tax provided for therein.

10. Forward to Full Council RESOLUTION NO. 031-2024.

A motion was made by Councilman Ernest Blanchard, seconded by Councilman Faltery Jolivette to forward to Regular Meeting held on *Wednesday November 20th, 2024* to Adopt *Resolution No. 031-2024.*

On roll call vote: YEAS: Nancy Carriere, Faltery Jolivette, Dexter Brown and

Ernest Blanchard. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** Ken Marks. **ABSTAINED:** None.

Motion forwarded.

RESOLUTION NO. 031-2024

Resolution authorizing the filing of an application with the State of Louisiana FY 2025 Community Development Block Grant (LCDBG) Program.

WHEREAS, there are many dilapidated and potentially dangerous buildings and structures in St. Landry Parish.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the St. Landry Parish Council that the St. Landry Parish Government approves the project to demolish all structures listed in this resolution.

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the St. Landry Parish Council that the St. Landry Parish Government shall be responsible for all legal fees that are incurred during the preparation and/or implementation of this program. Local funds will be used to pay all legal fees incurred by the St. Landry Parish Government.

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the St. Landry Parish Council that the St. Landry Parish Government shall be responsible for all administrative costs associated with the implementation of this program; such costs will include, but not be limited to application preparation fees, audit fees, advertising and publication fees, local staff time, workshop expenses, and/or administrative consultant fees. Local funds will be used to pay all administrative costs incurred by the St. Landry Parish Government.

The following is a list of the dilapidated and potentially dangerous buildings and structures in St. Landry Parish.

PARCEL NUMBER	PROPERTY OWNER	ADDRESS
0104311600	DARIA DAVE	712 HWY 3043, OPELOUSAS, LA.
0106070000	JOSEPH AUZENNE	625 COUNTRY RIDGE RD, OPELOUSAS, LA
0104015000	DAVID SEBASTIEN	113 LOFTON STREET, OPELOUSAS LA.
0400353000	MIKEL WAYNE HAYES, ETALS	MELVILLE. LA.
0300536800	AGATHA BOXIE	903 BOXIE RD, ARNAUDVILLE, LA.
0300535000	MARIE EAGLIN TRAVIS	897 BOXIE RD, ARNAUDVILLE, LA.
0401049375	CYNTHIA C WILTZ	LOUISE ST, MELVILLE, LA.
0300536000	EUGENE BOXIE	783 BOXIE RD LOT A, ARNAUDVILLE, LA.
0103501000	PEARL WINFREY	825 HALPHEN ST, OPELOUSAS, LA.
0400374700	IRENE CHAMPAGNE	121 GUM STREET, MELVILLE, LA.
0400180600	ROBERT LAMARK	130 GUM STREET, MELVILLE, LA.
0400107700	VERNON SCOTT	425 WALNUT ST, MELVILLE, LA.
0400027500	LUKE BOUDREAUX	448 WALNUT ST., MELVILLE, LA.
0400079000	JUANITA BROWN	548 GUM ST, MELVILLE, LA.
0400277000	JACOB SOILEAU	218 FONTENOT ST, MELVILLE, LA.
0400057000	CLINTON COLLINS	527 EMMA ZION ST., MELVILLE, LA.
0400344500	IRENE VAUGHNS	727 LANDRUM ST, MELVILLE, LA.
0400122500	BARBARA CASTLE	636 DODGE ST., MELVILLE, LA.
0400367000	RUDOLPH WILLIAMS	1015 2 ND ST., MELVILLE, LA.
0400163500	LEE ANDREW JOHNSON	732 BURTON ST, MELVILLE, LA.
0400187000	CYNTHIA D. SEMIEN	720 BURTON ST, MELVILLE, LA.
0400164000	CLYDE JONES, JR	229 ASH STREET, MELVILLE, LA.

