

AGENDA
ST. LANDRY PARISH COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, MAY 21, 2025 @ 6:00 P.M.
OLD CITY MARKET, 131 W. BELLEVUE ST.
OPELOUSAS, LOUISIANA

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & INVOCATION (Councilman Harold Taylor)

III. ROLL CALL

IV. CONDOLENCES

V. PERSONS TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL

VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- **Regular Meeting: April 16th, 2025**

VII. PARISH PRESIDENT'S REPORT

VIII. NEW BUSINESS:

*Items passed through committee.

1. Vote to re-appoint Eva Noel, Mary Daigle, Felozia Hammond, Howard Jolivette, and Beverly Reynolds for five appointments to St. Landry Gravity Drainage District No. 14 for a four- year term. (06-21-2025 – 06-21-2029)
2. Vote to appoint one appointment to St. Landry Parish Waterworks District No. 5 for a three- year term. (4- 21-2025 - 4-21-2028) Applicants are: Emile Bourgoyne and Courtney Ellis.
3. Vote to appoint Ricky Blalock for one appointment to St. Landry Waterworks District No. 3. (No Set Term)
4. Vote to appoint one appointment to Hospital District No. 2 (Opelousas General) for a six- year term. (06-07-2025 – 06-07-2031). Applicants are: Alton Broussard and Vanessa Harris.
5. Authorize the Parish President Jessie Bellard to sign the Agreement between The Capital Area Finance Authority and St. Landry Parish Government.
6. Authorize to approve The Certificate of St. Landry Parish Evidencing Public Approval of Bonds Pursuant to Section 147 (f) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 as Amended.
7. Authorize the approval of the New Proposed Telecommunications Cell Tower off Highway 31, Opelousas, LA in St. Landry Parish. The tower will be located at Coordinates 30.517083 - 92.047633.
8. Authorize the Council Clerk to advertise for two appointments to Public Works Commission District Five for a four-year term. (07-22-2025 – 07-22-2029)
9. Authorize the Council Clerk to advertise for one appointment to Lawtell Water District No.1 for the remainder of a four- year term. (08-12-2023- 08-12-2027) Mr. Curley Allen resigned.

10. Authorize the Council Clerk to send a certified letter to MARY AGGISON advising her to come and address the council regarding the demolition and debris removal of her property located at 106 HIDALGO ROAD, OPELOUSAS, LA. 70570 Parcel #0106338300.
11. Authorize the Council Clerk to send a certified letter to TAMMY TEREILL NED advising her to come and address the council regarding the demolition and debris removal of her property located at 494 PERRY DRIVE, OPELOUSAS, LA. 70570 Parcel #0603688500.
12. Authorize the Council Clerk to send a certified letter to CHARLES GOODWILL advising him to come and address the council regarding the demolition and debris removal of his property located at 311 JOLIVETTE ROAD, OPELOUSAS, LA. 70570 Parcel #0104808500.
13. Authorize the Council Clerk to send a certified letter to ROBERT LOUIS FONTENOT advising him to come and address the council regarding the demolition and debris removal of his property located at 958 HWY 749, OPELOUSAS, LA. 70570 Parcel #0104698800.

IX. ORDINANCES TO BE INTRODUCED:

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-014

AN ORDINANCE TO ABANDON GARRETT LANE IN ST. LANDRY PARISH

WHEREAS, St. Landry Parish Government has decided to abandon Garrett Lane in St. Landry Parish because Garrett Lane is no longer needed for public purposes, as per Louisiana Revised Statute 48:701.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL FOR ST. LANDRY PARISH GOVERNMENT that Garrett Lane in St. Landry Parish is hereby abandoned.

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-015

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ST. LANDRY PARISH ORDINANCE CHAPTER 44, SECTION 44-14 so that Alvin Street in Opelousas, LA can be included on the list of roads in St. Landry Parish that are designated as “No Truck or 18-Wheeler Thru Traffic” routes.

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-016

AN ORDINANCE TO PLACE TWO STOP SIGNS ON RIVERBIRCH ROAD AT THE LOCATION WHERE EAGLIN ROAD INTERSECTS OR MEETS RIVERBIRCH ROAD IN ST. LANDRY PARISH.

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-017

AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE PARISH OF ST. LANDRY TO REPEAL AND REPLACE ORDINANCE 2020-024 CODIFIED AT PART I., CHAPTER 24, ARTICLE I (LICENSES AND REGULATION) SECTION 24-34 RELATIVE TO THE LOCAL HEALTHCARE PROVIDER PARTICIPATION PROGRAM IN ST LANDRY PARISH IN ACCORDANCE WITH LA. R.S. 40:1248.1 ET. SEQ.

X. ORDINANCES TO BE ADOPTED:

**ORDINANCE NO. 2025-007
(Sponsored By: Councilman Wayne Ardoin)**

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF NOT EXCEEDING \$2,500,000 REVENUE BONDS, SERIES 2025 (ROAD OVERLAY), OF THE PARISH OF ST. LANDRY, 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 \$2,500,000 secured by the ad valorem taxes and other revenues received and accruing in the Parish Roads and Bridges Fund ("**Roads and Bridges Fund 21**") and Road District 1 Fund ("**Road District 1 Fund 42**") (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 (Road Overlay), in a principal amount not exceeding Two Million Dollars (\$2,500,000) (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 area designated by the Parish as "**District 9 of Road District 1**" (the "**District**"), and paying the costs of issuance of the Bonds, and to represent said indebtedness, the Parish shall issue its Revenue Bond, Series 2025 (Road Overlay), in an amount not to exceed Two Million and No/100 Dollars (\$2,500,000) (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 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. 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>
\$2,500,000	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 of 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 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. 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 new Bond 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 SPV 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 (\$2,500,000). 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	
Year (December 1)	Principal Amount
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 Parish President 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.

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-008
(Sponsored By: Councilman Ken Marks)

AN ORDINANCE TO LEVY THE MILLAGES FOR THE 2025 TAX ROLLS ON ALL PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE ST. LANDRY PARISH GOVERNMENT THAT the following millages are hereby levied on the 2025 tax rolls on all property subject to taxation:

	2025 LEVY
General Alimony	3.780 mills
Exempted Municipalities	1.890 mills
Health Units	2.170 mills
Jail Parish Wide	1.000 mills
Road District No 11 A Sub 1	9.560 mills
Road District No 1 Ward 3	10.260 mills
Road District No 12 Ward 2	4.800 mills

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE ST. LANDRY PARISH GOVERNMENT THAT that the proper administrative officials of the Parish of St. Landry, State of Louisiana, be and they are hereby empowered, authorized, and directed to spread said taxes, as hereinabove set forth, upon the assessment rolls of said Parish for the year 2025, and to make the collection of the taxes imposed for and on behalf of the taxing authority, according to law, and that the taxes herein levied shall become a permanent lien and privilege on all property subject to taxation as herein set forth, and collection thereof shall be enforceable in the manner provided by law.

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-009
(Sponsored By: Councilman Jimmie Edwards)

AN ORDINANCE TO ABANDON WILTON LANE IN ST. LANDRY PARISH

WHEREAS, St. Landry Parish Government has decided to abandon Wilton Lane in St. Landry Parish because Wilton Lane is no longer needed for public purposes, as per Louisiana Revised Statute 48:701.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL FOR ST. LANDRY PARISH GOVERNMENT that Wilton Lane in St. Landry Parish is hereby abandoned.

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-010
(Sponsored By: Councilman Wayne Ardoin)

AN ORDINANCE TO CREATE THE ST. LANDRY PARISH I-49 MIDWAY CORRIDOR OVERLAY DISTRICT AND TO ESTABLISH REGULATIONS FOR THE ST. LANDRY PARISH

I-49 MIDWAY CORRIDOR OVERLAY DISTRICT, IN CHAPTER 32, PLANNING, ZONING AND DEVELOPMENT, AND TO ENACT AND BE PLACED IN ARTICLE IV, ST. LANDRY PARISH I-49 MIDWAY CORRIDOR OVERLAY DISTRICT REGULATIONS, SECTION 32-80, SECTION 32-81, SECTION 32-82, SECTION 32-83, SECTION 32-84, AND SECTION 32-85 IN CHAPTER 32 OF THE ST. LANDRY PARISH CODE OF ORDINANCES

WHEREAS, St. Landry Parish Home Rule Charter Section 1-06 establishes that the Parish Government has the power to pass all ordinances necessary to promote, protect, and preserve the general welfare, safety, health, peace, and orderly conduct of the Parish.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL FOR ST. LANDRY PARISH GOVERNMENT THAT the St. Landry Parish I-49 Midway Corridor Overlay District is hereby created, and the following Regulations for the St. Landry Parish I-49 Midway Corridor Overlay District are hereby enacted, in Chapter 32 – Planning, Zoning and Development, in the St. Landry Parish Code of Ordinances, and shall read in the St. Landry Parish Code of Ordinances as follows:

Chapter 32 – PLANNING, ZONING AND DEVELOPMENT

ARTICLE IV. – ST. LANDRY PARISH I-49 MIDWAY CORRIDOR OVERLAY DISTRICT REGULATIONS

Sec. 32-80. – Purpose and intent.

The St. Landry Parish Midway Corridor Overlay District is intended to promote efficient use of land and to encourage planned development. The purpose of this article shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

- 1) To encourage and promote the public health, safety, and general welfare of the citizens of the St. Landry Parish I-49 Midway Corridor, and the surrounding area and region through the development and coordination of growth and services.
- 2) To discourage monotonous, unsightly, obnoxious, incompatible and inharmonious development.
- 3) To preserve, protect, and enhance areas of high visibility.
- 4) To enhance the economic viability of the I-49 Midway Corridor, especially as it relates to adjacent established neighborhoods.

Sec. 32-81. – Description of area.

The geographic territory of the St. Landry Parish I-49 Midway Corridor Overlay District is shown on a map titled I-49 Midway Corridor Overlay District, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit A and made a part hereof.

Sec. 32-82. – Applicability.

The St. Landry Parish I-49 Midway Corridor Overlay District regulations shall apply to all land, buildings, and structures within the geographic territory of the St. Landry Parish I-49 Midway Corridor Overlay District.

Sec. 32-83. – Prohibited uses.

The following uses are expressly prohibited in the St. Landry Parish I-49 Midway Corridor Overlay District:

- a. Single-family residential units
- b. Mobile/manufactured home parks
- c. Modular homes
- d. Mobile/manufactured home dealers
- e. RV parks (not including resort and/or campsite style parks with amenities such as, but not limited to, pools, restaurants, stores, recreational facilities, etc.)
- f. Storage units/facilities
- g. Solar farms
- h. Liquor stores

i. Intense land uses cause high levels of conflict to adjacent land uses from its nature or operation that may facilitate a nuisance by the creation of noise vibration, smoke, dust, or other particulate matter odor, toxic or non-toxic matter, or other condition that may present adversarial impacts to the adjacent use.

Sec. 32-84. – Grandfather status.

All existing Single-family residential units within the St. Landry Parish I-49 Midway Corridor Overlay District shall as of the effective date of the ordinance be exempted from conforming to the provisions of this article so long as they do not become vacant for a period in excess of one year, at which time they shall conform to the provisions of this article.

Sec. 32-85. – Existing developments.

All existing uses made nonconforming with the exception of single-family residential units as addressed in Section 32-84 titled Grandfather Status of this ordinance, as of the effective date of the ordinance shall follow the provisions of this Chapter.

Secs. 32-86 – 32-96. Reserved.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2025-011
(Sponsored By: Councilman Wayne Ardoin)**

AN ORDINANCE TO ABOLISH THE ST. LANDRY PARISH PLANNING COMMISSION AND TO CREATE AND REPLACE IT WITH THE ST. LANDRY PARISH I-49 MIDWAY CORRIDOR VARIANCE BOARD IN CHAPTER 32, PLANNING, ZONING AND DEVELOPMENT, AND TO ENACT ARTICLE I, ST. LANDRY PARISH I-49 MIDWAY CORRIDOR VARIANCE BOARD, SECTION 32-1, SECTION 32-2, SECTION 32-3, SECTION 32-4, SECTION 32-5, AND SECTION 32-6, TO BE PLACED IN CHAPTER 32 OF THE ST. LANDRY PARISH CODE OF ORDINANCES

WHEREAS, the St. Landry Parish Government created the St. Landry Parish Planning Commission by Ordinance 2023-014, adopted on August 16, 2023.

WHEREAS, St. Landry Parish Charter Section 8-06(F) states, “The council may by ordinance create, consolidate, merge, abolish, or reorganize any administrative boards or commissions previously created by the governing authority of St. Landry Parish and in existence at the date this Charter becomes effective or as may be created in the future subject to the provisions of section 8-07 below.”

WHEREAS, St. Landry Parish Charter Section 8-07(A) states, “The parish council shall have general power over any special district or local agency previously created by the governing authority of St. Landry Parish or hereafter created by the council, including, without limitation, the power to abolish the agency and require prior approval of any charge, tax levy, or bond issue by the agency.”

