

**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**