

AGENDA
ST. LANDRY PARISH COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19, 2025 @ 6:00 P.M.
OLD CITY MARKET, 131 W. BELLEVUE ST.
OPELOUSAS, LOUISIANA

- I. CALL TO ORDER**
- II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & INVOCATION (Councilman Faltery Jolivette)**
- III. ROLL CALL**
- IV. CONDOLENCES**
- V. PERSONS TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL**
- VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**
 - **Regular Meeting: February 19th, 2025**
 - **Special Meeting: March 5th, 2025**
- VII. PARISH PRESIDENT’S REPORT**
- VIII. NEW BUSINESS:**
 - *Items passed through committee.

- 1. Vote to appoint one appointment to the St. Landry Parish Tourist Commission for a three-year term. (02-19-2022 – 02-19-2025). Applicants are: Paul Scott and Felicia Kaplan Wiggins.
- 2. Authorize the Council Clerk to advertise for two appointments to Fire District No. 2 for a two-year term. (05-15-2025 – 05-15-2027)
- 3. Authorize the Council Clerk to advertise for three appointments to Bellevue & Coulee Crouche Gravity Drainage District No. 20 for a four-year term. (05-02-2025 – 05-02-2029)
- 4. Vote to increase Council Clerk Sherell Jordan rate of pay to \$30.00 per hour.
- 5. Vote to appoint Vickie Fontenot, Denny Williams, Nellie Neelly, and Howard Wiltz for four appointments to the St. Landry Parish Waterworks District No. 5 for a three-year term. (4-21-2025 -04-21-2028).
- 6. Vote to appoint Peter Smith Jr. and Joseph Darrell Burleigh for two appointments to Ward Two Gravity Drainage District No. 1 for a four-year term. (04-19-2025 – 04-19-2029).

IX. ORDINANCES TO BE INTRODUCED:

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-006

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

X. ORDINANCES TO BE ADOPTED:

ORDINANCE NO. 2025- 004

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ST. LANDRY PARISH CODE OF ORDINANCES SECTION 44-3 TO HAVE A SPEED LIMIT OF 20 MPH FOR COMPRESS ROAD IN FRONT OF THE SCHOOL, AND THE SPEED LIMIT OF 20 MPH SHALL ALSO BE IMPOSED FOR FIVE HUNDRED FEET FROM THE PROPERTY LINE OF THE SCHOOL IN BOTH DIRECTIONS

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL FOR ST. LANDRY PARISH GOVERNMENT THAT Section 44-3 of the St. Landry Parish Code of Ordinances shall be amended so that the speed limit for Compress Road in front of the school shall be 20 mph, and the speed limit of 20 mph shall also be imposed for five hundred feet from the property line of the school in both directions;

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL FOR ST. LANDRY PARISH GOVERNMENT THAT two signs notifying drivers of the 20 mph speed zone shall be placed on Compress Road, with one sign being placed before the beginning of the 20 mph speed zone, and the other sign being placed on the other side of the school before the beginning of the 20 mph speed zone;

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL FOR ST. LANDRY PARISH GOVERNMENT THAT the speed limit for the rest of Compress Road shall remain 30 mph;

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL FOR ST. LANDRY PARISH GOVERNMENT THAT all other provisions of, and amendments to, St. Landry Parish Code of Ordinances 44-3 shall remain unchanged and have the full effect of law.

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-005

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 26-47 IN ARTICLE III .- JUNKED MOTOR VEHICLES OR ABANDONED MOTOR VEHICLES, IN CHAPTER 26 OF THE ST. LANDRY PARISH CODE OF ORDINANCES TO INCLUDE OLD AND NEW TIRES IN THE DEFINITION OF JUNKED ITEMS

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL FOR ST. LANDRY PARISH GOVERNMENT THAT Section 26-47 in Chapter 26 in the St. Landry Parish Code of Ordinances is hereby amended and shall now read as follows:

Sec. 26-47. - Definitions.

For the purpose of this article, the following definitions shall apply:

Junked item shall be:

(1) Any unused major electrical appliances and/or parts thereof, including, but not limited to, washing machine(s), clothes drier(s), refrigerator(s), freezer(s), stove(s), water heater(s), and all furniture and waste other than agricultural solid waste.

(2) Machinery and/or equipment or parts thereof, junked motor vehicles, old and new tires, and unused major electrical appliances which, by reason of deterioration through rusting, rotting or otherwise, have become inoperable and/or unreasonable for the purposes for which they were intended.

(3) Construction debris.

(4) Waste paper, boxes and crates and/or parts thereof

XI. RESOLUTIONS TO BE ADOPTED:

Resolution No. 005-2025

A RESOLUTION TO GRANT PARISH PRESIDENT JESSIE BELLARD AUTHORITY TO NEGOTIATE WITH THE OFFICE OF PUBLIC HEALTH REGARDING WIC REIMBURSEMENT AND SIGN CONTRACT.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the St. Landry Parish Council authorize Parish President Jessie Bellard to execute the negotiation with the Office of Public Health Regarding WIC Reimbursement and Sign Contract;

Resolution No. 006-2025

A Resolution Authorizing the President to execute an Agreement with the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (LA DOTD) for improvements at the St. Landry Parish Airport.

WHEREAS, Act 451 of the 1989 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature authorized the financing of certain airport improvements from funds appropriated from the Transportation Trust Fund; and

WHEREAS, the St. Landry Parish Government has requested funding assistance from the LA DOTD to/for Rehabilitate Fuel Apron; and

WHEREAS, the stated project has been approved by the Louisiana Legislature and the LA DOTD is agreeable to the implementation of this project and desires to cooperate with the St. Landry Parish Government according to the terms and conditions identified in the attached Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the LA DOTD will provide the necessary funding for the Rehabilitate Fuel Apron and reimburse the sponsor up to \$30,377.00 of project cost.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the St. Landry Parish Government that it does hereby authorize the President to execute an Agreement for the project identified as AIP No. 3-22-0043-019-2023 and SPN H.016152, more fully identified in the Agreement attached hereto, and to execute any subsequent related documents, including, but not limited to, amendments to said agreement.

This resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its adoption

Resolution No. 007-2025

A Resolution Authorizing the President to execute an Agreement with the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (LA DOTD) for improvements at the St. Landry Parish Airport.

WHEREAS, Act 451 of the 1989 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature authorized the financing of certain airport improvements from funds appropriated from the Transportation Trust Fund; and

WHEREAS, the St. Landry Parish Government has requested funding assistance from the LA DOTD to/for Rehab Runway 18/36, Txy A Markings, Rehab Txy C, Fencing, Rwy 18/36 Lighting; and

WHEREAS, the stated project has been approved by the Louisiana Legislature and the LA DOTD is agreeable to the implementation of this project and desires to cooperate with the St. Landry Parish Government according to the terms and conditions identified in the

attached Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the LA DOTD will provide the necessary funding for the Rehab Runway 18/36, Txy A Markings, Rehab Txy C, Fencing, Rwy 18/36 Lighting and reimburse the sponsor up to \$169,911.00 of project cost.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the St. Landry Parish Government that it does hereby authorize the President to execute an Agreement for the project identified as AIP No. 3-22-0043-020-2024 and SPN H.016372, more fully identified in the Agreement attached hereto, and to execute any subsequent related documents, including, but not limited to, amendments to said agreement.

This resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its adoption.

Resolution No. 008-2025

A Resolution Authorizing the President to execute an Agreement with the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (LA DOTD) for improvements at the St. Landry Parish Airport.

WHEREAS, Act 451 of the 1989 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature authorized the financing of certain airport improvements from funds appropriated from the Transportation Trust Fund; and

WHEREAS, the St. Landry Parish Government has requested funding assistance from the LA DOTD to/for Obstruction Removal - Phase I - Runway 18/36; and

WHEREAS, the stated project has been approved by the Louisiana Legislature and the LA DOTD is agreeable to the implementation of this project and desires to cooperate with the St. Landry Parish Government according to the terms and conditions identified in the attached Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the LA DOTD will provide the necessary funding for the Obstruction Removal - Phase I - Runway 18/36 and reimburse the sponsor up to \$20,114.00 of project cost.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the St. Landry Parish Government that it does hereby authorize the President to execute an Agreement for the project identified as AIP No. 3-22-0043-021-2024 and SPN H.016389, more fully identified in the Agreement attached hereto, and to execute any subsequent related documents, including, but not limited to, amendments to said agreement.

This resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its adoption.

XII. COMMITTEE MINUTES:

**ST. LANDRY PARISH COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING
WEDNESDAY MARCH 5th, 2025 @ 5:45 P.M.
OLD CITY MARKET, 131 W BELLEVUE ST
OPELOUSAS, LOUISIANA**

MINUTES

- I.** This meeting was called to order by Chairman Jody White.
- II.** The Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation was said by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry.
- III. Roll Call: PRESENT:** Nancy Carriere, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Ken Marks, Wayne Ardoin, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards and Ernest Blanchard. **Ex Officio:** Jody White. **ABSENT:** Faltery Jolivette, Alvin Stelly and Vivian Olivier.
- IV. PUBLIC COMMENT:**
None.