WHEREAS, the St. Landry Parish Government will abolish the St. Landry Parish Planning Commission in accordance with the Charter, and will create and replace with the St. Landry Parish I-49 Midway Corridor Variance Board to hear any variances that may arise within the St. Landry Parish I-49 Midway Corridor in St. Landry Parish.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL FOR ST. LANDRY PARISH GOVERNMENT THAT the St. Landry Parish Planning Commission is hereby abolished, in accordance with Sections 8-06 and 8-07 of the St. Landry Parish Charter.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL FOR ST. LANDRY PARISH GOVERNMENT THAT the St. Landry Parish I-49 Midway Corridor Variance Board is hereby created in Chapter 32 - Planning, Zoning and Development, in the St. Landry Parish Code of Ordinances, with the enactment of Article I- St. Landry Parish I-49 Midway Corridor Variance Board, by amending and replacing Section 32-1, Section 32-2, Section 32-3, Section 32-4, Section 32-5, and Section 32-6, which shall now read in the St. Landry Parish Code of Ordinances as follows:

Chapter 32 – PLANNING, ZONING AND DEVELOPMENT

ARTICLE I. - ST. LANDRY PARISH I-49 MIDWAY CORRIDOR VARIANCE BOARD

Sec. 32-1. - Created.

There is hereby created the St. Landry Parish I-49 Midway Corridor Variance Board, herein referred to as "the Board."

Sec. 32-2. - Effective Date.

This ordinance shall become effective ten days after its passage, approval, and publication in accordance with the laws governing St. Landry Parish. The provisions and requirements outlined within this ordinance shall be enforceable as of the effective date, establishing the Board in St. Landry Parish.

Sec. 32-3. - Members.

(a) The Board shall consist of five (5) members approved by the Parish Council, who may remove any member of the Board, after a public hearing, for inefficiency, neglect of duty, or malfeasance in office.

(b) Members of the Board shall serve without compensation, shall be qualified as set forth herein, and shall hold no public elected office. Members of the Board shall be qualified electors required to reside within St. Landry Parish.

(c) The members of the Board first appointed shall hold office for staggered terms in accordance with the Board's bylaws, respectively; their successors shall be appointed for a term of five (5) years from and after expiration of the term of their predecessors in office. If a vacancy occurs otherwise than by expiration of term, it shall be filled by approval of the Parish Council for the unexpired term.

(d) St. Landry Economic Development (SLED) shall make a recommendation for the selection of one of the five members of the Board.

Sec. 32-4. - Powers and Duties of the St. Landry Parish I-49 Midway Corridor Variance Board.

The Board, as hereby created, shall hear all requests for variances within the St. Landry Parish I-49 Midway Corridor. The decision of the Board shall be final, subject to appeal to the St. Landry Parish Council.

Sec. 32-5. - Organization, Meetings, and Procedures.

(a) The St. Landry Parish Government shall call the first meeting of the Board once all members have been appointed by the Parish Council. The first meeting of the Board will be to establish organizational, administrative procedures, and a regular meeting schedule.

(b) The Board shall elect a chairperson from among its own membership, create, and fill each of its offices as it may determine.

(c) The Board shall meet as needed.

(d) The Board shall adopt rules for transaction of business and shall keep a public record of its resolutions, transactions, findings, and determinations.

(e) The St. Landry Parish Government staff shall serve as the staff of the Board, providing administrative, technical, and operational support to ensure the effective functioning of the Board in accordance with its duties and responsibilities.

Sec. 36-6. - Minimum Qualifications.

(a) Individuals applying to serve as members of the Board shall be required to submit an application utilizing St. Landry Parish Government's application form and a comprehensive curriculum vitae (CV) or resume, providing a detailed account of their relevant experience, qualifications, and background.

(b) The St. Landry Parish President is hereby authorized to verify the minimum qualifications of applicants prior to nomination to the St. Landry Parish Council.

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-012
(Sponsored By: Councilman Wayne Ardoin)

AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH PERFORMANCE LAND USE REGULATIONS FOR THE ST. LANDRY PARISH I-49 MIDWAY CORRIDOR, IN CHAPTER 32, PLANNING, ZONING AND DEVELOPMENT, AND TO ENACT AND PLACE IN ARTICLE V, ST. LANDRY PARISH I-49 MIDWAY CORRIDOR PERFORMANCE LAND USE REGULATIONS, TO BE PLACED IN SECTIONS 32-97 THROUGH 32-108 IN CHAPTER 32 OF THE ST. LANDRY PARISH CODE OF ORDINANCES

WHEREAS, St. Landry Parish Home Rule Charter Section 1-06 establishes that the Parish Government has the special power to pass all ordinances necessary to promote, protect, and preserve the general welfare, safety, health, peace, and orderly conduct of the Parish.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL FOR ST. LANDRY PARISH GOVERNMENT THAT the following Performance Land Use Regulations for the St. Landry Parish I-49 Midway Corridor are hereby enacted in Chapter 32 – Planning, Zoning and Development, in the St. Landry Parish Code of Ordinances, and shall read in the St. Landry Parish Code of Ordinances as follows:

Chapter 32 – PLANNING, ZONING AND DEVELOPMENT

ARTICLE V. – ST. LANDRY PARISH I-49 MIDWAY CORRIDOR PERFORMANCE LAND USE REGULATIONS

Sec. 32-97. – Statement of need and purpose.

The purpose of this article is to facilitate and manage the development and growth of the Interstate 49 Midway Corridor in St. Landry Parish, Louisiana, in a manner that provides for compatibility, minimizes land-use conflicts, sustains property values, promotes economic development, and enhances community appearance. With these goals in mind, it is the intent of the ordinance from which this article derives to govern the use of land according to regulations based on performance, as further described within this article.

Sec. 32-98. – Definitions.

Agricultural. Land devoted to the production for sale, in reasonable quantities, of plants and animals, or their products, useful to man, as designated by the St. Landry Parish Tax Assessor.

Buffer. Land adjacent to a development that provides distance between the development and another land use. The buffer may include any combination of the following: land, planting strips, and fencing. The buffer will be provided as part of the development tract and shall be between conflicting land uses. 1 Class A or 2 Class B trees shall be planted every 50 linear feet within the buffer. Class A trees shall be a minimum of 8 feet at planted height. Class B trees shall be a minimum of 6 feet at planted height. Reference Section 32-108 for a list of recommended Class A and Class B trees.

Fence. For the purpose of this article, a fence shall be constructed of a solid rigid material, and be completely nontransparent, and all portions of uniform color prior to installation of the enclosure. The use of metal mesh, chain link with metal slats, or any other metal fencing materials, other than metal support posts, are prohibited. All portions of the fence shall be of uniform color, including posts. The fence shall be of uniform height, and a minimum of six feet tall, and shall be of uniform construction. It shall be able to withstand wind loads and other requirements established by the current International Building Code. The fence shall not contain any poster, graphics, or advertising of any kind, except for one sign of the owner, lessee, operator or licensee of said premises, on each street frontage.

Planning Administrator. The Planning Administrator shall be an individual appointed by the Parish President and shall be the administrator of the ordinance from which this article derives. The administrator has no authority to waive any portion of this article. Final authority on all matters rests with the St. Landry Parish I-49 Midway Corridor Variance Board.

Non-Conforming Use. A land use, structure, or development that was lawfully established under previous regulations but does not comply with the current land use requirements. Nonconforming uses may continue subject to specific conditions but cannot be expanded or modified in ways that increase nonconformity. If discontinued for a specified period, the use may lose its nonconforming status.

Sec. 32-99. – Land governed.

- (a) All land within the Interstate 49 Midway Corridor as established by Section 32-81 is governed by this article.
- (b) The following land use districts are hereby established:
 - (1) *Interstate Highway District.* The "Interstate Highway District" is defined as any land within 600 feet of an interstate highway right-of-way. If 80 percent or greater of a parcel is covered by the

Interstate Highway District, then that entire parcel shall be considered part of the Interstate Highway District.

- (2) *Major Arterial District.* The "Major Arterial District" is defined as any land within 200 feet of any major thoroughfare right-of-way at the time of adoption. If 80 percent or greater of a parcel is covered by the Major Arterial District, then that entire parcel shall be considered part of the Major Arterial District.
- (3) *Major Collector District.* The "Major Collector District" is defined as any land within 100 feet of any major collector right- of-way at the time of adoption. If 80 percent or greater of a parcel is covered by the Major Collector District, then that entire parcel shall be considered part of the Major Collector District.
- (4) *Suburban District.* "Suburban Districts" are defined as land in a community or an area with a moderate to high density of residential units that is not primarily agricultural in use at the time of adoption.
- (5) *Rural District.* The "Rural District" is any land that does not fall in one of the other districts and is primarily agricultural in use.

Sec. 32-100. – Land use types.

- (a) All land and proposed land use within the Interstate 49 Corridor has a land use type, as defined in this article.
- (b) For the purpose of this article, the following land use types are established:
 - (1) *Single-family residential land use (R-1).* The primary intended land use is single-family residential units. Also permitted are one accessory apartment, accessory use buildings (e.g., detached garage), and bed and breakfast (as long as the facility has no more than two guest rooms).
 - (2) *Multifamily residential land use (R-2).* The primary intended land use is multifamily residential units including apartments, dwellings intended for two or more families, boarding house, college or university dormitory, fraternity or sorority house, mobile home park, townhouses, bed and breakfast (with three or more guest rooms), and zero lot line homes.
 - (3) *Neighborhood business land use (NB).*
 - a. The primary intended land use is light commercial businesses that provide centers for convenience shopping in residential neighborhoods.
 - b. Neighborhood businesses may include, but are not limited to any of the following: art gallery, barbershop, beauty shop, bookstore, business or professional office, camera, and photographic supply store, candy store, coffee and/or pastry shop, commercial child care facility, convenience store (excluding gasoline and diesel sales), cosmetic store, drug store (with a drive-thru for pharmaceutical products only), floral shop, gift shop, hamburger and/or sandwich shop, hobby supply store, ice cream parlor, laundry (self-service), music store, newsstand, picture framing store, pick-up station (laundry and/or dry cleaning), lodge (private) and shoe repair.
 - (4) *General business land use (GB).*
 - a. The primary intended land use is for commercial establishments which require a retail contact with the public together with professional offices, limited storage and warehousing as well as retail uses with similar requirements as listed in this subsection. Land use types that are heavy industrial in nature are not included.
 - b. General business may include, but not limited to any of the following: air conditioning sales and service, amusements (commercial), animal hospital, auditorium, automotive parts sales, automotive sales, automotive rentals, automotive repairs, automotive service station, car wash, drive- in establishment, electric contractor and wholesaler, electric repair, exterminator, glass store, hotel and motel, laundry, lounge or barroom, marine store, motorcycle sales and service, off-site signs, pawn shop, pet store, plumbing shop, printing and publishing, radio and television broadcasting studio and transmitter, radio and television repair, restaurant supply sales, retail manufacturing, seafood market, sign shop, storage units, taxidermist, trailer sales, travel trailer park, antique shop, apparel and accessory shop, dance studio, interior decorator, jewelry manufacturing, jewelry store, personal service shop, seamstress or dressmaker or tailor, and stationery store, bakery, bank, business and/or professional college, catering shop, clinic, dairy product sales, delicatessen, diaper service, drive-thru establishment, dry goods store, tobacco store, woodworking shop, window and door sales, sheet metal shop, recreational artistic painting, fix-it shop, fruit and/or vegetable stand, funeral home, furniture repair, gasoline or diesel fuel sales (retail), grocery store, gymnasium, haberdashery, hardware store (retail), hospital and/or sanitarium, leather store, liquor sales (package), loan office, nursing or convalescent home, office supply, optical and/or surgical supply store, parking garage or lot, printing and graphics, reducing salon and/or health club, restaurant, self-service storage facility (individual scale, not warehouse scale), shoe store, sporting goods store, studio for

professional work or teaching, tailor shop, theater, toy store, uniform sales, variety sales, YMCA/YWCA, appliance store, automobile dealership (franchised, with related services) department store, dry cleaners, garden supply store, paint store, post office, distribution centers, fulfillment centers and public office (state, local and federal).

