

**ST. LANDRY PARISH COUNCIL
PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING
THURSDAY, JANUARY 2nd, 2025
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 Jimmie Edwards. Ex-Officio Wayne Ardoin. **ABSENT:** Timmy Lejeune.
3. **Person to address the Committee:**
None.
4. **Public Works Report:**

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

Boom Axed	4	Roads
Culvert Cleaned	7	Roads
Culvert Installation	15	Roads
Debris Removal	40	Roads
Ditching	10	Roads
Grading	30	Roads
Material Spreading	6	Roads
Patching	28	Roads
Sign Installation	26	Roads
Tree Removal	4	Roads
Washout	10	Roads

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

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

Motion carried.

5. **Discuss changing the speed limit on Compress Road near the school zone. (Councilwoman Mildred Thierry).**

Councilwoman Mildred Thierry stated, “I would like to have this forwarded to the full council for discussion. A request was made that the Speed Limit be changed within the school zone. The speed limit is 30 miles per hour now but they are requesting that within the school zone that it is changed to 20 miles per hour, not the entire road, just within the school zone. I would like to have this forwarded to the full council for discussion.”

A motion was made by Councilman Jody White, seconded by Councilman Jimmie Edwards to forward to Regular Meeting held on *Wednesday, January 15th, 2025* to further discuss changing the speed limit from 30 mph to 20 mph on Compress Road near the school zone.

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

Motion forwarded.

6. **Forward all applications received for one appointment to the Public Works Commission District Six for a four-year term. (2-19-2025 – 02-19-2029).**

A motion was made by Councilman Jimmie Edwards, seconded by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry to forward to Regular Meeting held on *Wednesday, January 15th, 2025* all

applications received for one appointment to the 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, Alvin Stelly, and Jimmie Edwards
NAYS: None. **ABSENT:** Timmy Lejeune. **ABSTAINED:** None.

Motion forwarded.

7. Forward all applications received 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 Councilwoman Mildred Thierry, seconded by Councilman Jimmie Edwards to forward to Regular Meeting held on *Wednesday, January 15th, 2025* all applications received 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, Alvin Stelly, and Jimmie Edwards
NAYS: None. **ABSENT:** Timmy Lejeune. **ABSTAINED:** None.

Motion forwarded.

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

Councilman Alvin Stelly stated, “I have board member that is going to resign Jessie does he need a letter?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “Yes he can state something to you or if you want to put it as part of the record but if he has a letter that would be great.”

Councilman Alvin Stelly stated, “We are going to need to vote on that tonight to start advertising for two weeks right? I brought one application in.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “I would put it as part of the record for your meeting tonight and that way we can start the process.”

Councilman Alvin Stelly questioned, “Do we need to vote on that?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “I would.”

Councilman Alvin Stelly stated, “I would like to make a motion that we bring that to the full council.”

A motion was made by Councilman Alvin Stelly, seconded by Councilman Jimmie Edwards to forward to Regular Meeting held on *Wednesday, January 15th, 2025* to authorize the Council Clerk to advertise for one appointment to Ward 3 Consolidated Gravity Drainage District No. 1 for the remainder of a 4 year term. (12-21-2024 – 12-21-2028).

James Keith Richard has resigned.

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

Motion forwarded.

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere questioned, “Mr. Bellard, I just wanted to ask, I know I saw the news about two people resigning from the St. Landry Parish Housing Authority Board. Have you replace everybody yet?”

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

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated, “So everybody have been replace?”

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

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated, “I wanted to see who was on the list. Do you have a couple of names you can give to me later? Ms. Shawnee. Thank you. The reason why I ask, are you all taking any more applications?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “Yes Ma’am, we have already replaced them.”

9. Adjourn.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry, seconded by Councilman Alvin Stelly adjourn the Public Works Committee.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jody White, Mildred Thierry, Alvin Stelly, and Jimmie Edwards

NAYS: None. **ABSENT:** Timmy Lejeune. **ABSTAINED:** None.

Motion forwarded.

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