V. ORDINANCES TO BE ADOPTED:

A motion was made by Councilman Dexter Brown, seconded by Councilman Wayne Ardoin to **Adopt Ordinance 2025-003.**

On roll call vote: YEAS: Nancy Carriere, Mildred Thierry, Ken Marks, Wayne Ardoin, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards, and Ernest Blanchard. **NAYS:** Harold Taylor. **ABSENT:** Faltery Jolivette and Alvin Stelly and Vivian Olivier. **ABSTAINED:** None. WHEREUPON, this motion was adopted on this, the 5th, day of March, 2025.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2025-003
(Sponsored By: Councilman Dexter Brown)**

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF NOT EXCEEDING \$2,000,000 REVENUE NOTES, SERIES 2025 (EQUIPMENT), OF THE ST. LANDRY PARISH GOVERNMENT, STATE OF LOUISIANA; PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT THEREOF; ESTABLISHING THE RATE OF INTEREST THEREON; PROVIDING FOR A PLEDGE AND DEDICATION OF REVENUES FOR SECURITY AND PAYMENT THEREOF IN PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST; AND OTHER MATTERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH.

WHEREAS, the Parish of St. Landry, State of Louisiana (the "**Parish**") 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 of 1974; and

WHEREAS, the Parish Council for the Parish of St. Landry, State of Louisiana, acting as the governing authority (the "**Governing Authority**"), of the Parish pursuant to Section 1430 of Title 39 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, and other constitutional and statutory authority (collectively, the "**Act**"), desires to authorize the incurring of debt and borrowing of an amount not to exceed \$2,000,000 secured by the ad valorem taxes and other revenues received and accruing in the Parish Roads and Bridges Fund and Road District 1 Fund (collectively, the "**Pledged Revenues**") which Pledged Revenues are authorized to be used for the purposes set forth herein; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Act and other constitutional and statutory authority, the Parish desires to incur debt and issue its Revenue Bonds, Series 2025 (Equipment), in a principal amount not exceeding Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000) (the "**Bond**" or "**Bonds**"), for the purposes of funding the Project (as defined herein) and paying the costs incurred in connection with the issuance, sale and delivery of the Bond, as set forth herein; and

WHEREAS, this Governing Authority has found and determined that it is necessary and desirable to approve the sale of the Bond with terms and conditions within the parameters set forth in this Bond Ordinance and authorize the Parish's Executive Officers to execute a term sheet (the "**Term Sheet**") with the Purchaser (as defined herein) within the parameters set forth herein; and

WHEREAS, this Governing Authority further desires to proceed with the issuance, sale and delivery of the Bond to the Purchaser (as defined herein) and authorize and obligate the Executive Officers (as defined herein) to take action and execute documents as may be necessary to accomplish the issuance, sale and delivery of Bond.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by this Governing Authority of Parish that:

SECTION 1. Definitions. As used herein, the terms used herein shall have the meanings ascribed to such terms as set forth in **Exhibit A** attached hereto, unless the context otherwise requires.

SECTION 2. Authorization to Issue Revenue Bond. (a) Pursuant to the Act and other constitutional and statutory authority supplemental thereto, the Parish is hereby authorized to incur debt for the purpose of providing funds for repairing, maintaining, and improving public roads and bridges, including acquisition, maintenance and/or operation of equipment and materials for said purpose (the "**Project**") within the Parish and paying the costs of issuance of

the Bonds, and to represent said indebtedness, the Parish shall issue its Revenue Bond, Series 2025 (Equipment), in an amount not to exceed Two Million and No/100 Dollars (\$2,000,000) (the "**Bond**").

(b) The Bond shall mature not later than December 1, 2034, and shall bear interest at a fixed or variable rate to be negotiated by the Parish President of the Parish with the Purchaser, provided that such interest rate shall not exceed six percent (6.00%) per annum. Interest on the Bond shall be computed based on a 360-day year consisting of twelve 30-day months and shall be payable upon the maturity of the Bond. The Bond shall be issued in the form of a single fully registered Bond, dated the date of delivery thereof to the initial purchaser and numbered R-1.

The Bond is hereby awarded to the Parish's fiscal agent, Washington State Bank (the "**Purchaser**") pursuant to its commitment to purchase the Bond ("**Commitment**"), a copy of which shall be filed with this governing authority.

SECTION 3. Bond Ordinance to Constitute Contract. In consideration of the purchase and acceptance of the Bond by those who shall hold the same from time to time, the provisions of this Bond Ordinance shall be a part of the contract of the Parish with the Purchaser and any subsequent registered Owners and shall be deemed to be and shall constitute a contract between the Parish and the registered Owners from time to time of the Bonds. No amendment or modification of this Bond Ordinance shall be made without the written consent of the Owners.

SECTION 2. Form and Execution of Bond. The Bond shall be in substantially the form attached hereto as **Exhibit B** hereto, with such necessary or appropriate variations, omissions and insertions as are required or permitted by the Act, this Bond Ordinance or as deemed necessary upon advice of Bond Counsel. The Executive Officers are authorized and directed on behalf of the Parish to execute, seal, and deliver the Bond to the Purchaser.

SECTION 3. Pledge of the Pledged Revenues. The Bond shall be secured by and payable in principal, premium, if any, and interest solely from an irrevocable pledge and dedication of the Pledged Revenues. The Pledged Revenues are hereby irrevocably and irrevocably pledged and dedicated in an amount sufficient for the payment of the Bond in principal, premium, if any, and interest as they shall respectively become due and payable, and for the other purposes hereinafter set forth in this Bond Ordinance. All of the Pledged Revenues shall be set aside in a separate fund, as provided in Section 17 of this Bond Ordinance and shall be and remain pledged for the security and payment of the Bond in principal, premium, if any, and interest and for all other payments provided for in this Bond Ordinance until the Bond shall have been fully paid and discharged.

SECTION 4. Denominations, Dates, Maturities and Interest. The Bond shall initially be issued in form of a single term Bond numbered R-1 and shall be dated the date of delivery thereof, shall bear interest from date thereof on the basis of a year of 360 days for the actual number of days elapsed or the most recent Interest Payment Date to which interest has been paid or duly provided for, payable on June 1, 2025, and semiannual thereafter on June 1 and December 1 of each year, in the full principal amount at the interest rate per annum as follows:

<u>Par Amount</u>	<u>Interest Rate</u>	<u>Maturity</u>
\$2,000,000	6.00%	December 1, 2034

Upon the occurrence of an Event of Default, the Bond shall bear interest at the Default Rate during the time that such Event of Default continues to exist. If the Default Rate is reduced due to the Statutory Maximum being less than six percent (6%) per annum (the "**Purchaser's Default Rate**"), then (i) interest at the Default Rate shall be due and payable during such period of default and, in addition, (ii) a fee in an amount equal to the difference between (A) the Default Rate and (B) the Purchaser's Default Rate (the "**Excess Default Fee**") shall be deferred until such date as the rate of interest calculated in accordance with the terms thereof ceases to exceed the Default Rate or the Bond is paid in full, at which time the Parish shall pay to the Purchaser such portion of the deferred Excess Default Fee as will cause the rate of interest then paid to the Purchaser to equal the Purchaser's Default Rate. The Excess Default Fee shall not be deemed to

be an increase in the interest rate on the Bond and nothing herein shall result in the interest rate being increased above the Statutory Maximum.

In the event of a Determination of Taxability, or an amendment to the Code requiring interest on the Bond to be included in the gross income of the Purchaser for federal tax purposes, the interest rate on the Bond shall be adjusted at the written direction of the Purchaser to provide an after-tax yield on the then outstanding principal amount of the Bonds at least equal to the after-tax yield the Purchaser would have received if a Determination of Taxability or the amendment to the Code described herein had not occurred. In such event, the Parish shall execute and deliver a substitute Bond to the Purchaser, which shall be duly authenticated by the Paying Agent. If the rate of interest payable hereunder shall exceed the Statutory Maximum for any period for which interest is payable, then (i) interest at the Statutory Maximum shall be due and payable with respect to such interest period and (ii) a fee in an amount rate equal to the difference between (A) the rate of interest calculated in accordance with the terms hereof and (B) the Statutory Maximum

(the "Excess Fee") shall be deferred until such date as the rate of interest calculated in accordance with the terms hereof ceases to exceed the Maximum Rate, at which time the Parish shall pay to the Purchaser, with respect to amounts then payable to the Purchaser that are required to accrue interest hereunder, such portion of the deferred Excess Fee as will cause the rate of interest then paid to the Purchaser to equal the Statutory Maximum , which payments of deferred

Excess Fee shall continue to apply to such unpaid amounts hereunder until all deferred Excess Fee is fully paid to the Purchaser, together with interest thereon at the Federal Funds Rate. The Excess Fee shall not be deemed to be an increase in the interest rate on the Bonds. "Federal Funds Rate" means, for any day, the rate per annum (rounded

upwards to the nearest 11100th of 1%) equal to the weighted average of the rates on overnight federal funds transactions with members of the Federal Reserve System, as published by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York on the Business Day next succeeding such day, provided that

(a) if such day is not a Business Day, the Federal Funds Rate for such day shall be such rate on such transactions on the next preceding Business Day, and (b) if no such rate is so published on such next succeeding Business Day, the Federal Funds Rate for such day shall be the average rate quoted to Purchaser by federal funds dealers selected by Purchaser on such day on such transaction as determined by Purchaser.