- (5) *Parks and recreational land use (PR)*. The primary intended land use is generally for active play, recreation or public assembly, excluding private single family residential areas. Uses may include but are not limited to recreational libraries or reading rooms, parks, and playgrounds and recreational facilities (privately owned and operated, including individual and community swimming pools, tennis clubs, noncommercial community centers, and similar uses).
- (6) *Institutional land use (IT)*. The primary intended land use is governmental, civic, religious, cultural and educational facilities. Uses may include, but not limited to, art galleries or museums, public buildings (city, parish, state and federal), church and associated uses, cemetery/mausoleum, kindergarten, library or reading room, schools (elementary, secondary, public and private, including associated uses and structures), and water storage facilities.
- (7) *Industrial land use (ID)*.
 - a. The primary intended land uses are those uses that are generally closed off to the public and whose primary operation involves manufacturing, assembling processing, or otherwise treating raw materials, semi finished, products, or finished products for packaging, distribution to either or wholesale or retail markets.
 - b. Uses may include but are not limited to the following: electric substation, pipeline or electric transmission line, railroad right-of way, railroad facilities, telephone exchange, warehousing, water pumping station, and water storage facilities, wastewater facility/treatment plant, electronic manufacturing, airport and/or dusting service, archery range, armory, bakery (wholesale), battery manufacturing, beverage manufacturing, gasoline or diesel bulk plant (petroleum), canvas products manufacturing, carting (including express, crating, hauling and storage), clothing manufacturing, bulk coffee roasting, cold storage plant, contractor (including storage yard for equipment, materials, supplies and/or vehicles), cosmetic manufacturing, creamery, dairy equipment sales, dog pound, drug manufacturing, dry goods (wholesale and manufacturing), electric power generating station, electroplating, elevator maintenance and service, farm equipment supplies and sales, feed store, feed locker plant, food manufacturing, food wholesale and storage, freight depot (railway and truck), frozen food plant, fruit and produce (wholesale), fur dyeing (including finishing and storage), glass manufacturing, hardware (manufacturing, storage and wholesale), hatchery, hosiery mill, ice cream manufacturing, lumber yard and building materials, machine shop, machinery tools (construction equipment sales and service), mattress factory, metal sharpening, millinery manufacturing, mill work and woodwork manufacturing, novelty manufacturing, oil company (drilling and exploration), oil field service company, oil field supplies and machinery, packing, painting and decorating contractor, paper product manufacturing, paper supplies (wholesale) passenger depot, pipe storage, plastics fabrication, poultry storage and dressing, printing supplies manufacturing, riding academy, roofing and sheet metal shop, rug cleaning, sand and gravel storage yard, seed and feed store, sewer pumping station, shoe wholesale and manufacturing, sporting goods (wholesale), stone cutting, toy manufacturing, trade school, transit vehicle storage and servicing, truck stop, venetian blind and metal awning (fabrication and cleaning), water distillation, welding shop and well drilling company (water).
- (8) *Intense land use (N)*.
 - a. The primary intended land uses cause high levels of conflict to adjacent land uses from its nature or operation that may facilitate a nuisance by the creation of noise vibration, smoke, dust, or other particulate matter odor, toxic or non-toxic matter, or other condition that may present adversarial impacts to the adjacent use.
 - b. Uses include, but are not limited to the following: asphalt and concrete batching plants, any type of borrow pit (sand, gravel, clay, dirt), disposal facilities, dumping pits, incinerators, landfills, logging, pipe yards, prisons, recycling facilities, scrap and salvage yards, sewer treatment plants, waste transfer stations, waste pick-up stations, wrecker yards, any equipment and/or vehicle auction sites, storage of recreational vehicles/mobile homes/manufactured homes and storage of any motor vehicles and/or storage containers.
- (9) *Agricultural land use (AG)*. The primary intended land use is land devoted to the production for sale of plants and animals, or their products, for human or livestock consumption and pasturing or yarding of livestock.

Sec. 32-101. - Requirements, restrictions, and responses.

- (a) All developments shall comply with the requirements of this article.
- (b) It is the responsibility of the new building or development to minimize conflict with adjacent property by providing buffers or other conflict mitigation measures as part of its development.
- (c) For the purpose of this article, the following responses to the conflict level types are established:

		Buffer (Feet)	Fence Required
a.	Conflict Level 1:	10	No
b.	Conflict Level 2:	15	Yes
c.	Conflict Level 3:	20	Yes
d.	Conflict Level 4:	25	Yes
e.	Conflict Level 5:	30	Yes
f.	Conflict Level 6:	50	Yes
g.	Conflict Level 7:	70	Yes
h.	Conflict Level 8:	80	Yes
i.	Conflict Level 9:	90	Yes
j.	Conflict Level 10:	100	Yes

- (d) Any proposed development must also meet any and all other applicable federal, state and local laws, statutes, ordinances, rules and/or regulations which are then in effect, and which may pertain to such development.
- (e) The conflict level of any business or other establishment operating between the hours of 8:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. shall be increased by one if locating next to an existing residential use.
- (f) Compliance with this article does not negate the requirements of subdivision or development covenants or regulations. It is the responsibility of the developer to meet these covenants or regulations; it is not the Planning Administrator's responsibility to enforce these covenants or regulations.
- (g) The level of conflict existing between specific land-use types within a particular district is determined through the use of the conflict matrix chart developed for each such district; included hereinbelow are the conflict matrix charts for each of the various land use districts as established by, and listed in, Section 32-99, "Land governed," of this chapter:

INTERSTATE HIGHWAY DISTRICT										
		EXISTING								
		R-1	R-2	NB	GB	PR	IT	ID	N	AG
NEW	R-1	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	R-2	N.C.	N.C.	N.C.	1	2	2	4	5	1
	NB	2	2	N.C.	N.C.	1	2	3	4	1
	GB	3	2	1	N.C.	1	1	2	4	2
	PR	2	2	2	2	N.C.	2	1	4	N.C.
	IT	2	1	1	1	N.C.	N.C.	2	4	2
	ID	6	5	4	3	3	4	N.C.	3	1
	N	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
AG	4	4	3	3	2	2	2	2	1	N.C.
LEGEND R-1 Single-Family R-2 Multi-family NB Neighborhood Business GB General Business PR Parks and Recreation IT Institutional ID Industrial N Intense AG Agricultural N.C. No Conflict N/A Not Applicable				Note: Uses that are designated as R-1 and N are prohibited in this district as per the I-49 Midway Corridor Overlay District Section 32-10						

MAJOR ARTERIAL DISTRICT										
		EXISTING								
		R-1	R-2	NB	GB	PR	IT	ID	N	AG

	R-1	N.C.	N.C.	1	1	1	1	5	6	1
	R-2	N.C.	N.C.	N.C.	1	2	2	4	5	1
	NB	2	2	N.C.	N.C.	1	2	3	4	1
	GB	3	2	1	N.C.	1	1	2	4	2
	PR	2	2	2	2	N.C.	2	1	4	N.C.
	IT	5	4	3	2	1	N.C.	N.C.	4	2
	ID	6	5	4	3	3	4	N.C.	3	1
	N	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	N.C.	10
	AG	4	4	3	3	2	2	2	1	N.C.
LEGEND										
R-1 Single-Family R-2 Multi-Family										
NB Neighborhood Business GB General Business										
PR Parks and Recreation IT Institutional										
ID Industrial N Intense										
AG Agricultural										
N.C. No Conflict										
N/A Not Applicable										

MAJOR COLLECTOR DISTRICT										
		EXISTING								
		R-1	R-2	NB	GB	PR	IT	ID	N	AG
NEW	R-1	N.C.	N.C.	1	1	1	1	5	6	2
	R-2	N.C.	N.C.	N.C.	1	2	2	4	5	1
	NB	2	2	N.C.	N.C.	1	2	3	4	1
	GB	3	2	1	N.C.	1	1	2	4	2
	PR	2	2	2	2	N.C.	2	1	4	N.C.
	IT	5	4	3	2	1	N.C.	N.C.	4	2
	ID	6	5	4	3	3	4	N.C.	3	1
	N	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	N.C.
AG	4	4	3	3	2	2	2	2	1	N.C.
LEGEND										
R-1 Single-Family R-2 Multi-Family										
NB Neighborhood Business GB General Business										
PR Parks and Recreation IT Institutional										
ID Industrial N Intense										
AG Agricultural										
N.C. No Conflict										
N/A Not Applicable										

SUBURBAN DISTRICT										
		EXISTING								
		R-1	R-2	NB	GB	PR	IT	ID	N	AG
NEW	R-1	N.C.	N.C.	1	2	2	2	4	6	2
	R-2	N.C.	N.C.	N.C.	1	2	2	4	5	1
	NB	2	1	N.C.	N.C.	1	2	3	4	1
	GB	4	3	2	N.C.	1	2	3	4	1
	PR	2	2	2	2	N.C.	N.C.	1	4	1
	IT	5	4	3	2	1	N.C.	N.C.	4	4
	ID	6	5	4	3	3	4	N.C.	4	1

	N	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	N.C.	10
	AG	4	4	3	3	2	2	2	1	N.C.
LEGEND R-1 Single-Family R-2 Multi-Family NB Neighborhood Business GB General Business PR Parks and Recreation IT Institutional ID Industrial N Intense AG Agricultural N.C. No Conflict N/A Not Applicable										

RURAL DISTRICT										
		EXISTING								
		NG								
		R-1	R-2	NB	GB	PR	IT	ID	N	AG
	R-1	N.C.	N.C.	1	1	1	1	6	7	2
	R-2	N.C.	N.C.	N.C.	1	2	2	4	6	1
	NB	1	1	N.C.	N.C.	1	1	3	5	1
	GB	2	1	N.C.	N.C.	N.C.	1	2	5	1
	PR	2	2	2	2	N.C.	2	1	5	1
	IT	5	4	3	2	1	N.C.	N.C.	5	2
	ID	8	8	6	6	8	6	N.C.	3	4
	N	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	N.C.	10
	AG	4	4	3	3	2	2	2	1	N.C.
LEGEND R-1 Single-Family R-2 Multi-Family NB Neighborhood Business GB General Business PR Parks and Recreation IT Institutional ID Industrial N Intense AG Agricultural N.C. No Conflict N/A Not Applicable										

Sec. 32-102. - Administration by the Planning Administrator.

- (a) Before a development can begin construction or operation, the developer must furnish documentation to the Planning Administrator that is reasonably necessary to evaluate the development.
- (b) Based on the information submitted, the Planning Administrator will prepare a letter documenting the conflict level(s) to the developer.
- (c) No building permit will be issued until the development is in compliance.

Sec. 32-103. – Variances.

- (a) If the developer wishes to request a variance of any provision of this article, the developer shall document the variance request and submit the request to the Planning Administrator a minimum of 15 days before the regular I-49 Midway Corridor Variance Board meeting. The Planning Administrator shall enter the request on the next I-49 Midway Corridor Variance Board meeting agenda. The decision of the I-49 Midway Corridor Variance Board shall be final, subject to appeal to the St. Landry Parish Council.
- (b) In the event a waiver has been requested, the Planning Administrator shall notify all property owners

located adjacent to the proposed project. Such notice shall be provided by first-class mail to the address of said owners as they appear on the parish assessment rolls, not less than ten days before the date fixed for the hearing in the event a variance has been requested.

- (c) Any person with standing can appeal the decision of the I-49 Midway Corridor Variance Board to the St. Landry Parish Council. Standing is defined as any property owner located adjacent to the proposed project as defined by the parish assessment rolls.

Sec. 32-104. – Grandfather status in the Interstate Highway District and the I-49 Midway Corridor Overlay District.

All existing Single-family residential land use (R-1) that fall within the Interstate Highway District and, similarly, the I-49 Midway Corridor Overlay District shall as of the effective date of the ordinance be exempted from conforming to this article and shall be deemed to be allowed to continue as an R-1 use in perpetuity.

Sec. 32-105. – Existing developments and temporary exemption.

- (a) All existing nonconforming uses in operation as of the effective date of the ordinance from which this article derives are exempt from this article, provided that:
 - (1) The development is currently operating with an occupational license, certificate of occupancy, and clear indicia of ongoing operations.
 - (2) The burden of proof that the development was pre-existing shall be on the developer.
 - (3) However, in the event that any existing development is physically enlarged or expanded beyond the limits of its property lines as they existed as of the date of the adoption of the ordinance from which this article derives, then and in that event, the new development must comply with all of the provisions of this article.
 - (4) In the event that an existing business which enjoys nonconforming status ceases to operate (is closed and/or vacant) continuously for a period of up to one year, the business at issue shall thereafter lose its nonconforming status, such that said business shall thereafter be subject to compliance with those provisions of the code to which it has previously been exempt under its formerly held nonconforming status.
 - (5) The current owner of a commercial entity in compliance with paragraph (a) (1) of this section sells or otherwise transfers ownership of his business, and the commercial entity so transferred (the successor commercial entity) continues to operate within the same physical footprint, with regard to both property/land and structures located thereon, notwithstanding the provisions of any lease or other contract/agreement applicable to said commercial entity.
 - (6) A commercial entity ceases doing business, and the successor commercial entity commences operations within one year of the date of cessation of operations of the original business type, within the same physical footprint as that of the original business, with regard to both property/land and structures located thereon, notwithstanding the provisions of any lease or other contract/agreement applicable to said commercial entity.
- (b) Any asphalt and/or concrete batching plant which has a temporary location to service the construction of a road or highway project will be exempted from the provisions of this article at its temporary location but only for the duration of the construction project which it is servicing. After the completion of the construction project, should the asphalt and/or concrete batching plant remain at said location, it must then comply with all of the applicable terms and provisions of this article. Furthermore, this exemption shall apply only to the temporary location of the batching plant which is servicing the highway and/or road construction project and any other location owned or operated by the same owner or operator of the temporary asphalt and/or concrete batching plant will be subject to all applicable terms and conditions of this article.