0400018010	DEBBIE CLARK	306 CHURCH ST, MELVILLE, LA.
0400099600	LAURA FONTENOT	26 GUM ST, MELVILLE, LA.
0400085537	GEORGE MORGAN	104 TEXAS ST, MELVILLE, LA.
0400165500	HARVEY/LILLIE JONES	540 LANDRUM ST., MELVILLE, LA.
0400197800	GEORGIA MCINNIS	526 LANDRUM ST, MELVILLE, LA.
0400325500	CARLTON STELLY	335 WALNUT ST., MELVILLE, LA.
0400365150	LEONA LIZZIE WILLIAMS	626 PAYTON ST., MELVILLE, LA.
0400375000	RUBY YOUNG	441 FRONT ST., MELVILLE, LA.
0400197450A	CHARLES TERRELL	827 JACKSON LN, MELVILLE, LA.
0400000700	ERIC J. THIBODEAUX	1010 JACKSON LN, MELVILLE, LA.
0400232260	ANNASTASIA THOMAS	LANDRUM, MELVILLE, LA.
0400033150	PATRICK MCNEIL	426 THIRD ST., MELVILLE, LA.
0400138875	VELMA DURESEAU HENDRIX	1705 BURTON ST., MELVILLE, LA.
0400117000	SHIRLEY GOUDEAU	BURTON ST., MELVILLE, LA.
0400319450	AL JOLSON SMITH	1218 SECOND ST., MELVILLE, LA.
0400017050	DONNIE CHARLES	133 SECOND ST, MELVILLE, LA.
0400055000	MRS. ROGERS CLARK	441 JONES ST., MELVILLE, LA.
0400262005	CLARA PERRY	1226 SECOND ST, MELVILLE, LA.
0400129500	DAVE HARDEN	1242 FIRST ST., MELVILLE, LA.
0400038500	RUFUS BUTLER	1242 FIRST ST., MELVILLE, LA.
0400194000	ODELIA LONZO	1126 1 ST ST., MELVILLE, LA.
0400364500	JOSEPH WILLIAMS	619 PAYTON ST., MELVILLE, LA.
0400118000	VIRGINIA GOUDEAU	999 2 ND ST., MELVILLE, LA.
0400353300	DANA CHANEY	318 HAVARD ST., MELVILLE, LA.
0400356500	GERALD JACKSON	106 HAVARD ST, MELVILLE, LA.
0400107500	LEONARD GANSON	210 WALNUT ST., MELVILLE, LA.
0400138500	ELIJAH HEATH	224 224 WALNUT ST., MELVILLE, LA.
0400084005	JOHNNY LEE DUMES	316 WALNUT ST., MELVILLE, LA.
0400235500	PEARL MOUILE	245 CHURCH ST., MELVILLE, LA.
0400353000	MICKEL HAYNES	286 CHURCH ST., MELVILLE, LA.
0400215900	ALVIN MARTIN	415 CHURCH ST., MELVILLE, LA.
0400099010	KENNETH WASHINGTON	131 TEXAS ST., MELVILLE, LA.
0400232267A	DEAN NAPOLI	201 CHURCH ST., MELVILLE, LA.
UNKNOWN	WEBSTER REED	554 REGINA ST., KROTZ SPRINGS, LA.
UNKNOWN	WEBSTER REED	544 REGINA ST., KROTZ SPRINGS, LA.
UNKNOWN	WEBSTER REED	550 REGINA ST., KROTZ SPRINGS, LA.
0400800000	RONALD ARDOIN	208 SECOND ST., KROTZ SPRINGS, LA.
0400800000	RONALD ARDOIN	208 SIXTH ST., KROTZ SPRINGS, LA.
0401007000	DOTTI NEZAT	229 KROTZ ST., KROTZ SPRINGS, LA.
UNKNOWN	DOTTI NEZAT	329 PARK ST., KROTZ SPRINGS, LA.
0400863500	SIDNEY DREYFUS	333 PARK ST., KROTZ SPRINGS, LA.
0401034700	JOHN TERRELL	415 PARK ST., KROTZ SPRINGS, LA.
0400919510	GLENDA KELLEY	334 MORAN ST., KROTZ SPRINGS, LA.
0400919550	GLENDA KELLEY	131 RAILROAD., KROTZ SPRINGS, L.A.
0400919555	GLENDA KELLEY	111 KROTZ ST., KROTZ SPRINGS, LA.
0400919550	LISA MORAN	TRAILER BEHIND 131 RAILROAD (BURNT)
UNKNOWN		545 VINE ST, MELVILLE, LA.
0101419000		718 HALPHEN ST., OPELOUSAS, LA.