The principal of the Bonds, upon maturity or redemption, shall be payable at the principal office of the Paying Agent, upon presentation and surrender thereof, and interest on the Bonds will be payable by wire transfer or check mailed by the Paying Agent to the Owner (determined as of the Record Date) at the address shown on the Bond Register. Each Bond delivered under this Bond Ordinance upon transfer or in exchange for or in lieu or any other Bond shall carry all the rights to interest accrued and unpaid, and to accrue, which were carried by such other Bond, and each such Bond shall bear interest (as herein set forth) so that neither gain nor loss in interest shall result from such transfer, exchange or substitution. No Bond shall be entitled to any right or benefit under this Bond Ordinance, or be valid or obligatory for any purpose, unless there appears on such Bond a certificate of registration, substantially in the form provided in this Bond Ordinance, executed by the Paying Agent by manual signature.

SECTION 5. Acceptance of Offer/Award of Bonds. The sale of the Bonds to Purchaser pursuant to the Term Sheet and the terms set forth in this Bond Ordinance is hereby in all respects approved, ratified and confirmed and after their execution, the Bonds shall be delivered to Purchaser or its agents or assigns, upon receipt by the Parish of the agreed purchase price. Each Authorized Representative, individually or collectively, is hereby empowered, authorized and directed to execute and deliver or cause to be executed and delivered all documents required to be executed on behalf of the Parish or deemed by, either, in their sole discretion, necessary or advisable to implement this Bond Ordinance or facilitate the sale of the Bonds, including but not limited to the Placement Agreement, if applicable.

SECTION 6. Irrevocable Pledge. The Pledged Revenues are hereby irrevocably and irrepealably pledged and dedicated in an amount sufficient for the payment of the Bond in principal, premium, if any, and interest as they shall respectively become due and payable, and for the other purposes hereinafter set forth in this Bond Ordinance. The Pledged Revenues

shall be and remain pledged for the security and payment of the Bond in principal, premium if any, and interest and for all other payments provided for in this Bond Ordinance until the Bond has been fully paid and discharged.

SECTION 7. Registration, Transfer and Exchange of Bonds. The Parish shall cause the Bond Register to be kept at the principal office of the Paying Agent. The Bonds may be transferred, registered and assigned only on the Bond Register, and such registration shall be at the expense of the Parish. A Bond may be assigned by the execution of an assignment form on the Bonds or by other instruments of transfer and assignment acceptable to the Paying Agent. A new Bond or Bonds will be delivered by the Paying Agent to the last assignee (the new registered Owner) in exchange for such transferred and assigned Bonds after receipt of the Bonds to be transferred in proper form. Such new Bond or Bonds shall be minimum denominations of \$100,000 and increments of \$5,000 thereafter for any one maturity, or any integral multiple thereof within a single maturity. Neither the Parish nor the Paying Agent shall be required to issue, register the transfer of, or exchange any Bond during a period beginning at the opening of business on a Record Date and ending at the close of business on the Interest Payment Date immediately following such Record Date.

SECTION 8. Registration by Paying Agent. No Bond shall be valid or obligatory for any purpose or entitled to any security or benefit under this Bond Ordinance unless and until a certificate of registration on such Bond substantially in the form set forth in **Exhibit "B"** hereto shall have been duly executed on behalf of the Paying Agent by a duly authorized signatory, and such executed certificate of the Paying Agent upon any such Bond shall be conclusive evidence that such Bond has been executed, registered and delivered under this Bond Ordinance.

SECTION 9. Recital of Regularity. The Parish, having investigated the regularity of the proceedings had in connection with this issue of Bond, and having determined the same to be regular, the Bond shall contain the following recital, to-wit:

"It is certified that this Bond is authorized by and is issued in conformity with the requirements of the Constitution and statutes of the State of Louisiana."

SECTION 10. Execution of the Bond. The Bond shall be executed in the name and on behalf of the Parish by the manual or facsimile signature of an Authorized Representative of the Parish. In case any one or more of the officers who shall have signed the Bond shall cease to be such officer before the Bond so signed shall have been actually delivered such Bond may, nevertheless, be delivered as herein provided, and may be issued as if the person who signed or sealed such Bonds had not ceased to hold such office. Said officers shall, by the execution of the Bonds, adopt as and for their own proper signatures their respective facsimile signatures appearing on the Bond or any legal opinion certificate thereon, and the Parish may adopt and use for that purpose the facsimile signature of any person or persons who shall have been such officer at any time on or after the date of such Bond, notwithstanding that at the date of such Bond such person may not have held such office or that at the time when such Bond shall be delivered such person may have ceased to hold such office.

SECTION 11. Mutilated, Destroyed, Lost or Stolen Bond. If any mutilated Bond is surrendered to the Paying Agent, or the Parish and the Paying Agent receive evidence to their satisfaction of the destruction, loss, or theft of any Bond, and there is delivered to the Parish and the Paying Agent such security or indemnity as may be required by them to save each of them harmless, then, in the absence of notice to the Parish or the Paying Agent that such Bond has been acquired by a bona fide underwriter, the Parish shall execute and upon its request the Paying Agent shall register and deliver, in exchange for or in lieu of any such mutilated,

destroyed, lost or stolen Bond, a new Bond of the same maturity and of like tenor and principal amount, bearing a number not contemporaneously outstanding. In case any such mutilated, destroyed, lost, or stolen Bond has become or is about to become due and payable, the Parish in its discretion may, instead of issuing a new Bond, pay such Bond. Upon the issuance of any new Bond under this Section, the Parish may require the payment by the Owner of a sum sufficient to cover any tax or other governmental charge that may be imposed in relation thereto and any other expenses (including the fees and expenses of the Paying Agent) connected therewith. Every issued pursuant to this Section in lieu of any mutilated, destroyed, lost, or

stolen Bond shall constitute a replacement of the prior obligation of the Parish, whether or not the mutilated, destroyed, lost, or stolen Bond shall be at any time enforceable by anyone, and shall be entitled to all the benefits of this Bond Ordinance equally and ratably with all other outstanding Bonds. The procedures set forth in the Paying Agent Agreement authorized in this Bond Ordinance shall also be available with respect to mutilated, destroyed, lost or stolen Bonds. The provisions of this Section are exclusive and shall preclude (to the extent lawful) all other rights and remedies with respect to the replacement and payment of mutilated, destroyed, lost or stolen Bond.

SECTION 12. Cancellation of Bond. All Bonds paid or redeemed either at or before maturity together with all Bonds purchased by the Parish, shall thereupon be promptly canceled by the Paying Agent. The Paying Agent shall upon request promptly furnish to an Authorized Representative of the Parish an appropriate certificate of cancellation.

SECTION 13. Restrictions on Transfer. Registered Owner of this Bond shall have the right at any time to assign, transfer or convey this Bond or any interest therein or portion thereof, but no such assignment, transfer or conveyance shall be effective as against the Parish unless and until such registered owner has delivered to the Parish written notice thereof that discloses the name and address of the assignee and such assignment. Transfer or conveyance shall be made only to (i) an investment company registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940; (ii) a bank, as defined in Section 3(a)(2) of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "**1933 Act**"), whether acting in its individual or fiduciary capacity; (iii) an insurance company, as defined in Section 2(13) of the 1933 Act; (iv) a "qualified institutional buyer" as defined in Rule 144A promulgated under the 1933 Act; (v) a securitization Special Purpose Vehicle ("**SPV**"), the interests in which SPY are sold to the institutional investors described above in this paragraph; or (vi) an "accredited investor" as such term is defined in Regulation D of the 1933 Act. Nothing herein shall limit the right of the registered owner or its assignees to sell or assign participation interests in this Bond to one or more entities listed in (i) through (vi).

SECTION 14. Funds and Accounts. The Parish hereby establishes the following funds and accounts with respect to the Bond:

- (a) The Series 2025 Bond Fund (the "**Bond Fund**") to be established and maintained with the Paying Agent;
- (b) The Series 2025 Project Fund (the "**Project Fund**") to be established by the Parish and maintained in a separate and special account with the Paying Agent; and
- (c) The Parish Roads and Bridges Fund and the Road District 1 Fund (together, the "**Revenue Fund**") previously established by the Parish and maintained in a separate and special bank account with the Fiscal Agent Bank; and
- (d) The Series 2025 Debt Service Fund (the "**Debt Service Fund**") to be established and maintained with the Paying Agent.

Additional accounts may be created pursuant to the Paying Agent Agreement, if deemed necessary by Bond Counsel.

SECTION 15. Application of Bond Proceeds.

- (a) There shall be deposited in the Bond Fund the Bond Proceeds, in the amount of Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000). The Paying Agent shall transfer from the Bond Fund amounts to the Project Fund to pay for costs of the Project, and to reimburse the Parish for amounts previously spent for the Project. The amounts deposited in the Project Fund from the Bond Fund shall be designated in the Closing Memorandum.
- (b) The Parish shall cause the Paying Agent to pay Costs of Issuance from the remaining funds in the Bond Fund in the manner and amounts set forth in the authorization to pay costs of issuance (the "**Authorization to Pay Costs**"). The Paying Agent shall pay the Costs of Issuance upon receipt of

the Authorization to Pay Costs pursuant to invoices submitted for payment.

Any funds remaining in the Bond Fund one hundred eighty (180) days after the closing of the issuance of the Bond shall be transferred to the Debt Service Fund and applied as stated herein.

All such deposits shall be made in accordance with the Authorization to Pay Costs and Closing Memorandum.

SECTION 16. Security for the Bond.