Sec. 32-106. – Violation of ordinance.

Enforcement and penalties of these regulations is provided by Parish Ordinance in the authority granted by Ordinance No. 2022-012.

Sec. 32-107. – Adopt, amend, or repeal of performance land use and overlay district regulations.

The St. Landry Parish Government may, from time to time, adopt, amend, and publish rules and instructions for the administration of these regulations. These regulations may be changed or amended by the St. Landry Parish Government after a public hearing, due notice of which shall be given as required by law.

Sec. 32 – 108. - List of recommended species of trees and shrubs.

The following tables show the recommended tree and shrub species:

CLASS A TREES:	
Acer rubrum "Drummondii"	Swamp Red Maple
Fraxinus pennsylvanica	Green Ash
Ginkgo Biloba	Maidenhair Tree
Ilex opaca	American Holly
Juniperus virginiana "Canaertii"	Eastern Red Cedar
Liquidambar styraciflua	American Sweet Gum
Liriodendron tulipifera	Tuliptree
Magnolia grandiflora	Southern Magnolia
Nyssa aquatica	Tupelo Gum
Nyssa sylvatica	Black Gum
Pinus elliottii (clustered 3 to 5 specimens)	Slash Pine
Pinus glabra	Spruce Pine
Quercus acutissima	Sawtooth Oak
Quercus falcate var. pagodifolia	Cherrybark Oak
Quercus glauca	Blue Japanese Oak
Quercus lyrata	Overcup Oak
Quercus michauxii	Cow Oak
Quercus nuttallii	Nuttall Oak
Quercus phellos	Willow Oak
Quercus shumardii	Shumard Oak
Quercus virginiana	Live Oak
Taxodium distichum	Bald Cypress
Tilia americana	American Linden
Ulmus alata	Winged Elm
Ulmus americana	American Elm (Dutch elm disease-resistant variety. Other species may be considered when presented as part of a landscape plan prepared by a registered landscape architect licensed in the state.)
Ulmus crassifolia	Cedar Elm
Ulmus parvifolia "Drake"	Chinese Elm
CLASS B TREES:	
Betula nigra	River Birch
Cedrus deodara	Deodar Cedar
Cercis canadensis	Eastern Redbud
Chionanthus virginicus	Grancy Graybeard
Cornus florida	Dogwood
Crataegus opaca	Mayhaw
Cyrilla racemiflora	Titi
Halesia diptera	Silver-Bell
Ilex x attenuata "Fosteri"	Foster's Holly
Ilex "Nellie R. Stevens"	Nellie Stevens Holly
Ilex decidua	Deciduous Holly
Ilex vomitoria	Yaupon
Lagerstroemia indica (varieties maturing at a minimum height of 15 feet)	Crape Myrtle
Ligustrum lucidum	Tree Ligustrum
Magnolia x soulangiana	Oriental Magnolia
Magnolia virginiana	Sweetbay Magnolia
Myrica cerifera	Wax Myrtle
Osmanthus fragrans	Sweet Olive
Persea borbonia	Red Bay
Phoenix canariensis	Canary Island Date Palm
Pinus thunbergiana	Japanese Black Pine
Pistacia chinensis	Pistachio
Prunus campanulata	Flowering Cherry
Prunus caroliniana	Cherry Laurel
Prunus mexicana	Mexican Plum
Pyrus calleryana "Bradford"	Bradford Flowering Pear
Robinia pseudoacacia	Black Locust
Trachycarpus fortunei (clustered 3 to 5 specimens)	Windmill Palm
Ulmus parvifolia	Chinese Elm

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-013
(Sponsored By: Councilman Dexter Brown)

AN ORDINANCE TO SELL THE FOLLOWING 14 PROPERTIES LISTED ON THIS ORDINANCE THAT HAVE BEEN ADJUDICATED TO ST. LANDRY PARISH GOVERNMENT

WHEREAS, Louisiana Revised Statutes 47:2201, 47:2202, 47:2203 and 47:2204 provide that a political subdivision may provide by ordinance for the sale of adjudicated property at a public sale.

WHEREAS, the St. Landry Parish Government shall offer for sale the following adjudicated properties with a minimum bid of \$500.00 and/or any specified amount due to St. Landry Parish Government in reference to any liens, judgments, mortgages, and/or encumbrances that may be on each adjudicated property as follows.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL FOR ST. LANDRY PARISH GOVERNMENT that the following adjudicated properties shall be offered for sale at public sale and there shall be a minimum bid of \$500.00 and/or any specified amount due to St. Landry Parish Government in reference to any liens, judgments, mortgages, and/or encumbrances that may be on each of the following adjudicated properties:

PARCEL#	PHYSICAL ADDRESS	PROPERTY OWNER
01	8500186500 PRESCOTT STREET 1 LOT (.526 AC) BEING LOTS 10 (150X134) (.461 AC) & PART OF LOT 11 (.134 AC) (41.85X140.23) IN SECS 70 & 85 T-5S R-4E 1 LOT 9 (150X134) (.379 AC) IN SECS 70 & 85 T-5S R-4E 806478 (W-35-136) 926904 (L-40-272}	TROY JOSEPH
02	8549446389 PRESCOTT AVE 1 LOT 11 (130.15X134) FRONTING 130.15' ON PRESCOTT AVE IN SECS 70 & 85 T-5S R-4E 817568 (J-36-309) 947218 (J-41-372)	TROY JOSEPH
03	8500160487 (WASHINGTON-CITY) 3.584 AC LOT 14 IN SECS 70 & 85 T-5S R-4E 846232 (P-37-341) 967422 (K-42-179)	RALPH D. MOORE
04	8603454905 HWY 190 1 LOT (.104 AC) N MISSOURI PACIFIC RR S HWY 190 E LEDEE IN SEC 19 T-6S R-3E 835991 (E-37-177) PLAT	THEME LEDEE/SHAHANA BROWN
05	0100880800 638 HALL STREET 1 LOT 14 (51X150) BLK 1 OAK PARK ADD N LOT 10 11 S TENNIS ST E STELLY W LOT 13 FRONTING 51' ON TENNIS ST 1064816	LARRY D LARWOOD II

06	0101052500	905 ST CYR STREET	EVELINA EAGLAND
		2 LOTS 1 2 (100X 144.7 NORTH & 152.4 SOUTH) BLK 3 ST CYR ADD 100' ON ST CYR AVE 210382	
07	8600006500	620 PEARL STREET	MR & MRS W J ACHTEN
		1 LOT BEING 1/2 ARPENT SW CORNER OF LOT 2 (FRONTING 105' ON PEARL ST) BLK B GOURNAY PARK ADD 223290 1125431	
08	8600512600	430 ACADIA STREET	MARGIE DAVIS
		1 LOT BEING PART OF LOT 4 (50X100) BLK 8 PIER ADD 971388 (0-42-731)	
09	8600819500	BACCIOCHI STREET	CLARENCE FRANK SR
		1 LOT (100X150) FRONTING 100' ON BACCI ST 584466 (0-19-797) 888969 (E-39-254) 989358 (J-43-499)	
10	8602492365	240 S CANE STREET (EUNICE)	ORELIA GREEN
		1 LOT 35 (40X110) PACIFIC SUB DIV 710828-A (D-28-329) 857552 (TAX 12-893)	
11	8601225100	360 MILL STREET (EUNICE)	MELVIN & EMILY ALFRED HENRY
		1 LOT BEING W/2 OF THE S/2 OF LOT 2 (50X100) BLK 10 PIERROTT! ADDITION FRONTING 0' ON MILL ST N N/2 OF LOT 2 S MILL STE DAVILLE W LOT 11087540	
12	0641431862	130 GASPARD STREET (EUNICE)	GASTON WOODS & MARY THOMAS
		1 LOT (50X84) LEFT N JOHNSON S WOODE GUILLORY W GASPARD ST 602311 (0-12-651) 939820 (A-41-349)	
13	8102261300	910 W. LANDRY STREET	HENRY MICHAEL MICHEL
		1 LOT (43X87.2) N MANUEL S LANDRY STE MANUEL W GATH FRONTING 43' ON LANDRY ST 837655 (DON 64-335) 917828 (B-40-863) (LOT 6 BLK 9 W LANDRY ST	
14	8102857500	923 JEFFERSON STREET	MARY OTHERIE SAM
		1 LOT 3 (48X149.4) BLK 1 ANDRUS SUB DIV 565435-B (M-18-558) 999533	

XI. RESOLUTIONS TO BE ADOPTED:
NONE.

XII. COMMITTEE MINUTES:

**ST. LANDRY PARISH COUNCIL
ADMINISTRATIVE/FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING
WEDNESDAY, MAY 7, 2025
OLD CITY MARKET, 131 W. BELLEVUE ST.
OPELOUSAS, LOUISIANA**

ADMINISTRATIVE/FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

1. Administrative Finance Chairman Harold Taylor called this meeting of the Administrative/Finance Committee of the St. Landry Parish Council to order.
2. Councilman Harold Taylor led the Pledge of Allegiance & Invocation.
3. **Roll Call:** Faltery Jolivette, Harold Taylor, Ken Marks, Timmy Lejeune and Ernest Blanchard. Ex-Officio Jody White. **ABSENT:** Dexter Brown.
**Councilman Dexter Brown was absent for roll call but later joined the meeting.*
4. **Person to address the Committee.**

Mr. Ricky Blalock addressed the council. He stated, “I am Ricky Blalock. I live at 3 Mile Lake, 168 Timber Dr. I am retired and I am just trying to get on the Water Board to try and help them out as far as putting in some of the new top meters and stuff like that.”

Councilman Ken Marks questioned, “Mr. Blalock, thank you for coming here. We appreciate you for trying to help out to put some service into our parish. My question is this: Not knowing you personally and probably a lot of other people who don’t know you but could you give us a brief background about your experience level and what you bring to the table.”

Mr. Rick Blalock stated, “I worked 31.5 years for the paper industry. I have been a mechanic all of my life and I work on lawn mowers. I try to help the community and keep all the lawnmowers working.”

Ms. Vanessa Harris addressed the council. She stated, “Good evening. I am Vanessa Harris. I think most of you all know me. Just to give you a little back ground about myself I am a native of Washington. My parents are the late Aaron Harris and Mrs. Rosa Harris. I am married to Senic Batiste and we share a blended family. I have three adult daughters and I have my fourth grandchild that I am waiting on during the month of June. I am a graduate of Washington High School. From there I attended Southern University where I majored in Computer Science with a minor in Accounting. After graduating from Undergrad I attended Southern University Law Center. I practiced law here in Opelousas from 1988 until currently with my father Aaron Harris and my brother Alonzo Harris who practiced law as well. I was elected as Opelousas City Court Judge in 2008. I started presiding January 1, 2009 and I retired December 2020. I served Ad Hoc which I had the honor of doing so during the year of 2023 at Lafayette City Court. I was appointed by the Louisiana Supreme Court to serve Judge Pro Tem there. Once I completed that appointment I continued my law practice and I was reappointed to Lafayette City Court last year in October due to the untimely and unexpected passing of Judge Jules Edwards, I sat there until February 2025. Currently I sit Ad Hoc when needed at Lafayette City Court. I also sit Ad Hoc at the East Baton Rouge Family Court and recently I was appointed at the Alexandria City Court, I do that area when I have time. I am a member of Shiloh Baptist Church where I serve as an Usher at my Church. I am a member of various professional organizations and I am currently on the Opelousas Main Street Board.”

Councilman Faltery Jolivette stated, “Judge Harris we thank you for your interest in the position. I would ask why?”

Ms. Vanessa Harris stated, “To be of service to my community. I feel that the knowledge that I have I could certainly bring something positive to that board.”

Councilman Faltery Jolivette stated, “We believe you can, Thank You.”

Administrative Finance Chairman Harold Taylor stated, “The next person to address the council is Capital Area Finance Authority Kristin Delahoussaye.”