0100059500		813 HALPHEN ST., OPELOUSAS, LA.
0103456000		815 HALPHEN ST., OPELOUSAS, LA.
0100649999		817 HALPHEN ST., OPELOUSAS, LA.
0102109500		802 HIRAM ST., OPELOUSAS, LA.
UNKNOWN		106 FEDERAL RD., OPELOUSAS, LA.
0400232240	MICHAEL J BROWN	318 GUM ST., MELVILLE, LA.
0100945800	ALBERT THOMPSON JR	2010 EDWARDS ST., OPELOUSAS, LA.
0102336150	MICHAEL MORRIS	416 N OAK ST., OPELOUSAS, LA.
0400334000		120 HAVARD ST., MELVILLE LA.
0400224000		119 3 RD ST., MELVILLE, LA.
0400120000		1234 PAR RD 4-227, MELVILLE, LA.
0400097800		1123 PAR RD 4-227, MELVILLE, LA.
UNKNOWN		VICTOR ST., MELVILLE, LA.
0400268430		303 VICTOR ST., MELVILLE, LA.
0400372500		515 OLLIE ST., MELVILLE, LA.
UNKNOWN		701 OLLIE ST., MELVILLE, LA.
UNKNOWN		156 TRESLE ST., MELVILLE, LA.
UNKNOWN		200 4 TH ST., MELVILLE, LA.
0400291500		242 4 TH ST., MELVILLE, LA.
0400299500		118 3 RD ST., MELVILLE, LA.
010756000	ROSINA JONES	505 MARTEL OPELOUSAS, LA
0400323500		924 JACKSON LN, MELVILLE, LA.
0400085525		1037 PAR RD 4-227, MELVILLE, LA.
0400097800		1123 PAR RD 4-227, MELVILLE, LA.
0400081050		407 HAGEN ST., MELVILLE, LA.
0400216500		405 HAGEN ST., MELVILLE, LA.
0400011000A		122 3 RD ST., MELVILLE, L.A.
0400216500		411 HAGEN ST., MELVILLE, LA.
0400016800		609 PAYTON ST., MELVILLE, LA.
0400199500A		1024 2 ND ST., MELVILLE, LA.
UNKNOWN		308 VICTOR ST., MELVILLE, LA.
0400132000		1030 FOREST ST., MELVILLE, LA.
UNKNOWN		111 MCNEIL ST., MELVILLE, LA.
9453663765		718 LA-105, MELVILLE, LA.
UNKNOWN		LEE STREET, MELVILLE, LA.
UNKNOWN		301 WALNUT ST. MELVILLE, LA.
0400245000A		607 DODGE ST., MELVILLE, LA.
8401569800		111 OAK ST., MELVILLE, LA.
UNKNOWN		RAILROAD ST. MELVILLE, LA.
UNKNOWN		1273 2 ND ST., MELVILLE, LA.
0603904000	CURTIS ROUGEAU	133 DORA LN, LAWTELL, LA.
0603750350	JAMES FONTENOT	140 DORA LN., LAWTELL LA.
0602381800	KENNETH BELLARD	190 BOLLICH RD, EUNICE, LA.
0603561000	MICHAEL MARSHALL	111 SPATZ RD, EUNICE, LA.
0601073500	KYRIES D HEBERT SR	200 KYRIES HEBERT ST., EUNICE, LA.
0601195475	GERALD J GUILLORY	311 ST JOSEPH ST N, EUNICE, LA.
0604083000	GAVENS STEVENS	139 NILE LN, EUNICE, LA.
0103234830	ROLTON THOMAS	RAYMOND ST., OPELOUSAS LA.

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

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated, “I just want to mention Ms. Effingger’s Thanksgiving Program, everyone has a flyer, she is taking donations. I volunteered for Thanksgiving and this is a wonderful program. Anybody that wants to donate she accepts gift cards to give to the people during Thanksgiving after the meals are fed. If anyone is interested please contribute. This is a good program, a good event.”

12. Adjourn.

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

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

Motion carried.

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