- (a) The Bond is secured by and payable as to principal, premium, if any, and interest solely from the Pledged Revenues, until the Bond has been fully paid.
- (b) Payment of principal of and interest on the Bond will be paid from the Pledged Revenues in accordance with the terms set forth in the Bond herein.
- (c) The Parish hereby unconditionally pledges the Pledged Revenues to the full and prompt payment of principal of and interest on the Bond.
- (d) At the closing of the issuance of the Bond, the lien of the Pledged Revenues will be perfected, preserved and fully protects the security of the Bond Holders in the Pledged Revenues. The Parish covenants that it will do, execute, acknowledge and deliver or cause to be done, executed, acknowledged and delivered such further acts, instruments and transfers as may be required for securing, assuring, continuing, transferring, conveying, pledging, assigning and confirming unto the Bond Holders or any trustee for the Bond Holders, the Pledged Revenues and any other collateral pledged to the payment of the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on the Bond.

SECTION 17. Flow of Funds.

- (a) All avails or proceeds of the ad valorem taxes and other revenues received

by the Parish shall continue to be deposited daily as the same may be collected to the credit of the Parish, in the Revenue Fund. The Pledged Revenues shall constitute a dedicated fund of the Parish, from which appropriations and expenditures by the Parish shall be made solely for the purposes designated in the proposition authorizing the levy of the ad valorem taxes, including the payment of the Bond, which Revenue Fund shall be administered and used in the following order of priority and for the following express purposes set forth in items (b) and (c).

- (b) The maintenance of the Debt Service Fund established and held by the Paying Agent, which on or prior to the 5th day preceding the date for payment of interest and/or principal, the Parish will make deposits from the Revenue Fund into the Debt Service Fund in the amount of the payment then due.
- (c) Any moneys remaining in the Revenue Fund that are not required to make the required payments into the Debt Service Fund set forth in (b) hereof may be used by the Parish for the purposes of: (i) retiring any bonds in advance of its maturity, either by purchase of bonds then outstanding at prices not greater than the then applicable redemption prices of said bonds or by retiring such bonds at the prices and in the manner set forth in the resolutions and/or ordinances providing for the issuance of such bonds; and/or (ii) any other lawful purposes as designated in the proposition authorizing the levy of the ad valorem taxes.

SECTION 18. Project Fund. Bond Proceeds, net of Costs of Issuance, shall be deposited in the Project Fund in accordance with the Closing Memorandum for the purposes of the Project.

Monies in the Project Fund shall be disbursed to the Parish for the payment of all costs incurred

in connection with the Projects pursuant to requisitions in substantially the form of **Exhibit C** hereto.

All or any part of the moneys in the Project Fund shall, at the written request of the Parish, be invested in Permitted Investments in accordance with the provisions of the laws of the State, in which event all income derived from such investments shall be added to the Project Fund.

Upon certification by the Parish that all costs incurred in connection with the Project and Costs of Issuance have been paid, any balance remaining in the Project Fund shall be disbursed to the Parish and deposited into the Debt Service Fund to reduce the principal amount of the Bond, and the Project Fund shall be closed.

SECTION 19. Investment of Funds. All or any part of the moneys in any of the aforesaid funds and accounts shall, at the written request of the Parish, be invested in Permitted Investments. Such investments shall, to the extent at any time necessary, be liquidated and the proceeds thereof applied to the purposes for which said respective funds are maintained.

Investments on deposit in all funds and accounts shall be valued at market value at least monthly. No forward delivery agreements, hedge, purchase and resale agreements or par-put

agreements may be used with respect to the investment of any fund or account with respect to the trust estate pledged to the Bond without the prior written request.

It is anticipated that no Bond Proceeds will remain unexpended after one hundred eighty (180) days from the date of issuance and there will be no need for Investments.

SECTION 20. Funds to Constitute Trust Funds. The Bond Fund, Project Fund, Revenue Fund and Debt Service Fund provided for in Section 14 hereof shall all be and constitute trust funds for the purposes provided in this Bond Ordinance, and the Bond issued pursuant to this Bond Ordinance shall be and they are hereby granted a lien on all such funds until applied in the manner provided herein. The moneys in such funds shall at all times be secured to the full extent thereof by the bank or trust company holding such funds in the manner required by the laws of the State. The Executive Officers of the Parish are hereby authorized and directed to execute any instrument necessary to effect this Section.

SECTION 21. Redemption Provisions.

- (a) *Optional Redemption.* The Bond is callable for early redemption, in full, at the option of the Parish for the first twelve (12) months from the date of issuance at a redemption price not to exceed ten percent (10%) of the par amount of the Bond.
- (b) *Mandatory Scheduled Redemption.* The Bond shall be subject to amortized scheduled redemption prior to their maturity (and without further notice to the Owner(s) or the Paying Agent), on each of the dates set forth below and in the respective principal amounts set forth opposite each such date, as follows:

Year (December 1)	Principal Amount
2025	\$
2026	
2027	
2028	
2029	
2030	
2031	
2032	

2033	
2034	

(c) *Optional Redemption On Determination of Taxability.* If a Determination of Taxability occurs, at the option of the Parish, the Bond may be redeemed in whole but not in part following receipt by the Parish of written notice of such Determination of Taxability at a redemption price equal to 100% of the unpaid principal balance of the Bond Outstanding, plus accrued interest thereon to the date fixed for redemption at the Taxable Adjusted Rate from the date of Determination of Taxability.

SECTION 22. Payment of the Bond. The Parish shall duly and punctually pay or cause to be paid as herein provided, the principal, premium, if any, and interest thereon, at the dates and places and in the manner stated in the Bond according to the true intent and meaning thereof.

SECTION 23. Tax Covenants. To the extent permitted by the laws of the State, the Parish will comply with the requirements of the Code to establish, maintain and preserve the exclusion from "gross income" of interest on the Bond under the Code. The Parish shall not take any action or fail to take any action, nor shall it permit at any time or times any of the proceeds of the Bond or any other funds of the Parish to be used directly or indirectly to acquire any securities or obligations the acquisition of which, would cause any Bond to be an "arbitrage bond" as defined in the Code or would result in the inclusion of the interest on any Bond in "gross income" under the Code, including without limitation, the failure to comply with the limitation on investment of the proceeds of the Bond, the payment of any required rebate of arbitrage earnings to the United States of America, or the use of the proceeds of the Bond in a manner which would cause the Bonds to be "private activity bonds" under the Code.

SECTION 24. Accounting Requirements. So long as any of the Bond is outstanding and unpaid in principal, premium, if any, or interest, the Parish shall maintain and keep proper books of records and accounts separate and apart from all other records and accounts in which shall be made full and correct entries of all transactions relating to the Project and shall cause the same to be performed relative to the application of amounts deposited in each fund established or maintained hereunder.

SECTION 25. Financial Statements. The Parish covenants and agrees that it will furnish the Purchaser and any subsequent Owners of the Bond as soon as available, but in no event later than 120 days after the end of each fiscal year, its balance sheet, and income statement for the year-end, audited by a certified public accountant. All financial reports required hereunder shall be prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, applied on a consistent basis, and shall be in a form and substance acceptable to the owner of the Bond. Failure to comply with this provision shall constitute a default hereunder and shall entitle the owner of the Bond to exercise all remedies provided hereunder.

SECTION 26. Additional Parity Obligations. After the delivery of the Bond, the Parish shall not issue any Bonds, Bonds or obligations of any kind or nature payable from or enjoying a lien on the Pledged Revenues having priority over or on a parity with the Bond ("**Additional Parity Obligations**").

SECTION 27. Event of Default. If the Parish is in default of payment of principal and interest on the Bonds or any covenant herein with respect to the collection of the Pledged Revenues, then the Purchaser or any subsequent Owner shall be entitled to all rights and remedies under the laws of the State to enforce the provisions of this Bond Ordinance, including, without limitation, action of mandate, and in addition to such remedies, to apply any amount of Pledged Revenues or remaining proceeds of the Bonds on account with Purchaser towards the payment of due and unpaid principal and interest on the Bonds.

SECTION 28. The Parish does hereby covenant and obligate itself and is bound under the terms and provisions of law to levy, impose, enforce and collect the ad valorem taxes and other revenues constituting the Pledged Revenues and to provide for all reasonable and necessary rules, regulations, procedures and penalties in connection therewith, including the proper application of the proceeds of the Tax until all of the Bonds have been retired as to both principal

and interest. The Parish further covenants and agrees to include in its annual budget sufficient Pledged Revenues to pay principal and interest payments coming due such fiscal year.

SECTION 29. Authorization of Officers. The President of the Parish and the Chairman and Clerk of the Governing Authority, individually or collectively, (the "**Executive Officers**") are hereby empowered, authorized and directed to execute and deliver or cause to be executed and delivered all documents required to be executed on behalf of the Parish or deemed by, either, in their sole discretion, necessary or advisable to implement this Bond Ordinance or facilitate the sale of the Bond including the execution of a term sheet.

SECTION 30. Bond is "Bank-Qualified". The Bond is hereby designated as a "qualified tax-exempt obligation" within the meaning of Section 265(b)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "**Code**"). In making this designation, the Parish finds and determines that:

- (a) the Bond is not a "private activity Bond" within the meaning of the Code; and
- (b) the reasonably anticipated amount of qualified tax-exempt obligations which will be issued by the Parish and all subordinate entities in calendar year 2025 does not exceed \$10,000,000.