Ms. Kristin Delahoussaye addressed the council and stated, “Thank you very much. I am Kristin Delahoussaye with Capital Area Finance Authority. We are located in Baton Rouge Louisiana. We are a Capital Region in East Baton Rouge and the eight surrounding parishes. We have gone out into other parishes through Cooperative

Endeavors Agreements which we had with St. Landry and it just expired recently. About 1 ½ years ago in 2023 my coworker Bridget came and spoke to you all to get permission to allow our first time home buying program called Calfa First Time. It was through a Tax Exempt Bond. We got \$40,000,000.00 from the state and we just ran out of money about two weeks ago. We knew we were going to run out of money so we are going back to the Bond Commission to get more and we will be extending this program. We issued the program because the programs that we already had the interest rates were so high. It is a little more restrictive because you have to be a first time home buyer but on other programs you don't have too. These programs have a flat rate that was 6.58 so it really helped those borrowers from getting into that high rate. We just wanted to extend the program and we have to get permission. I don't think that you all can vote on that tonight but I just want to ask if you all have any questions about the program it would help first time home buyers by giving them 5% assistance. If they are purchasing a home they would get 5% to go toward their down payment and their closing cost. It can help with inspections and appraisals or any hurdles that first time homebuyer may have by trying to get into that home because we all know that it can be very costly. There is no risk to the parish, there is zero risk it just allows us to have the lenders that are approved to offer these programs and continue their work in St. Landry Parish."

Councilman Dexter Brown questioned, "When did you say that renewal date is for this year?"

Ms. Kristin Delahoussaye stated, "It would have to be done before we close on that bond which is going to be July 5. So we are going to Market on July 11 and it will close shortly after that. Once the bond closes the other programs can happen anytime. The bond specifically that first time bond has to be done and the Resolution have to be signed and done before."

Councilman Ken Marks questioned, "I basically would like to know with your negotiating skills did the percentages go down on their own or were you able to negotiate that down?"

Ms. Kristin Delahoussaye stated, "Oh Gosh no that is our investors. They were able to negotiate that. Louisiana Housing Corporation is the State Wide one that they offer as well. I think whenever you go into this volume cap and you get it from the state the investors are able to negotiate it to get that rate down. As the mortgage rate goes up and down all day every week it fluctuates ours is stable just with this one particular program. The other programs that we are looking at are 7.5 or 8% and it was too hard for people to purchase houses with high rate so this was set at 6.58."

Councilman Timmy Lejeune questioned, "I have a question for Mr. Bellard and then I will address that. Mr. Bellard do we have a program like that already in the parish?"

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "We have this same program but this is nothing new for us. It happens a lot and we have been using them. If you all remember correctly we used Capital for the Light Source Solar Farm. Capital was part of that deal for us as well. It is nothing new."

Councilman Timmy Lejeune stated, "Do we need a motion to move this to the full council?"

Councilman Faltery Jolivette questioned, "Ms. Delahoussaye thank you for coming. My question is this: This is my first time hearing of this project so pardon my ignorance. How do we advertise? How does a first time homeowner find out about this?"

Ms. Kristin Delahoussaye stated, "We have a website and we do a lot of advertising with Realtors and the Lenders. Since we don't do the financing we have approved lenders and we have a great amount of them. When they have their clients come to them that need this they will know because they have to be approved. If there is anything in the parish that we can get out there we have a Facebook Page and we have an Instagram Page. We have not done radio or television or anything like that for years because we find this is so cost effective. If there is anything that you all have that you all can suggest I am open to that."

We do first time homebuyer's seminar in other parishes that have economic community events and we would be happy to come in and do that."

A motion was made by Councilman Timmy Lejeune, seconded by Councilman Dexter Brown to forward to Regular Meeting held on *Wednesday, May 21, 2025* to authorize the Parish President so sign the Agreement between The Capital Area Finance Authority and the St. Landry Parish Government.

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

Motion forwarded.

5. Parish President & Finance Reports:

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "The only thing that we have Mr. Chairman is the last couple of days we had the rain that have taken a toll on our parish. It could have been a lot worst as everybody knows. We did get a lot of water mainly on the southern side of our parish. Last night we did get hit but I am not exactly sure, some say with straight line winds, some are saying a tornado on Jules Lagrange but we have not got anything confirmed yet but we did have some issues last night. Some trees were knocked down and one person was hurt, actually it took her out of her house. We are not sure what took place but they are studying it and they will let us know. We sand bagged and yesterday we gave out over 4,000 sand bags and today was not the same amount but it was a lot so we are trying to stack up to get back in shape for the next one. It is happening more frequently and our staff was out there all night last night doing some stuff that needed to be done to help the people of our parish and I want to thank them all for what they are doing because without them there is no way that we can do what we do. Other than that, issues with drainage, Bayou Mallet that project is complete and we saw the difference with this storm. Abe Road which would have been under water previously with 2 inches of rain but when they checked the road this morning there was no water on the road at all so we know that it helped and we know that we can make a difference. We are asking for more money this year for the same reasons to start cleaning out more canals. We are doing a study or in the process of doing a study in Eunice on Bayou Des Cannes, the furthest west part of our parish. The reason for that is because that water is coming in from Evangeline and it is backing up from Acadia and we are in the middle so we are trying to figure out what to do with that water and we are trying to get it where it needs to go or build retention ponds. The study will tell us what needs to be done. The Retention Pond Project is a \$5,500,000.00 Project is in the final stages of being approved and that is off of Country Ridge Road. That was over two years in the making and they are in their final stages of approving that one. A lot of things are happening with drainage and a lot of things that needs to be done are getting done it just takes time."

Councilman Ernest Blanchard questioned, "Mr. Bellard, with these small storms like this do we get any help from FEMA?"

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "I doubt it very seriously. We have to be declared. I declared a state of emergency day before yesterday just to cover us in case we would get anything but it is unlikely."

Councilman Ernest Blanchard questioned, "Are you familiar with Fournerat Road?"

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "Yes Sir."

Councilman Ernest Blanchard stated, "Okay, from Fournerat Road to HWY 190, Bayou Des Cannes was not cleaned out, that is in Acadia Parish."

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "Right."

Councilman Ernest Blanchard stated, "Two years ago they did clean from Fournerat Road South. I had a friend of mine do a fly by and he said it is plugged up solid. They have trees and everything but they cannot get to it. The problem is that they cannot get to the Bayou to clean it out."

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “So the study that we are asking to get done is going to tell us more about what we can do with the water coming down from Evangeline and of course the blockage that we have down in Acadia. The same thing is happening south of Cankton, I don’t know if you all saw that but we get a lot of water from Lafayette Parish that backs up on us every time it rains, that is nothing uncommon. It will bring us 2-3 feet of water above the bridge. It will take time and money to fix it. If we have to get everything south of us to flow better so we can flow out to them.”

Councilwoman Mildred Thierry stated, “Mr. Bellard, can you give me a little information on Bayou Carron and the situation with Collins Lane.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “Bayou Carron is being taken care of as we speak, they started that a couple of weeks ago, the same process as Bayou Mallet. We feel that once they do that a white oak all the way to the Courtableau once that is done we will see the same affect that we had over here on Bayou Mallet. Collins Lane and all of those roads drain to that same location. It is going to take Bayou Carron to be cleaned out to help us with the water situation. Until that is done we don’t know what the affect is going to be but we know that it is going to be better than what it is.”

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

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

Motion carried.

14. Forward all applications received for one appointment to Hospital District No. 2 (Opelousas General) for a six-year term. (06-07-2025 – 06-07-2031).

A motion was made by Councilman Faltery Jolivette, seconded by Councilman Ernest Blanchard to forward to Regular Meeting held on **Wednesday, May 21st, 2025** all applications received for one appointment to Hospital District No. 2 (Opelousas General) for a six-year term. (06-07-2025 – 06-07-2031).

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

Motion forwarded.

15. Discuss New Proposed Telecommunications Cell Tower off of Highway 31, Opelousas, LA in St. Landry Parish. The tower will be located at Coordinates 30.517083 - 92.047633.

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “The application is in your packet. That is nothing unusual. They have to apply with us to get the permit.”

Councilman Timmy Lejeune questioned, “I would like to know what revenue we get from a Cell Tower?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “Permits is one thing and we are treating it as a structure which is something being very creative in the Permit Department. Instead of just a regular permit they have to do a permit as a structure so it goes by the value of the structure. We are starting to do things a little bit differently and read between the lines to make sure we are getting as much as we can out of that. It is the same thing that we did with the ordinance for the Wind Farm. Each one of those turbans will be considered a structure and not altogether. So we can permit each one separately and charge them each as a structure which means the permit goes up.”

Councilman Timmy Lejeune questioned, “So it does not generate any revenue pass the development stage or the placement stage?”

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

Councilman Dexter Brown stated, “Mr. Bellard with the different companies that are president of these Cell Towers do they do a study where they need coverage and that is when they come to us or come to you.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “They do their own work. Whenever they come to us it is ready to go so I am assuming they have their homework done to make sure that where they put it is the right location. We don’t have any input on that. Again, what people don’t realize is that we don’t have zoning in the parish so we are limited to what we can and cannot do.”

Ms. Alexis Adams, AT&T Addressed the council. She stated, “My name is Alexis Adams and I reside at 276094 Drive, Abita Springs, St. Tammany Parish. I am here to represent AT&T. To answer your specific question yes AT&T Engineers do certain schematic maps. This tower is considered a capacity not a coverage. Although it will help us to sell coverage but it mostly covers down loads, 5g’s, first net, those are the services that will be covered on the tower.”

Councilman Ernest Blanchard questioned, “The property that you all are building the tower on is that rented?”

Ms. Alexis Adams, AT&T stated, “No it is owned.”

Councilman Ernest Blanchard questioned, “Did you all purchase the property?”

Ms. Alexis Adams, AT&T stated, “No it is owned by a resident of Opelousas. They were willing to lease a portion of the land to AT&T to build the Cell Tower.”

Councilman Ernest Blanchard questioned, “Okay, so it is not on Parish Property?”

Ms. Alexis Adams, AT&T stated, “It is on Parish Property but AT&T is only leasing a 100 x 100 area of that property.”

Administrative Finance Chairman Harold Taylor stated, “I think what you are saying is that it is in the parish and yes it is parish property but it is privately owned and you are leasing it from a resident.”

Ms. Alexis Adams, AT&T stated, “Correct, yes Sir.”

Councilman Faltery Jolivette stated, “Your statement answered my question that I had for the Parish President. If on the structure could we get a property tax or something?”

Ms. Alexis Adams, AT&T stated, “That is usually one concerned of the property owner if their property value will go up and usually it does and that is based on the jurisdiction, right and if it does increase AT&T covers the increase cost of those taxes.”

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated, “Where on HWY 31 exactly is that Tower Located?”

Ms. Alexis Adams, AT&T stated, “I turned everything in. It is in your packet. I can bring up my lap top, I brought it just in case.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “It is in your packet.”

Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated, “I reviewed it. I am sure that the land owner will sign off on it, right.”

Ms. Alexis Adams, AT&T stated, “Yes, there is already a lease in process. We already have a signed lease. In fact we have been in the permitting process. We signed the lease about one year ago but we had to obtain a Wetlands Permit to proceed.”

Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated, “The land owner will sign off agreeing to the tower.”

Ms. Alexis Adams, AT&T stated, “Absolutely, yes.”

A motion was made by Councilman Dexter Brown, seconded by Councilman Faltery Jolivette to forward to Regular Meeting held on **Wednesday, May 21st, 2025** to approve the New Proposed Telecommunications Cell Tower off of Highway 31, Opelousas, LA in St. Landry Parish. The tower will be located at Coordinates 30.517083 - 92.047633.

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

Motion forwarded.

16. Administrative Finance Chairman Harold Taylor stated, “We will entertain a motion to forward ~~the Capital Area Finance Authority Application to Full Council.~~ The Certificate of St. Landry Parish Evidencing Public Approval of Bonds Pursuant to Section 147 (f) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 as amended. Do I have a motion?”

Councilman Ernest Blanchard stated, “Motion.”

Councilman Faltery Jolivette stated, “Second.”

Council Clerk Sherell Jordan questioned, “What are we voting on Mr. Harold?”

Administrative Finance Chairman Harold Taylor stated, “We added it to the agenda if you recall. We are ready for the roll call.”

Council Clerk Sherell Jordan stated, “Okay.”

A motion was made by Councilman Ernest Blanchard, seconded by Councilman Faltery Jolivette to forward to Regular Meeting held on **Wednesday, May 21st, 2025** to approve The Certificate of St. Landry Parish Evidencing Public Approval of Bonds Pursuant to Section 147 (f) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 as amended.

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

Motion forwarded.

17. Discuss any other business properly brought before this committee.
None.

18. Adjourn.

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

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

Motion carried.

**ST. LANDRY PARISH COUNCIL
PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING
WEDNESDAY, MAY 7th, 2025
OLD CITY MARKET, 131 W. BELLEVUE ST.
OPELOUSAS, LOUISIANA**

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

1. Public Works Chairwoman Nancy Carriere called this meeting of the Public Works Committee

of the St. Landry Parish Council to order.

2. Roll Call: Nancy Carriere, Mildred Thierry, Alvin Stelly, Wayne Ardoin and Jimmie Edwards. Ex-Officio Jody White. **ABSENT:** Vivian Olivier.

3. Person to address the Committee:

Mr. William Fontenot addressed the council. He stated, “Good evening. My name is William Fontenot. I am from Lawtell Louisiana and I am 57 years old. I have a wife whose dad worked for the Sheriff Department until he died. I have a son that is 19 years old who works for an electrical company and I have a daughter that goes to Lawtell Elementary. I am applying for the position for Water Board District 1. I have farmed since I was a small kid with Jake Kramer who was on Frank Road. I dug many ditches. I worked 15 years in the oilfield. Now I work for the St. Landry Parish School Board as a Head Custodian at Cankton Elementary.”

Mr. Joseph Landry Addressed the council. He stated, “My name is Joseph Landry. I live at 886 Wisdom Road. We have a drainage problem. The problem is this: In between my house there is suppose to be a right-of-way road. They have a drain ditch that is on that road. That drain ditch gets clogged up. The lady who owns the property does not do anything with it. When it gets clogged up it pushes all of the water on my side of the property and it runs out that ditch on Wisdom Road and there is erosion on all of the land on my side of the property. It has gotten so bad that you can see the gas lines at the bottom of the ditch. They dug this ditch about 1 year ago. I did not have the problem until they started fooling with that ditch. The water is coming from the back road that is on the back side of the property lines and it is coming through to us. The water is not going in the direction that it needs to go, it is coming straight through my property and it winds up being a problem with my property.”

Councilman Jimmie Edwards questioned, “Mr. Bellard, are you familiar with that?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “Yes.”

Councilman Dexter Brown stated, “That is in my area. It is off of Wisdom Road. Mr. Landry stays on the west side of Hackberry Drive. Just off of Wisdom we have Amwood Subdivision and we have Hackberry Drive that goes from south to north. You have some property on that north side of the end of Hackberry that basically drains. It basically is a private lane that goes from east to west. It rains a large amount of water from that back side of Mr. Landry’s property and Mr. Shadrick Joseph’s property heading west to Wisdom Road.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “Okay, what is the problem?”

Mr. Joseph Landry stated, “The problem is this: Before they re-dug this ditch, I went on the back side because we had a nice little flood and I went on the back side just to check. It was kind of underwater back there but this morning when I went it was dry because all of the water is coming in my back yard, I am looking at the water physically coming into my yard from that back way. I went in that ditch and I pulled some logs, they just cleaned this ditch out but I pulled some logs and some weeds out of that ditch. You can see the wall it has made because the water is coming from back there to us. That water should be going somewhere else. Before they cleaned that ditch and that water started coming to us, I did not have that problem. Now the owner, Ms. Mary or Ms. Marie, she claims it is her ditch and they came out and they dug it, Fry Construction is the company who dug it. They came and they dug it because I ask for some of the dirt. They said they would give me some so I can build up this back side so I would not have this problem. They gave all of the dirt to Ms. Marie well Ms. Marie, you need to clean that ditch out. Someone needs to clean that ditch so it will stop clogging up. She should have cleaned that line. There is a tree line that runs there with rotten trees that are falling in the ditch. If it continues to fall in the ditch we will continue to have that problem. The road in front of my house the water backed up all the way almost to the ramp of my front door and it has never done that before. I have been there for two years and I have never seen that until he dug that ditch.”

Councilman Dexter Brown questioned, “What is your address again?”

Mr. Joseph Landry stated, “886 Wisdom Road. I took pictures and I have done recordings in case it continues to happen we can try to address the problem. I am not trying to argue the

problem I am just saying that we need to try and find a way to fix it because after while it will run underneath the road and wash the road out, it has already started to do that anyway. We need to try and figure out something that we can do to fix it.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “So the Engineers went out there and did their study and that was their answer to do what we did so that is how it is done. The engineers go out there and do what they have to and we follow their direction.”

Mr. Joseph Landry stated, “Is this private property? What is this? Is this a Parish Road that runs on the side of my house or is it private property?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “The ditch that was dug is on private property. To drain off Hackberry it is on a Public Road, yes sir.”

Mr. Joseph Landry stated, “Okay, now I am starting to get this. You all hired somebody to go on private property and did a ditch.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “We do that every single day, yes sir.”

Mr. Joseph Landry stated, “Okay, they should have dug it and killed that tree line. They killed the part on the back street but they brought the problem to my yard. This is what I am saying. All I am asking for is just to fix it because it is eating my yard away.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “Okay, so how did you expect us to fix it?”

Mr. Joseph Landry stated, “Well they have a bridge there if you leave from my house and make that right. I don’t know the roads because I don’t travel the roads back there but it goes to your right. They have a bridge back there. All of the water should not be coming just my way, what is that bridge for? They have ditches that goes there and all water is not going that way because I have checked that. It does not flood there. All of the water is coming into my yard and it should be going that way. It was not doing that before.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “So the engineers did their study and that is the answer that they gave us to do and that is why we did what we did. I don’t know how you think we can fix it. The water goes where it naturally should flow.”

Mr. Joseph Landry stated, “Let me start by saying this. I was an Excavation Forman for RCI Construction. We build Valaro Plants. We shoot grades. We find benchmarks and we shoot grades. We take them grades and we dig on this high hill and dig to a low spot. Well that water that is on the back street should be going somewhere because they don’t have any low spots in my yard. My yard is higher than that road. It never did flood like it is flooding now since they dug that ditch. Digging that ditch caused the problem and that is a fact. Digging that ditch caused the problem.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “Well I mean if that is your opinion.”

Mr. Joseph Landry stated, “No, no the opinion is the proof is in pudding if you come and look at my yard. I went to the Yambilee Building this morning while this was going on. I went to the Yambilee Building and I asked the guy to come and look. Mr. Joseph was with me and he did not want to have any part of it. It is like him and Mr. Joseph have already talked about it. I am not trying to argue with nobody I just want it fixed. After while it will wash out that road. It is just like other issues in Opelousas where we have street problems and water line problems. If we don’t address it and fix the main problem instead of putting a Band-Aid on everything they will never fix it.”

Public Works Chairwoman Nancy Carriere stated, “Mr. Landry we have a couple of more questions. I will let them ask you. Mr. Brown.”

Councilman Dexter Brown stated, “The water is coming from that private lane headed west coming to Wisdom Road. We may have to get some washout or some rocks. What it is doing is it is hitting Wisdom there because Wisdom is running north and south. Where the water is coming it is hitting the embankment of Wisdom and it is headed north going to a coolie toward

HWY 190. I know the area where Mr. Landry is talking about and the constant water that is hitting the embankment will eventually wear out underneath the road and we will have the foundation deteriorating.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “I am fully aware of what is going on at that location, you all trust me on this. We do what we need to do to make it work. It will not ruin our foundation because there are plans in the works to fix all of that issue right there. Water have to drain from Hackberry to Wisdom Road. Wisdom Road drains where it need to go at. The natural flow of water is going to be flowing. The impact on the foundation of Wisdom Road is not going to be an issue. Again we do not go in there blind, we make sure that the engineers do their work and that is how we do our work. It is going to be resolved. I don’t know what is going on his property but I can tell you that we have to follow what the engineers are telling us and they do go out there and shoot grades and do what they have to do. We hire contractors to come out and dig based off of the engineers specs, it will be fine. Again with the water that we have had the last couple of days I don’t care what you have, you are going to flood.”

Councilman Dexter Brown stated, “Thank you sir.”

Mr. Joseph Landry stated, “I just have one more thing that I need to say to this gentleman. It is not a problem to everybody else but when it comes to my front door that is a problem and it is coming to my front door. It is washing out my property. It is not only washing out my side of the property but it is making a turn and it will go straight to that road. It don’t take a rocket scientist to see that, all you have to do is let it rain and then go look at it and you will see exactly what is happening. You should have been out there this morning and you would have seen what I am saying. It is eating that embankment. If we just put some concrete, if we just had some concrete, form that up and when that water hits it cannot go anywhere. It won’t wash out the road. We can put some on my side so when it hit it cannot wash out my property because that is a main drain right there.”

Public Works Chairwoman Nancy Carriere stated, “Mr. Bellard, is that your conclusion that nothing can be done.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “No, I am not saying that nothing can be done. I am saying that things are in the works to get it fixed to where it needs to be done. Just because we don’t display everything in the public and I start telling everybody what we do then everybody will want the exact same thing that you are going to be getting done at your property even if it is not needed. Other people will be asking me to do the same thing. We do this all over the parish and we continue to do this all over the parish and we do what we have to do to make it right for the people. Just because I don’t tell everybody what we do does not mean it is not going to get done the right way. That is all that I am going to say.”

Mr. Joseph Landry stated, “Well I have been here for two years and it has not been done yet so it looks like it won’t get done.”

Public Works Chairwoman Nancy Carriere stated, “Mr. Landry, give it some time and wait and see what is going to happen. Mr. Bellard said that it is in the works. If you want to have further discussions maybe you can call him but for right now that is the conclusion. Thank you.”

Mr. Joseph Landry stated, “Okay, I will give him my number.”

Mr. Shadrick Joseph addressed the council. He stated, “Good evening, my name is Shadrick Joseph. I am here to discuss the same issue. My address is 1036 Jeffery Broussard Road, Breaux Bridge, LA but I own property on Wisdom Road. I am here to speak on the same issue. I got with Jessie and I spoke with Mr. Barry and I spoke with Dexter Brown and this have been going on for months now. This is not something that just started. On that drainage that they cleaned or they cleaned but they dug but they said that they cleaned, he is saying that they go and they clean out drainages all of the time on private land but on private land you have to get permission. They said that they got permission, I went and I did all of my due diligence on this. I spoke with, I forgot his name but he is in the court house, that road is not own by the lady they said that they got permission from. When I asked about the documents to show the permission that they received they told me this morning, and I was told by word of mouth, I have been asking for this document for months now and they never once presented it. It is like it does not

exist so I guess it does not exist because he is saying that it is by word of mouth. That property is owned by Stephanie Johnson which I spoke to her on several occasions and she said that she never gave no one any right-of-way to dig that drainage. She owns that right-of-way because it runs to her property in the back. On the side that they dug on it belongs to another lady that lives on Hackberry Street. On that side of Hackberry they can't clean it from her property because there is a tree line there and they will have to remove the whole tree line to clean it from her property. What I am asking is this: Can the parish come on private land without permission and dig a ditch? Understand what I am saying or clean anything without permission? From my understanding if the parish does anything on private property they need to have some kind of documentation of it because if anything happens or anything goes wrong they need to have documentation to show that we have permission to be here, do you understand what I am saying? I have been asking for months now for this and I can't get it. I spoke about it and you have two different subdivisions draining into that ditch, not one. They are draining that back side to it and then you go there is another trailer park that is also draining into that ditch so they are feeding two of them into that road. We all know about Wisdom Road. We know that they always had a flooding problem okay and you can't fix a flooding problem by bringing in more water, you are not going to fix that problem. This morning I went out there and the only two properties that had water on it was mine and his and we are the closest to that. The rest of the properties were all dry, understand what I am saying? Now they ask, they say that they got with the engineers. I went to the engineer's office this morning. I spoke with Jacob which is the guy's son. Jacob says that he has no recollection of it. He said that he is the one who dispatch all of the people to go out and survey everything. He said that nothing of the sort happened. He said that he was going to call Barry and speak with Barry and see why Barry said it because nobody went out there. I called him back later on this afternoon and he said the Barry never called him back. He said that he was going to get with his father and he was going to call me back tomorrow morning. I am having the issue of getting the run-a-round for months. You have one person telling me this and another one telling me that but I asked when they came out to do the survey, I asked Barry, I asked Jessie and I asked the Engineer if I can please be there when you all go. Just give me a call because I own my own trucking business so I can take off anytime, I ask can I be present. The told me no problem they were going to call me, nobody gave me a call. When I came Barry said that he called me. I asked him if he left a message or anything. No, so we discussed that I was going to be there, you know what he told me, he said we don't have to do that. I have been getting the cold shoulder, I have been getting talked to like I am a no body in this parish. I did not buy this property here to come and get treated like a no body. I am only asking for him to fix the problem. If you take Wisdom Road from HWY 190 and you go all the way to the end and that road makes a curb, correct. They have ditches all along that property that runs to that neighborhood in the back so why can't you drain it straight that way? Why do you have to come through other property to come to a road that already floods? You can't fix a problem by bringing more water to it, it is not possible, no matter how it drains."

Councilman Timmy Lejeune questioned, "How long have you been owning that property Sir?"

Mr. Shadrick Joseph stated, "One piece I have been owning maybe two years or a little over and the other one maybe one year and something."

Councilman Timmy Lejeune questioned, "Have you ever been out to that property where we received 2 or 3 inches or 4 or 5 inches or 1 or 2 inches or rain and it did not flood?"

Mr. Shadrick Joseph stated, "Yes, I have come out there and my property did not flood. I came out there and the road was flooded but my property was not flooded but this morning when I went out there we took a tape measure and he had 8 inches of water on his property, I have never seen that before. Not on the property, the road flooded not the property. Our two properties were the only two properties that were flooded. If you went down Wisdom Road all the rest were high and dry and all of the water was right there in that area and you can see that it was all coming from the back, steady flowing, steady flowing."