SECTION 31. Role of Purchaser. The Purchaser and its representatives are not registered municipal advisors and do not provide advice to municipal entities or obligated persons with respect to municipal financial products or the issuance of municipal securities (including regarding the structure, timing, terms and similar matters concerning municipal financial products or municipal securities issuances) or engage in the solicitation of municipal entities or obligated persons for the provision by non-affiliated persons of municipal advisory services and/or investment advisory services. With respect to the Purchaser Letter and any other information, materials or communications provided by the Purchaser: (a) the Purchaser and its representatives are not recommending an action to any municipal entity or obligated person; (b) the Purchaser and its representatives are not acting as an advisor to any municipal entity or obligated person and do not owe a fiduciary duty pursuant to Section 15B of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to any municipal entity or obligated person with respect to this Purchaser Letter, information, materials or communications; (c) the Purchaser and its representatives are acting for their own interests; and (d) the Parish has been informed that the Parish should discuss the Purchaser Letter and any such other information, materials or communications with any and all internal and external advisors and experts that the Parish deems appropriate.

SECTION 32. Privately Negotiated Loan. The Parish acknowledges and agrees that the Purchaser is purchasing the Bonds as evidence of a privately negotiated loan and in that connection the Bond shall not be (i) assigned a separate rating by any municipal securities rating agency, (ii) registered with The Depository Trust Company or any other securities depository, (iii) issued pursuant to any type of offering document or official statement or (iv) assigned a CUSIP number by Standard & Poor's CUSIP Service. At closing, the Purchaser will provide the Purchaser Letter prior to delivery of the Bonds. In the event that SEC Rule 15(c) 2-12 requires information regarding the Bonds to be reported to EMMA, the Purchaser reserves the right to review the submission and request that it be redacted in any manner deemed appropriate; provided however, that notwithstanding the foregoing nothing shall prevent the Parish from complying with its continuing disclosure obligations pursuant to applicable law.

SECTION 33. Purchaser Requested Changes. Any changes requested by the Purchaser to the terms of the Bonds, as reflected in the Paying Agent Agreement, shall be incorporated in this Bond Ordinance as if set forth in their entirety herein. Any changes to substantive provisions of this Bond Ordinance, as determined by the Executive Port Director on advice of Bond Counsel, explicitly including, but not limited to, the par amount, interest rate, term, redemption provisions and/or the requisite terms for the of issuance of Additional Parity Obligations, as stated in section 26 herein, be and are hereby excluded from being incorporated in this Bond Ordinance via this Section.

SECTION 34. Waiver of Jury Trial. Each of the Parish and the Purchaser hereby waive any and all right to a trial by jury in any proceeding to review actions by the Parish as a municipal body under Louisiana Code of Civil Procedure Article 1732(5) and other

constitutional and statutory authority, including matters with respect to any controversy or claim between the Parish and the Purchaser, whether arising in contract or tort or by statute, including but not limited to any controversy or claim that arises out of or relates to this Bond Ordinance, the Bonds or any related document.

SECTION 35. US Patriot Act. The Parish represents and warrants to the Purchaser that neither it nor any of its principals, shareholders, members, partners or affiliates, as applicable, is a Person named as a Specially Designated National and Blocked Person (as defined in Presidential Executive Order 13224) and that it is not acting, directly or indirectly, for or on behalf of such person. The Parish further represents and warrants to the Purchaser that the Parish and its principals, shareholders, members, partners or affiliates, as applicable, are not directly or indirectly, engaged in, nor facilitating, the transactions contemplated by this transaction on behalf of any Person named as a Specially Designated National and Blocked Person.

SECTION 36. Severability. In case any one or more of the provisions of this Bond Ordinance or of the Bond shall for any reason be held to be illegal or invalid, such illegality or invalidity shall not affect

any other provisions of this Bond Ordinance or of the Bond, but this Bond Ordinance and the Bond shall be construed and enforced as if such illegal or invalid provisions had not been contained therein. Any constitutional or statutory provisions enacted after the date of this Bond Ordinance that validate or make legal any provision of the Bond Ordinance and/or the Bond that would not otherwise be valid or legal shall be deemed to apply to this Bond Ordinance and to the Bond.

SECTION 37. Publication; Peremption. A copy of this Bond Ordinance shall be published immediately after its adoption in one issue of the official journal of the Parish. For thirty (30) days from the date of such publication, any person in interest shall have the right to contest the legality of this Bond Ordinance or the Bond and the provisions securing the Bond. After the expiration of said thirty (30) days, no one shall have any right of action to contest the validity of the Bond or the provisions of this Bond Ordinance, and the Bond shall be conclusively presumed to be legal, and no court shall thereafter have authority to inquire into such matters.

SECTION 38. Continuing Disclosure Exemption. It is recognized that the Parish will not be required to comply with the continuing disclosure requirements described in Rule 15c-2-12(b) of the Securities and Exchange Commission [17 CFR §140.15c2-12(b)], because the Bond is not being purchased by a broker, dealer, or municipal securities dealer acting as an underwriter in a primary offering of municipal securities, and the Bond is being sold to only one financial institution (i.e. no more than thirty-five persons), which (i) have such knowledge and experience in financial business matter that they are capable of evaluating the merits and risks of the prospective investment in the Bond and (ii) are not purchasing the Bond for more than one account or with a view to distributing the Bond. The Parish shall nonetheless covenant to provide the purchaser or its assigns the information provided for in Section 25 so long as the Bond remains outstanding.

SECTION 39. Effective Date. This Bond Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

VI. ADJOURN:

A motion was made by Councilman Wayne Ardoin, seconded by Councilman Jimmie Edwards to adjourn the Special Meeting.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Nancy Carriere, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Ken Marks, Wayne Ardoin, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards, and Ernest Blanchard.

NAYS: None. **ABSENT:** Faltery Jolivette, Alvin Stelly and Vivian Olivier. **ABSTAINED:** None. WHEREUPON, this motion was adopted on this, the 5th, day of March, 2025.

**ST. LANDRY PARISH COUNCIL
ADMINISTRATIVE/FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5, 2025
OLD CITY MARKET, 131 W. BELLEVUE ST.
OPELOUSAS, LOUISIANA**

ADMINISTRATIVE/FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

7. Administrative Finance Chairman Harold Taylor called this meeting of the Administrative/Finance Committee of the St. Landry Parish Council to order.
8. Pledge of Allegiance was said earlier in the meeting by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry.
9. **Roll Call:** Harold Taylor, Ken Marks, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune and Ernest Blanchard. Ex-Officio Jody White. **ABSENT:** Faltery Jolivet.
10. **Person to address the Committee.**

Mr. Chad Pitre, District Attorney addressed the council. He stated, “Thank you Mr. Chairman. I just want to say thank you to all of you. It is good to be here again. It is good to see a lot of good friendly faces. I just want to commend you all for doing a good job serving our parish. I will be very brief. First I just want to preface my brief statement to say that this council, this Administrative Finance Committee and including Mr. Bellard have been very supportive of the mission of the DA’s Office and I appreciate that. This is the first time that I have been here to even discuss funding in four years so thank you all for your dedication and support for our mission to reduce crime and keep St. Landry Parish safer and I just want to thank you all for that. I am here to talk about two separate and distinct funding sources and those are for the DA’s Office. The first is the Racino Fund and that is number 135. For over 20 years since this tax was passed the DA received at its legal portion 3.5% of the slot machine revenue. That 3.5% is from the Parishes take, it is not from the Racino itself. My office receives between \$70,000.00 and I think \$90,000.00 per year in our 3.5%. The second fund is the Opioid Settlement Fund. This is a new fund, relatively new, I think that it is about 2 years old. This is a statewide class action settlement and as part of this settlement the DA’s Office receives \$50,000.00 per year. We consider this a special use fund. We can only use it for certain Opioid Related issues and that is what we use it for. Recently I received a letter from Mr. Bellard and he was indicating that he wanted to place the Racino Fund and the Opioid Fund in the DA’s 2025 Operating Budget. I felt this was not a proper categorization of the funds and I am happy to report that I have spoken to Mr. Bellard and he has agreed to use his previous accounting method of keeping the Opioid Fund and the Racino Fund separate from the DA’s Operating Expenses. That is the Opioid and Racino and they will not be categorized as the DA’s Operating Expenses. Again, thank you for being such a good supporter for the DA’s Office and our funding needs and being a good partner with us. If you all ever need anything you all have an open invitation to the office. Thank you.”

Mr. Lincoln Savoie Addressed the council. He stated, “Good evening, I am Lincoln Savoie, President of the Board of Directors for the St. Landry Parish Council on Aging. We have 5 meal sights in St. Landry Parish to feed people who are 60 and over. I am here tonight to ask you all to re-open the one in Sunset which have been closed for several years. I have no idea because I was not on the board so therefore it was closed and it was an ideal spot. It is located in the same building as the Health Unit. We can open that as soon I get the okay from you all and we will get the Federal Government to Fund the meals for it. At the present time we only have 2 more places that we would like to get the meals site and it would be in Krotz Springs and in Washington. The Geographical Locations that we have would satisfy the needs of the elderly in St. Landry Parish. A favorable yes would certainly be appreciated by us on the Council on Aging. Do you all have any questions?”

Councilwoman Mildred Thierry questioned, “Is this the same as the meals on wheels?”

Mr. Lincoln Savoie stated, Yes Ma’am it is.”

Councilwoman Mildred Thierry stated, “I was in communication with someone in the past about getting it in the Plaisance area.”

Mr. Lincoln Savoie stated, “Yes Ma’am. That would have to be coordinated with Judy Doyle who is the Executive Director.”

Councilman Ken Marks stated, “Linc, the territorial aspects or what they reach out and cover per unit is that a guideline that is given to you all or a certain criteria.”

Mr. Lincoln Savoie stated, “Right now we have a meal sight in Port Barre, Eunice, Leonville, Melville and Opelousas. The Geographical location are proper there but we have to look for Sunset, Cankton and Grand Coteau that will be sufficed in the particular area. We need one in Krotz Springs and Washington.

Councilman Ken Marks questioned, “Do you all cover Melville as well?”

Mr. Lincoln Savoie stated, “Absolutely, we have one in Melville already. There are a tremendous amount of people in the Sunset, Grand Coteau and Cankton area.”

Councilman Ken Marks stated, “You said that they did have one but now it is inoperable because a lack of funding?”

Mr. Lincoln Savoie stated, “No the funding is there. I don’t know what transpired because I was not on the board. The building is a very nice building. It is right in town and it is in the same building as the Health Unit. Prior to that according to some people that were eating they would go and get their blood pressure checked in the same building which is very good. We have the people, the Federal Government funds that but you have to have 20 people to feed in order for them to fund it and we have more than 20 folks in each one of those places.”

Councilman Timmy Lejeune questioned, “Mr. Bellard, that facility that he is speaking about who owns it?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “We do.”

Councilman Timmy Lejeune stated, “Is there a problem with it.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “I was never asked to do that. We can do that. That is not a problem.”

Councilman Timmy Lejeune stated, “I would like to make a motion.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “Hold on, I don’t need the councils motion for that. We can do it. I am going to ask a question. If you have the funding for Sunset we have been trying to get as Ms. Mildred said the Plaisance area and we were told there is no funding available. All I am saying is this if we are going to do it in one area we have to make sure that we cover all the areas if the funding is available.”

Mr. Lincoln Savoie stated, “Okay here is the thing. When you speak of funding where you have a sight and you have sufficient amount of people you send that off as an application and they will fund that.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “So you all did one for the Sunset area?”

Mr. Lincoln Savoie Stated, “A long time ago.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “So the funding is available for Sunset right now.”

Mr. Lincoln Savoie Stated, “The funding will be available providing you give us a yea, providing we will have a site.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “Okay.”

Mr. Lincoln Savoie Stated, “In the Plaisance area where is the address at?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “We have asked that question several times.”

Mr. Lincoln Savoie stated, “Believe me I will get something done about it.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “We will find a place if we need to find a place.”

Councilwoman Mildred Thierry stated, “Yes that won’t be a problem.”

Mr. Lincoln Savoie stated, “Each sight have a sight person that is in charge.”

Councilman Ken Marks stated, “The sites or the areas that are void or have no services do you have a plan in place on how to get that activated?”

Mr. Lincoln Savoie stated, “We do, we contact the Mayor of that town. For example in Krotz Springs we will contact him and the mayor of Washington. We have those three sights if you want to. Right now we have the site in Sunset and that could be done in two weeks. We will have to have the Mayor find a sight for us and from there we take the responsibility of getting it done.”

Councilman Ken Marks stated, “What Ms. Mildred was asking about that is a possibility right?”

Mr. Lincoln Savoie stated, “Anything is possible if we talk to the right people.”

Councilman Ken Marks stated, “Okay, thank you.”

Ms. Felicia Kaplan addressed the council. She stated, “Hi I am Felicia Hebert Kaplan. I am originally from Eunice but I now live in Arnaudville. There is a vacancy on the Tourist Commission Board that I am applying for and I would appreciate your consideration. I know you don’t vote on that until two weeks but I wanted to come and introduce myself and let you all know that I have been in the hospitality industry for a very long time. I use to own the old Seal Guest House in Eunice which is now the LeVillage Guest House in Cypress Grove. I spoke with Mr. Stelly who is not here tonight and I was suppose to meet him but I did get a chance to meet a few of you all. I would appreciate your consideration. Do you all have any questions for me?”

Councilman Ken Marks stated, “You mentioned that you served on a board currently or have been serving.”

Ms. Felicia Kaplan stated, “I was very active in the Tourist Commission when I was the owner of LeVillage, very active. Celeste Gomez was head of it then and Herman is in charge now and he does a fabulous job. I have served on the Preservation Commission in Lafayette and in New Orleans because I lived there for a while. I am a Public Servant basically but I do have a real job. Thank you.”

11. Parish President & Finance Reports:

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “The only thing that I have is to announce that tomorrow afternoon at 6:00 p.m. we have a meeting in Eunice to discuss Solid Waste and trash pick-up in the city of Eunice and the surrounding areas at Gabrielle’s, I know that Mr. Edwards and Mr. Ernest will be there along with the city. It is just to discuss issues that some of the constituents have. We called Richard and he will be there to answer any questions. I just want to let you all know about that meeting.”

A motion was made by Councilman Timmy Lejeune, seconded by Councilman Dexter Brown to accept the Parish President & Finance Report:

On roll call vote: YEAS: Ken Marks, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune and Ernest Blanchard. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** Faltery Jolivette. **ABSTAINED:** None.
Motion carried.

12. Update on Award Letter for Grant Money. (Councilwoman Nancy Carriere).

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “Van is getting that together or us. We will have it as soon as he has everything put together.”

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated, “Is there any way at the same time you could give us a list of the equipment and we would get both of them at the same time.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “Right.”

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated, “Will that be by the next meeting?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “Definitely.”

Councilman Timmy Lejeune questioned, “Do you want that in a motion Ms. Nancy?”

Councilman Ken Marks questioned, “Do we need a motion?”

Administrative Finance Chairman Harold Taylor questioned, “Do you need a motion Nancy?”

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated, “I don’t know, do I need a motion?”

Administrative Finance Chairman Harold Taylor, “Okay, he already said that he would send it.”

13. Forward all applications received for one appointment to the St. Landry Parish Tourist Commission for a three-year term. (02-19-2022 – 02-19-2025).

A motion was made by Councilman Ken Marks, seconded by Councilman Timmy Lejeune to forward to Regular Meeting held on *Wednesday, March 19th, 2025* all applications received for one appointment to the St. Landry Parish Tourist Commission for a three-year term. (02-19-2022 – 02-19-2025).

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

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated, “Excuse me, we have a voting sheet here already.”

Council Clerk Sherell Jordan stated, “That is not until the full council Ms. Nancy.”

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated, “Okay, you just put it out early.”

Council Clerk Sherell Jordan stated, “Yes, Ma’am.”

14. Further discuss the appraisal of the Lease of Immovable Property by St. Landry Parish Government to Allegiance Health Management, Inc. dba Acadian Medical Center.

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “The appraisal came back at \$500.00 per month. I just found out about it this morning. I did not have a chance to meet with David at the Hospital. I you all want to postpone this until the next meeting or whatever and I can have more information from Allegiance.”

A motion was made by Councilman Ken Marks, seconded by Councilman Timmy Lejeune to forward the further discussion of the Appraisal of the Lease of Immovable Property by St. Landry Parish Government to Allegiance Health Management, Inc. dba Acadian Medical Center to the next Committee Meeting held on **Wednesday, April 2nd, 2025.**

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

Motion forwarded.

15. **Discuss District Attorney Budget. (Councilman Harold Taylor).**

Item discussed earlier in the meeting.”

16. Forward to Full Council **Resolution No. 005-2025**

**A RESOLUTION TO GRANT PARISH PRESIDENT JESSIE BELLARD
AUTHORITY TO NEGOTIATE WITH THE OFFICE OF PUBLIC HEALTH
REGARDING WIC REIMBURSEMENT AND SIGN CONTRACT.**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the St. Landry Parish Council authorize Parish President Jessie Bellard to execute the negotiation with the Office of Public Health Regarding WIC Reimbursement and Sign Contract;

A motion was made by Councilman Ken Marks, seconded by Councilman Dexter Brown to forward to Regular Meeting held on *Wednesday, March 19th, 2025* the approval of **Resolution No. 005-2025.**

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

17. **Increase Council Clerk rate of pay. (Councilman Timmy Lejeune).**

Administrative Finance Chairman Harold Taylor stated, “I don’t know who put this on the agenda to Increase the Council Clerk rate of pay.”

Councilman Timmy Lejeune stated, “I did Mr. Taylor. The reason that I am asking to increase Sherell’s rate of pay is because I feel like she needs that, we need to do that. Sherell has opportunities and I would like for her to stay with the parish so I am going to offer that rate of pay at \$30.00 per hour.”

Councilman Dexter Brown stated, “Second.”

Administrative Finance Chairman Harold Taylor stated, “Any discussion.”

Councilman Wayne Ardoin stated, “I am not on the Committee but I think if we follow the Guidelines that we did before when we would give a salary increase to one we gave it to both the Assistant Clerk and the Clerk. I feel that we need to look at this situation even though she might be part time. Everybody would like to get a little increase, I think that we just got one, am I correct.”

Councilman Timmy Lejeune stated, “We did Mr. Ardoin and I think that you are perfectly correct. I am addressing the full time employee at this point. I got the rate of pay approve by Mr. Bellard. I did not get another rate of pay approve by the President due to the budget I want to make sure that is going to fit. So I will ask that we put that on the next meeting. Let’s proceed with this one. Question.”

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated, “Yes, I know that you have just one council clerk on the agenda. So what is the value that we are putting on our second council clerk when we usually give to both council clerks? Another thing, the rate of pay, what is it now?”

Councilman Timmy Lejeune stated, “\$30.00 per hour.”

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated, “What was it before?”