Councilman Dexter Brown stated, "Mr. Bellard, if we can note with Ms. Stephanie Johnson's Property and we can look at where the ditches are and I know that we recently dug those ditches maybe about 2-3 years ago off of Hackberry and coming down Elmwood. If we can get Mr. William Jarrell to look at it and try to divert some water somewhere. It is basically like what he sees with the demographics and all."

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “Well again, we go back to what we said earlier. I don’t know how many inches of rain we got in the last two days and I don’t care what we do with ditches it is not going to help okay. We did what we do normally and make it the easiest way possible to drain water. That is what we do every single day of the week over here and that is how we are going to continue to do it. At this point we did all that we can do and we did not do anything to hurt anybody. We did it exactly like we do everywhere else, it is just that simple. We needed to drain the water from Hackberry and we drained it to Wisdom and Wisdom drains. I can’t make it anymore simple than that because that is how we are going to do it, I am not changing it.”

Councilman Dexter Brown stated, “Yes sir, thank you.”

Councilman Ken Marks questioned, “Mr. President, do we have a Drainage District that falls into that realm?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “No, Sir.”

Councilman Ken Marks stated, “With that being said, so it falls totally on the parish if you will.”

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

Councilman Ken Marks stated, “Okay, you mentioned something about south of us that needs to do some due diligence if you will or something about cleaning tributaries, do we have anything going on with them right now to let them be aware of our situation so we can move that water south?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “The Parish President’s meet on a regular basis and we all have the same issues. Monique and I talked this morning, I am draining on her and she is draining on me over here. Avoyelles is the same thing and Evangeline Parish is the same thing. This is what happens and we can’t stop what comes from Evangeline and Avoyelles and Rapides and neither can Lafayette Parish stop our water and Acadia Parish stop our water, it is what it is. We had over 6 inches of rain in the last two days and that contributed a lot to the problems. Again, we dig our canals and our ditches to be what it can be. We don’t have the money to go and make another extra mile and push water where it does not normally go.”

Councilman Ken Marks stated, “Okay, secondly is there a State Initiative for drainage programs that was started with Governor John Bel Edwards to try and start looking at these situations that we have.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “We have applied. Last year or two years ago we got \$1,000,000.00 and that is what is doing Bayou Mallet and Bayou Carron right now. We applied for \$1,000,000.00 this year to do other Bayou’s. We are trying to get the Bayou’s fixed so whenever the water drains to the Bayou’s the water can leave our parish but it takes money. It is like \$18.00 per foot to take care of a canal.”

Councilman Ken Marks stated, “Lastly, I can assure you that we can do everything that we can and we are still limited because that water eventually have to go to the Gulf of Mexico. The tributaries needs to be started from the gulf coming north to illuminate all of these bottle necks and these incidences. I assume that is in the mill right? I assume that is being discussed?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “Yes, there is a master plan. Again it takes the Federal Funding and that is where we are.”

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

Public Works Chairwoman Nancy Carriere stated, “Mr. Bellard, would you like to address his concerns about the permit and the permission to get on this property.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “No, there is nothing to discuss.”

Public Works Chairwoman Nancy Carriere stated, “Do you have anything else Mr. Joseph?”

Mr. Shadrick Joseph stated, “Another thing that we have a problem with is Erosion. Alright we are using the same Engineers. The properties are all eroded, did he factor that in? What he is telling me now is this: He created a problem and I can deal with it.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “No Sir.”

Mr. Shadrick Joseph stated, “I have the floor. I let you speak when you spoke. They dug the ditches and they brought more water in, alright. It is eroding all of the properties alright. Even though you are moving water you are still leaving with my land, alright. You can’t fix one area and destroy another one that is not how it works, you understand. If they are flooding we are going to take their water and let it come here fast and erode his property. There is a fire hydrant in the middle of the ditch. That means the water pipe runs in the middle of the ditch, the middle of the ditch. I spoke with Jessie and I spoke with Barry and all of them about these Gas Lines all exposed, is that safe? That is all exposed in the ditch, you can see all of the Gas Lines. No one ever called to get that fixed, get it dug deeper or none of that. Can anyone see when they dug the ditches? I am sure that was not exposed when they dug the ditches. So who is factoring in the erosion part? It is not just moving water. Anybody can move water, anybody can did a slope. You don’t need grade, you can just dig a slope and make it move but the problem is it leaves with the land if it is moving too fast. My concern is this: If you want to pass the water through there that is not a problem, slow it down. Do you understand what I am saying? Slow it down. If they flood back there a little longer that is not my issues, you are bringing their water here, no problem, lets slow it down so it does not leave with my land. If I have 2 or 3 feet of land disappearing what will the parish say, just let it go. We came there and we dug the ditches deeper. We all know the ditches were not that deep. I went to Public Works and I asked what size culvert goes in these ditches and they could not give me a paper or anything stating what size culverts. They had to send a man out there to measure the culverts. That should all be in documentation. Ever since I have been here I have been trying to get information and I can’t get nothing. All they tell me is the same thing that he is saying, I am not going to say nothing about it. I am not going to do nothing about it, I am not going to give you nothing, just whatever, is that the way for a parish to deal with someone?”

Public Works Chairwoman Nancy Carriere stated, “Mr. Joseph that is in Mr. Brown’s District so let’s see what else he has to add.”

Councilman Dexter Brown stated, “I asked Mr. Barry about 2 or 3 months ago about the vegetation spraying. Basically whenever they get to your address not to spray it because whenever we spray it would kill the grass. If a rain would come they just had natural erosion like we have all around the parish. I asked Mr. Barry to basically stop spraying. On another note with our culverts our regular ditch it will be an 18 inch culvert on a regular basis. Whenever you get into a drain like it is going into a canal naturally it will be a little bit larger. Sometimes it maybe small in nature but our average inch for a culvert like you are putting a driveway down is an 18 inch culvert.”

Mr. Shadrick Joseph questioned, “Are they 24 inches or 36 inches?”

Councilman Dexter Brown stated, “You might have a 24 or a 28.”

Mr. Shadrick Joseph stated, “They are bigger than 18 inches.”

Councilman Dexter Brown stated, “Yes Sir, Yes Sir. You have bigger than 18 inches.”

Mr. Shadrick Joseph stated, “Can I ask you this question? A couple of years ago were the culverts that big? You are from that area. Was something done to where they dug those ditches deeper?”

Councilman Dexter Brown stated, “This is natural erosion.”

Mr. Shadrick Joseph stated, “That is not what I am asking. The question that I ask is this: A couple of years ago were those ditches that deep? Or, did the parish come in and do a drainage and dig them deeper? That is the question I am asking.”

Councilman Dexter Brown stated, “We dug from HWY 190 all the way to that canal.”

Mr. Shadrick Joseph stated, “Alright, so you all never dug from the other side back to that canal.”

Councilman Dexter Brown stated, “Yes.”

Mr. Shadrick Joseph stated, “You all dug both sides to the canal? Correct?”

Councilman Dexter Brown stated, “Yes, we went from HWY 190.”

Mr. Shadrick Joseph stated, “And you all went deep, correct?”

Councilman Dexter Brown stated, “We went through Wisdom and we headed west.”

Mr. Shadrick Joseph stated, “If the engineers went in there and that is what they decided, was that the engineers or the parish?”

Councilman Dexter Brown stated, “Our engineers.”

Mr. Shadrick Joseph stated, “Alright, did they justify for erosion? That is what I am asking. If you dig something deep we all know if you dig a canal you will make the water roll faster. So you have to justify for erosion of people property. If you don’t then you will leave with their property. The Engineers should know that.”

Public Works Chairwoman Nancy Carriere stated, “Okay Mr. Joseph.”

Mr. Shadrick Joseph stated, “I have one more question that I need an answer too. I was told that the Engineers went out there and did a study. I called Jacob personally today, twice, two different occasions and he said there was no study done. They did not go out there and do anything. He does not know why they are saying that. I keep getting told the same thing by Jessie Bellard and the other guy. They say they never went out there and do anything.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “Okay before this get to far Madam Chairwoman let me explain something, I don’t talk to Jacob okay. I am going to be as nice as I can about this. Number one: We do not dig below the grade of the culvert that is stupid. There is no way on God’s green earth that we are going to dig below the grade of the culvert. We deal with William Jarrell who is the owner of that company. Whenever I say that we did something with William Jarrell I can promise you that is how it got done. I do not have to explain myself to you or anybody else when it comes to that kind of stuff and that is the reason why you are getting the answers that you are getting.”

Mr. Shadrick Joseph stated, “Again we are coming to the same conclusion. I own property and I pay tax dollars but nobody need to tell me nothing. Who makes him God?”

Public Works Chairwoman Nancy Carriere stated, “Mr. Joseph, we are going to settle down a little bit. I think that we have two more questions.”

Councilman Wayne Ardoin questioned, “All of the answers and the questions were asked by Mr. Brown because that is his district. I am going to ask this: Mr. Bellard, do you have any problems with us getting the engineers involved with this thing?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “That is my job. That job dealing with drainage is my job. William, Barry and I talked about this. That is what I do.”

Councilman Wayne Ardoin stated, “As a person on the Public Works Committee I am just asking. You all have done everything that is needed to do with it.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “This is not going to be fixed anytime soon. We did our due diligence as Parish Government on my side of the Government which is what I am doing. No I am not going to hire another engineer.”

Mr. Shadrick Joseph stated, “I am going to state one more thing before I go. I spoke with the land owner that owns that right-of-way, alright, about them going on that property without permission. I also called the Board of Ethics today, okay and I spoke with them. I have to send them an e-mail today about this matter. This looks like a matter of the parish did a favor for this lady because they were not suppose to do anything on a private road without getting permission and they went on another ladies land and dug there. The lady with the Code of Ethic said the parish is not suppose to do anything on private land without permission or without documentation. She told me to send her an e-mail and put everything thorough and they are going to do an investigation on it. I am only here today to address this problem because I needed to be here to let everyone know what is going on so that one can say that I did not make myself present here and no one would say they did not know what is going on with this matter. That is the reason why I am here today. I am not here today to speak with Jessie Bellard or none of the other guys because I spoke with them months now. You all can see the attitude that I have been getting and that is the same attitude that I am getting now.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “The same thing goes on my end. The attitude I get is what you get.”

Public Works Chairwoman Nancy Carriere stated, “Okay, Mr. Joseph thank you for coming hopefully this can come to a resolution. The last person to speak is Mr. Eli Landry.”

Mr. Eli Landry Addressed the council. He stated, “I am Eli Landry. I live at 309 Water Tower Road. I have been there since 1972. The first problem is this: The parish will not come and Boom Ax along the road. The tornado came through and it threw seven threes on the road. I had 2 tractors and 4 people chain sawing and they got it off the road. They came and picked up the timber. They thought they would do it in a half of a day but it took then 1-1/2 days to pick up all of the wood. Another time we had limbs hanging from the broken limbs. I had 3 tractors and 3 people to put the boom to get up there and cut it. It is not like the parish that cuts right above your head, we cut it 20 feet up from the ones that were hanging down. We had 5 trailers of Goose Neck loads that I hauled to the bottom and burnt. Now we can't get them to Boom Ax the side of the road. They were suppose to come, I called your man that was suppose to come and they did not come and that is not the first time. I have another problem, we have water coming from that side road on Water Tower Road. Don Menard sent the grader and they dug that ditch up the terrain. They had 2 ridges, I should have brought my book to show you all, he went up hill and dug it that deep below the top culvert like he said they would not do and now the water comes this way and I have been doing over 8 years trying to dig that road from Water Tower Road to go through the rice field. That is over 8 years that I have been doing that and nobody have come. One time they were suppose to come and somebody stuck something in that toilet so the grader went there, that was over 8 years ago. If they can't do it with a grader bring me the grader I can do the job, if you all can't do the job I can. I have an old tractor, a 1978 with a home-made blade and I can do better than what the parish can do. It is time to get it done. My land is washing like the man said and you all did not do nothing. I called you since last July and you never did answer me.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “No Sir.”

Mr. Eli Landry stated, “You right.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “I did not answer.”

Mr. Eli Landry stated, “When you get on TV you say if you all have a problem call me. That was humbug.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “No, No, the problem is that I don't answer your phone call is because we can never please you. I have tried everything that I can and when I cannot help you I stop answering the phone.”

Mr. Eli Landry stated, “You did not do nothing Jessie. I called the Corps of Engineers.”

Public Works Chairwoman Nancy Carriere stated, “Mr. Landry. Mr. Landry, let's get a couple of questions. I think someone had a question. They had their hand up on the other side.”

Mr. Eli Landry stated, “I only have a couple of minutes to talk.”

Public Works Chairwoman Nancy Carriere stated, “You had 5 minutes.”

Mr. Eli Landry stated, “How about that other man. He talked a long time. I have the same rights.”