Administrative Finance Chairman Harold Taylor stated, “\$23.38 per hour at present.”

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere questioned, “When was the last raise given?”

Administrative Finance Chairman Harold Taylor stated, “2023.”

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated, “I know that Mr. Lejeune mentioned the value of Ms. Jordan again I ask what is the value we put on our part time clerk? The next question is this, who are we to deny Ms. Jordan the opportunity to do better. If she has an opportunity to make progress and go to another job who are we to deny her of that. That is an opportunity that she has and I don’t think that we should take that from her.”

Councilman Timmy Lejeune stated, “I rest.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “So this is an easy thing for me to discuss the value of the knowledge that Ms. Sherell has gained over the last 7 plus years. If she would happen to leave and nobody is denying her that, she can leave if she wants, if she would happen to leave we would be losing all of this knowledge and probably would have to pay somebody to come in at this rate of pay and not gain this knowledge and not keep this knowledge. We are not paying the \$30.00 per hour for the position, we are paying \$30.00 per hour for the person and the value that they bring to the table. By saying that when we pick up the phone and we call her she has to go and research minutes but off the top of her head she can tell you approximately what took place and when it took place and that kind of knowledge you don’t just get from somebody that is just walking in the door. I am asking and I am supporting the motion that the council is making tonight because of the value that she brings to the table.”

Assistant Council Clerk Karen Barlow asked to address the council. She stated, “Good evening council, thank you all for letting me address the council. What Mr. Bellard just said, I am a part-time worker and I do work with Sherell doing the same thing. So therefore if you ask for minutes I am more knowledgeable, I type them, I can basically say when they occurred and I look for them. There is no doubt both of us should get a raise also because when she is not here to fulfill her duties if she is ill or her daughter is ill, I take the slack doing both jobs. Why put one on the issue right now and delay me from getting a cost of raise. I just incurred a medical condition and I have lots of medical bills that I have to pay to. If the council remembers Novella Moore wanted to stay for \$24.00 per hour but they said they could not find any money for her so she left. I am saying for Sherell to leave but I am just saying that the council let Novell leave and she was very knowledgeable also and she was only asking for \$24.00 per hour. I don’t think that I should be excluded in this part of the meeting either because Sherell wants to leave, what happens if I want to leave, Sherell would be doing both jobs then. I think that I am a valuable asset to this team just as well as she is. Thank you council.”

Councilman Wayne Ardoin questioned, “How long have you been here Ms. Barlow?”

Assistant Council Clerk Karen Barlow stated, “I have been here since 2016.”

Councilman Wayne Ardoin questioned, “So you were here before Sherell?”

Assistant Council Clerk Karen Barlow stated, “I was here before Sherell, I thought Sherell what Novella taught me. When I came here Lacey was here. She was pregnant, she did not give me any knowledge. Novella came and she gave me lots of knowledge.

If you all recall Mr. Timmy Lejeune made the motion for me to work with Sherell for one month. She came here just like me not knowing anything. So Sherell worked with me for one month and I gave her the foundation of what was going on. So therefore she is a full time clerk and I am a part time clerk and I feel that I am just as an asset just as she is.”

Councilman Wayne Ardoin questioned, “How many hours per week do you work?”

Assistant Council Clerk Karen Barlow stated, “I only work 24 hours per week, 3 days a week.”

Councilman Wayne Ardoin questioned, “Three days per week.”

Assistant Council Clerk Karen Barlow stated, “Yes.”

Councilman Dexter Brown stated, “I would just like to say to both of the clerk where as they are very knowledgeable. Whenever we call for any type of information or whatever it may be. I just want to thank both of you all for that. I know like the rate of pay right now is for the full time council clerk and Ms. Karen if you don’t mind letting us do the full time clerk today and then we will take care of you on our next Committee Meeting.”

Assistant Council Clerk Karen Barlow stated, “Yes Sir, I understand what you are saying but we are going through this again. I was just trying to kill it all with one stone.”

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated, “I would just like to ask Mr. Brown, why is it that we are having a delay with discussing Ms. Karen’s increase in pay?”

Councilman Dexter Brown stated, “Just like Mr. Bellard had said. He had spoken with Mr. Lejeune and he said that he could basically fit that salary adjustment into the budget. Now we will have to go back and talk to Mr. Bellard and see where we will have to adjust the budget for Ms. Karen Barlow as well.”

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated, “When do you think that discussion is going to take place, 6 months?”

Councilman Timmy Lejeune stated, “At the next Committee Meeting Ms. Nancy, I said that in my statement.”

Councilman Dexter Brown stated, “That is what I just said too, we are taking care of Ms. Sherell on this Committee Meeting and next month we will discuss and take care of Ms. Karen Barlow in our April’s Meeting. After we finish talking to Mr. Bellard we will see what room do we have and with the knowledge that Ms. Karen have because she is a valuable asset to our council just like Ms. Sherell is. But we have to go to Mr. Bellard.”

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated, “That is fine Mr. Brown, she is just not valuable this month that is fine. She is just not valuable today, that is fine.”

Councilman Dexter Brown stated, “That is what you are saying.”

Administrative Finance Chairman Harold Taylor stated, “Point of order, enough. I have something that I would to say before we take a vote on this. If you get on Google and ask what the Louisiana Parish Council Clerk make state wide the average amount is \$37,647.00 per year just in case you want to do a calculation it is \$18.10 per hour. Now Sherell makes \$23.38 per hour and we want to give her a \$7.00 plus dollar raise. The last

two raises we gave was in 2015 and 2023 and the 2023 raise we \$2.00 per hour. How can you justify giving that kind of money when we are borrowing money to balance the budget? Please explain that to me Mr. Lejeune?"

Councilman Timmy Lejeune stated, "I will explain."

Administrative Finance Chairman Harold Taylor stated, "Where do you do your math Sir."

Councilman Timmy Lejeune stated, "I do it with your intent Mr. Taylor and I am telling you now I am offering for \$30.00 per hour. I got a second and I have hollowed Questioned and we are not getting a vote."

Administrative Finance Chairman Harold Taylor stated, "I know you lobbied and got the votes to do this but I would like for you to share it with the press. Why do you want to do this?"

Councilman Timmy Lejeune stated, "Just for the fun of it."

Administrative Finance Chairman Harold Taylor stated, "Just for the fun of it, oh okay. We have a question on the floor, let's take a vote."

Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated, "Just for clarification the motion is to send it to Full Council so it can be before 13 councilmembers."

A motion was made by Councilman Timmy Lejeune, seconded by Councilman Dexter Brown to forward to the Regular Meeting held on **Wednesday, March 19th, 2025** to approve giving the Council Clerk Sherell Jordan a pay increase of \$30.00 per hour. **On roll call vote: YEAS:** Ken Marks, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune and Ernest Blanchard. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** Faltery Jolivette. **ABSTAINED:** None. **Motion forwarded.**

18. **Forward to Full Council Resolution No. 006-2025.**

A motion was made by Councilman Timmy Lejeune, seconded by Councilman Ken Marks to forward to Regular Meeting held on Wednesday, March 19th, 2025 to approve **Resolution No. 006-2025.** **On roll call vote: YEAS:** Ken Marks, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune and Ernest Blanchard. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** Faltery Jolivette. **ABSTAINED:** None. **Motion forwarded.**

A resolution authorizing the President to execute an Agreement with the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (LA DOTD) for improvements at the St. Landry Parish Airport.

WHEREAS, Act 451 of the 1989 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature authorized the financing of certain airport improvements from funds appropriated from the Transportation Trust Fund; and

WHEREAS, the St. Landry Parish Government has requested funding assistance from the LA DOTD to/for Rehabilitate Fuel Apron; and

WHEREAS, the stated project has been approved by the Louisiana Legislature and the LA DOTD is agreeable to the implementation of this project and desires to cooperate with the St. Landry Parish Government according to the terms and conditions identified in the attached Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the LA DOTD will provide the necessary funding for the Rehabilitate Fuel

Apron and reimburse the sponsor up to \$30,377.00 of project cost.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the St. Landry Parish Government that it does hereby authorize the President to execute an Agreement for the project identified as AIP No. 3-22-0043-019-2023 and SPN H.016152, more fully identified in the Agreement attached hereto, and to execute any subsequent related documents, including, but not limited to, amendments to said agreement.

This resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its adoption

19. **Forward to Full Council Resolution No. 007-2025**

A motion was made by Councilman Timmy Lejeune, seconded by Councilman Dexter Brown to forward to Regular Meeting held on *Wednesday, March 19, 2025* to approve **Resolution No. 007-2025.**

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

A resolution authorizing the President to execute an Agreement with the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (LA DOTD) for improvements at the St. Landry Parish Airport.

WHEREAS, Act 451 of the 1989 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature authorized the financing of certain airport improvements from funds appropriated from the Transportation Trust Fund; and

WHEREAS, the St. Landry Parish Government has requested funding assistance from the LA DOTD to/for Rehab Runway 18/36, Txy A Markings, Rehab Txy C, Fencing, Rwy 18/36 Lighting; and

WHEREAS, the stated project has been approved by the Louisiana Legislature and the LA DOTD is agreeable to the implementation of this project and desires to cooperate with the St. Landry Parish Government according to the terms and conditions identified in the attached Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the LA DOTD will provide the necessary funding for the Rehab Runway 18/36, Txy A Markings, Rehab Txy C, Fencing, Rwy 18/36 Lighting and reimburse the sponsor up to \$169,911.00 of project cost.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the St. Landry Parish Government that it does hereby authorize the President to execute an Agreement for the project identified as AIP No. 3-22-0043-020-2024 and SPN H.016372, more fully identified in the Agreement attached hereto, and to execute any subsequent related documents, including, but not limited to, amendments to said agreement.

This resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its adoption.

20. **Forward to Full Council Resolution No. 008-2025.**

A motion was made by Councilman Dexter Brown, seconded by Councilman Ken Marks to forward to Regular Meeting held on *Wednesday, March 19th, 2025* to approve **Resolution No. 008-2025.**

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

A resolution authorizing the President to execute an Agreement with the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (LA DOTD) for improvements at the St. Landry Parish Airport.

WHEREAS, Act 451 of the 1989 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature authorized the financing of certain airport improvements from funds appropriated from the Transportation Trust Fund; and

WHEREAS, the St. Landry Parish Government has requested funding assistance from the LA DOTD to/for Obstruction Removal - Phase I - Runway 18/36; and

WHEREAS, the stated project has been approved by the Louisiana Legislature and the LA DOTD is agreeable to the implementation of this project and desires to cooperate with the St. Landry Parish Government according to the terms and conditions identified in the attached Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the LA DOTD will provide the necessary funding for the Obstruction Removal - Phase I - Runway 18/36 and reimburse the sponsor up to \$20,114.00 of project cost.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the St. Landry Parish Government that it does hereby authorize the President to execute an Agreement for the project identified as AIP No. 3-22-0043-021-2024 and SPN H.016389, more fully identified in the Agreement attached hereto, and to execute any subsequent related documents, including, but not limited to, amendments to said agreement.

This resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its adoption.

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

Councilman Wayne Ardoin stated, “Mr. Brown offered a motion. Are we going to take up Ms. Barlow at the next Committee Meeting? Are we going to put it on the agenda?”

Councilman Dexter Brown stated, “That is the motion that I had made basically. But I would like to make a formal motion right now that we discuss her salary adjustment for Ms. Karen Barlow on our April Committee Meeting with the Administrative Finance.”

A motion was made by Councilman Dexter Brown, seconded by Councilman Ken Marks to discuss the salary adjustment for the Assistant Council Clerk, Karen Barlow at the next Committee Meeting held on *Wednesday, April 2nd, 2025*.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Ken Marks, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune and Ernest Blanchard. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** Faltery Jolivette. **ABSTAINED:** None.
Motion carried.

22. Adjourn.

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

On roll call vote: YEAS: Ken Marks, Dexter Brown, and Timmy Lejeune and Ernest Blanchard **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** Faltery Jolivette. **ABSTAINED:** None.
Motion carried.

**ST. LANDRY PARISH COUNCIL
PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5th, 2025
OLD CITY MARKET, 131 W. BELLEVUE ST.
OPELOUSAS, LOUISIANA**

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

1. Chairman Nancy Carriere called this meeting of the Public Works Committee of the St. Landry Parish Council to order.

2. Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation was said earlier in Special Meeting.

3. Roll Call: Nancy Carriere, Mildred Thierry, Vivian Olivier, Wayne Ardoin and Jimmie Edwards. Ex-Officio Jody White. **ABSENT:** Alvin Stelly None.

4. Person to address the Committee:
None.

5. Public Works Report:

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

Culvert Cleaned	3 Roads
Culvert Installation	5 Roads
Debris Removal	62 Roads
Ditching	6 Roads
Grading	36 Roads
Material Spreading	4 Roads
Patching	28 Roads
Sign Installation	26 Roads
Tree Removal	6 Roads
Washout	3 Roads

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

On roll call vote: YEAS: Mildred Thierry, Vivian Olivier, Wayne Ardoin, and Jimmie Edwards. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** Alvin Stelly. **ABSTAINED:** None.

Motion carried.

6. Forward all applications for five appointments to St. Landry Parish Waterworks District No. 5 for a three-year term. (04-21-2025 - 04-21-2028)

A motion was made by Councilman Jimmie Edwards, seconded by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry to forward to Regular Meeting held on **Wednesday, March 19th, 2025** forward all applications for five appointments to St. Landry Parish Waterworks District No. 5 for a three-year term. (04-21-2025 - 04-21-2028)

On roll call vote: YEAS: Mildred Thierry, Vivian Olivier, Wayne Ardoin, and Jimmie Edwards **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** Alvin Stelly. **ABSTAINED:** None.

Motion forwarded.

7. Forward all applications for two appointments to Ward Two Gravity Drainage District No. 1 for a four-year term. (04-19-2025 - 04-19-2029)

A motion was made by Councilman Jimmie Edwards, seconded by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry to forward to Regular Meeting held on **Wednesday, March 19th, 2025** forward all applications for two appointments to Ward Two Gravity Drainage District No. 1 for a four-year term. (04-19-2025 - 04-19-2029)

On roll call vote: YEAS: Mildred Thierry, Vivian Olivier, Wayne Ardoin, and Jimmie Edwards **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** Alvin Stelly. **ABSTAINED:** None.

Motion forwarded.

8. Discuss four- wheelers, side-by-sides, and golf carts on the roads.
(Councilman Alvin Stelly)

Councilman Alvin Stelly was absent for this meeting council will move item back on committee meeting April 2, 2025.

9. Authorize the Council Clerk to advertise for two appointments to Fire District No. 2 for a two-year term. (05-15-2025 – 05-15-2027)

A motion was made by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry, seconded by Councilman Wayne Ardoin to forward to Regular Meeting held on **Wednesday, March 19th, 2025** authorize the Council Clerk to advertise for two appointments to Fire District No. 2 for a two-year term. (05-15-2025 – 05-15-2027)

On roll call vote: YEAS: Mildred Thierry, Vivian Olivier, Wayne Ardoin, and Jimmie Edwards **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** Alvin Stelly. **ABSTAINED:** None.

Motion forwarded.

10. Authorize the Council Clerk to advertise for three appointments to Bellevue & Coulee Crouche Gravity Drainage District No. 20 for a four-year term. (05-02-2025 – 05-02-2029)

A motion was made by Councilman Wayne Ardoin, seconded by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry to forward to Regular Meeting held on **Wednesday, March 19th, 2025** to authorize the Council Clerk to advertise for three appointments to Bellevue & Coulee Crouche Gravity Drainage District No. 20 for a four-year term. (05-02-2025 – 05-02-2029)

On roll call vote: YEAS: Mildred Thierry, Vivian Olivier, Wayne Ardoin, and Jimmie Edwards **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** Alvin Stelly. **ABSTAINED:** None.

Motion forwarded.

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

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “Madam Chair, I was supposed to bring this up in administrative finance committee but I would like to let everyone know that Cynthia Joubert is the New Executive Director at the Housing Authority in Washington.”

Mrs. Cynthia Joubert stated, “I am here for any questions. I would like to thank you all for all the support especially my boss the Parish President Jessie Bellard for supporting me on this endeavor and I just want to say to everyone in St. Landry Parish that we will move St. Landry Parish Housing Authority forward in a great way.”

Councilman Wayne Ardoin stated, “You not leaving us though.”

Mrs. Cynthia Joubert stated, “Yes sir. I just want to say it was a great opportunity for serving as Code Enforcement/Property Administrator and whatever else was needed but God saw different and he is moving me somewhere else to serve.”

Councilwoman Mildred Thierry stated, “Mrs. Cynthia, I personally want to say thank you and you know how much I appreciate all those times I called you and Mr. Bellard that is some big shoes you will have to fill. We appreciate everything you did for St. Landry Parish and I like the way you do things when you do something you put your whole heart into it. Keep doing what you doing God saw fit and he has elevated you.”

Councilwoman Vivian Olivier stated, “I just want to know who I will call to aggravate now.”

Mrs. Cynthia Joubert stated, “I am not sure but I am sure the Parish President will find someone for you to call.”

Councilman Jimmie Edwards asked, “So when are you leaving?”

Mrs. Cynthia Joubert stated, “I started today.”

Chairman Jody White stated, “I had an issue that I wanted to speak to you about so how before we get someone in her office before I can bring issue to you.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “Just bring it to my attention.”

Councilman Dexter Brown stated, “Thank you for the job that you did for us for all these years and I know you will be wonderful at your new position just like you did ours, job well done on our end and I know you will do a great job on that other end.”

Councilman Timmy Lejeune stated, “I just want to echo what everyone else said but I do not know how we going to get someone to do it as good as you did. We appreciate you and I wish you the best. Thank you so much.”

Mrs. Cynthia Joubert stated, “It was my please, it will take me a little time to do a little separation but I am still in the Parish just at a different aspect. Thank you.

Councilman Dexter Brown stated, “Thank you Mrs. Cynthia.”

Public Works Committee Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated, “Mr. Bellard so how long will it be before you fill that other position.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “Not long at all.”

Public Works Committee Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated, “Good, cause we have Ms. Sherell if it is available.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “I will make sure everyone get the information on the new person that will be handling that.”

Councilman Jimmie Edwards stated, “So Mr. Barry will have two shoes to fill now.”

Public Works Committee Chairwoman Nancy Carriere stated, “If there is not any other business I see that we will adjourn.”

12. Adjourn.

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

On roll call vote: YEAS: Mildred Thierry, Alvin Stelly, Vivian Olivier, Wayne Ardoin, and Jimmie Edwards **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** None. **ABSTAINED:** None.

Motion carried.

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

XIII. ADJOURN