Public Works Chairwoman Nancy Carriere stated, “You can go ahead Mr. Landry and continue. I just thought that we would take a couple of questions and you can answer them. Maybe somebody had something that they wanted to ask you.”

Mr. Eli Landry stated, “I have the Corps of Engineers stuff right here.”

Public Works Chairwoman Nancy Carriere stated, “Okay.”

Mr. Eli Landry stated, “It is out of the water.

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “Are there any questions or concerns?”

Public Works Chairwoman Nancy Carriere stated, “Is that it Mr. Landry?”

Mr. Eli Landry stated, “Pardon.”

Public Works Chairwoman Nancy Carriere stated, “Is that all? Can we take some questions? Are you finished?”

Mr. Eli Landry stated, “You talked about the water coming into your district and things. Ville Plate dumps water and Prairie Rhonde dumps water and all of that comes down to the back of me. It goes to the horse-shoe that they dug in 1950 and they stop. Politics. That is what stopped it. It was suppose to go up almost to Washington and it was going to sink the bridge. They were suppose to go up to Fire House Road then politics stopped it again. I have been there since 1972. I use to make corn and potatoes on the bottom now it is hard to get the grass to grow down there. My fence and the trees are all rotten and falling and I am too darn old to fix it. That is all because of a lack of fixing it. You are worried about fixing your district that is 30 years that we have been sinking, nobody is worried about us. Worry pay taxes, we don’t have to pay taxes, they don’t do nothing. Don Menard had sent that, next time I will come with my book, he dug from there and up the hill, two elevations, he cut this much deep. I met with Mark and I showed him the book. He said, Don said to get the darn thing dug, that was good dry dirt, it was political, he hauled it to somebody he did not haul it to my house, he did not haul it to anybody around there either. So that was some political dirt and he is drowning me. The parish is on deaf ears like that man said.”

Public Works Chairwoman Nancy Carriere stated, “Mr. Landry, can we take a couple of questions. Someone had some questions. Mr. Brown, you had your hand up.”

Councilman Dexter Brown stated, “No Ma’am.”

Public Works Chairwoman Nancy Carriere stated, “Okay, was it Mr. Lejeune. Someone had a question on the other side. Does anyone have any questions? Do you have anything else to say Mr. Bellard about this?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “No I am good.”

Public Works Chairwoman Nancy Carriere stated, “Mr. Landry if that is all that you have and nobody else have any questions we will move on.”

Mr. Eli Landry stated, “I guess I wasted my time again.”

Public Works Chairwoman Nancy Carriere stated, “We will move on.”

4. Public Works Report:

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

Boomed Axed	7 Roads
Culvert Cleaned	9 Roads
Culvert Installation	10 Roads
Debris Removal	53 Roads
Ditching	8 Roads
Grading	63 Roads
Material Spreading	7 Roads
Pot Hole Patching	65 Roads
Shredded	12 Roads
Sign Installation	15 Roads
Tree Removal	9 Roads
Washout	5 Roads

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

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

Motion carried.

5. Discuss making Opelhia Boone Road a one-way headed west from the corner of Howard Road and Austin Road to the Southwest Intersection of Opelhia Boone Road and Austin Road. (Councilman Dexter Brown).

Councilman Dexter Brown stated, “Mr. Bellard, I want to thank you and Mr. Barry and all of the whole crew for resurfacing that road for the constituents. We had some calls whereas some places were sort of narrow. I was asking from the corner of Austin Road and Opelhia Boone Road and Howard Road they have a 3-way junction that it would be a one-way head west down Opelhia Boone making the curb to the left head south going back to Austin Road.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “Basically the whole road would be a one-way. The reason is because the narrowing of the road?”

Councilman Dexter Brown stated, “Yes, whereas some places will be narrow for about two vehicles. The reception that I have from some residents whereas they would not mind going around since they went from gravel to pave.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “I don’t know if we have an ordinance deal with that but I think the first thing that I would think about is the emergency vehicles time delays, depending on the travel. Let us look at that and see. Let’s look at that if you don’t mind. By the next full council meeting we can give you an answer of what we can do and check to see if we have an ordinance that deals with that. I am not sure if we do.”

Councilman Dexter Brown stated, “Yes Sir. Whatever you and the engineers may come up with and the emergency personnel we will be 100% satisfied.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “I understand the road. When we overlay a road it narrows. People don’t realize that but whenever we do we don’t have all of that shoulder to play with anymore. Let me get with some people just see how we can do that and get with Garrett to see about the ordinance and see what we can do with that.”

Councilman Dexter Brown stated, “I will be following your lead. Thank you very much Sir.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “Thank you.”

6. Discuss abandoning Garrett Land off Wisdom Road. (Councilman Dexter Brown).

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “I am trying to find that road. Where is that road?”

Councilman Dexter Brown stated, “Remember when you said at the last full council meeting we had certain roads that will be going to a private driveway.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “Right, that serves no public purpose.”

Councilman Dexter Brown stated, “Yes, so what happen that is one road that is in my area just off of Wisdom and it is basically going to a house but Ms. Garrett has been deceased and no one lives at that drive.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “Okay, I am just looking for it.”

Councilman Dexter Brown stated, “Let me tell you where it is. When you go down Wisdom and you make that right under that big oak tree. It is straight ahead in the curb heading south.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “Okay, Oh I know the road, okay. I am like you all, once we find roads that have no public purpose then I don’t think that we should have it on our books to take care of, I am sorry. Back in the day we took a bunch of roads in and it went to one home. We just can’t afford that. That is just not something that we can do.”

Councilman Dexter Brown stated, “I believe that is the only one that I have like that. I did ride my district and if I see another one I will let you know.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “I appreciate it. So we can introduce it as an ordinance at the full council meeting Mr. Duplechain.”

Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated, “We can. The owners on both sides of that road will own until the middle of the road. Once we abandon it I am sure they have 1 or 2 owners?”

Councilman Dexter Brown stated, “Yes, the Garrets on one side. That property was for sale on the right side and I want to say it is the Garrets also.”

Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated, “I am just mentioning that as a decal just to know who the neighbors are on the road. We can have the ordinance ready for introduction in two weeks if we so choose.”

Councilman Dexter Brown stated, “Yes Sir, Thank you Sir.”

Councilman Wayne Ardoin stated, “Madam Chair, do we need a motion on this? I move on item Number 6.”

Councilman Alvin Stelly stated, “Second.”

A motion was made by Councilman Wayne Ardoin, seconded by Councilman Alvin Stelly to forward to Regular Meeting held on **Wednesday, May 21st, 2025** the introduction of an Ordinance to Abandon Garrett Lane off of Wisdom Road.

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

Motion forwarded.

7. Forward all applications received for five appointments to St. Landry Gravity Drainage District No. 14 for a four-year term. (06-21-2025 – 06-21-2029).

A motion was made by Councilman Wayne Ardoin, seconded by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry to forward to Regular Meeting held on **Wednesday, May 21st, 2025** all applications received for five appointments to the St. Landry Gravity Drainage District No. 14 for a four-year term. (06-21-2025 – 06-21-2029).

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

8. Forward all applications received for one appointment to the St. Landry Waterworks District No. 5 for a three-year term. (04-21-2025 – 04-21-2028).

A motion was made by Councilman Alvin Stelly, seconded by Councilman Wayne Ardoin to forward to Regular Meeting held on *Wednesday, May 21st, 2025* all applications received for one appointment to the St. Landry Waterworks District No. 5 for a three-year term. (04-21-2025 – 04-21-2028).

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

9. Forward all applications received for one appointment to the St. Landry Waterworks District No. 3. (No Set Terms). Julie Fourrier resigned.

A motion was made by Councilman Wayne Ardoin, seconded by Councilman Jimmie Edwards to forward to Regular Meeting held on *Wednesday, May 21st, 2025* all applications received for one appointment to the St. Landry Waterworks District No. 3 for a three-year term. Julie Fourrier resigned. (04-21-2025 – 04-21-2028).

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

10. Discuss adding Alvin Street to the list of “No thru Trucks” Ordinance. (Councilwoman Mildred Thierry).

Councilwoman Mildred Thierry stated, “Base on concerns received from constituents whom reside on Alvin Street in regards to 18 wheelers traveling on that road and fear of it damaging that road I am requesting that Alvin Street be added to the list of “No Thru Trucks.”

A motion was made by Councilman Alvin Stelly, seconded by Councilman Jimmie Edwards to forward to Regular Meeting held on *Wednesday, May 21st, 2025* the introduction of an ordinance adding Alvin Street to the list of ‘No thru Trucks.’

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

11. Authorize the Council Clerk to advertise for two appointments to the Public Works Commission District Five for a four-year term. (07-22-2025 – 07-22-2029).

A motion was made by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry, seconded by Councilman Wayne Ardoin to forward to Regular Meeting held on *Wednesday, May 21st, 2025* to authorize the Council Clerk to advertise for two appointments to the Public Works Commission District Five for a four-year term. (07-22-2025 – 07-22-2029).

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

12. Authorize the Council Clerk to advertise for one appointment to the Lawtell Water District No. 1 for the remainder of a four-year term. (08-12-2023 – 08-12-2027). Mr. Curley Allen has resigned.

A motion was made by Councilman Alvin Stelly, seconded by Councilman Wayne Ardoin to forward to Regular Meeting held on *Wednesday, May 21st, 2025* to authorize the Council Clerk to advertise for one appointment to the Lawtell Water District No. 1 for the remainder of a four-year term. (08-12-2023 – 08-12-2027).

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

13. Authorize the Council Clerk to send a Certified Letter to Mary Aggison advising her to come and address the council regarding the demolition and debris removal of her property located at 106 Hidalgo Road, Opelousas, LA 70570. Parcel # 0106338300.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry, seconded by Councilman Jimmie Edwards to forward to Regular Meeting held on *Wednesday, May 21st, 2025* authorizing the Council Clerk to send a Certified Letter to Mary Aggison advising her to come and address the council regarding the demolition and debris removal of her property located at 106 Hidalgo Road, Opelousas, LA 70570. Parcel # 0106338300.

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

14. Authorize the Council Clerk to send a Certified Letter to Tammy Terell Ned advising her to come and address the council regarding the demolition and debris removal of her property located at 494 Perry Drive, Opelousas, LA 70570. Parcel # 0603688500.

A motion was made by Councilman Wayne Ardoin, seconded by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry to forward to Regular Meeting held on *Wednesday, May 21st, 2025* authorizing the Council Clerk to send a Certified Letter to Tammy Terell Ned advising her to come and address the council regarding the demolition and debris removal of her property located at 494 Perry Drive, Opelousas, LA 70570. Parcel # 0603688500.

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

15. Authorize the Council Clerk to send a Certified Letter to Charles Goodwill advising him to come and address the council regarding the demolition and debris removal of his property located at 311 Jolivette Road, Opelousas, LA 70570. Parcel # 0104808500.

A motion was made by Councilman Jimmie Edwards, seconded by Councilwoman Mildred Thiery to forward to Regular Meeting held on *Wednesday, May 21st, 2025* authorizing the Council Clerk to send a Certified Letter to Charles Goodwill advising him to come and address the council regarding the demolition and debris removal of his property located at 311 Jolivette Road, Opelousas, LA 70570. Parcel # 0104808500.

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

16. Authorize the Council Clerk to send a Certified Letter to Robert Louis Fontenot advising him to come and address the council regarding the demolition and debris removal of his property located at 958 Hwy 749, Opelousas, LA 70570. Parcel # 0104698800.

A motion was made by Councilman Wayne Ardoin, seconded by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry to forward to Regular Meeting held on *Wednesday, May 21st, 2025* authorizing the Council Clerk to send a Certified Letter to Robert Louis Fontenot advising him to come and address the council regarding the demolition and debris removal of his property located at 958 Hwy 749, Opelousas, LA 70570. Parcel # 0104698800.

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

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

Councilman Alvin Stelly question, “Mr. Bellard on Mushroom Road what are we going to do with that?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “That Property.

Councilman Alvin Stelly stated, “It is getting worst and worst. It has been 3 years that has been going on.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “We will just have to cut the lock and just go and do it. It passed through the council and we did everything that we could do.”

Councilman Alvin Stelly stated, “They don’t answer. He blocked the road.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “Today is a good day for that to happen. I will talk to our guy and we will take care of it in the next week.”

Councilman Alvin Stelly stated, “Thank you.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “Yes Sir.”

Public Works Chairwoman Nancy Carriere stated, “Anybody else have anything else to say?”

Councilman Wayne Ardoin stated, “I move to adjourn.”

18. Adjourn.

A motion was made by Councilman Wayne Ardoin, seconded by Councilman Jimmie Edwards adjourn the Public Works Committee.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Mildred Thierry, Alvin Stelly, Wayne Ardoin and Jimmie Edwards.

NAYS: None. **ABSENT:** Vivian Olivier. **ABSTAINED:** None.

Motion forwarded.

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

XIII. ADJOURN