

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

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

1. Chairman Nancy Carriere called this meeting of the Public Works Committee of the St. Landry Parish Council to order.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation was said earlier in Special Meeting.**
3. **Roll Call:** Nancy Carriere, Mildred Thierry, Vivian Olivier, Wayne Ardoin and Jimmie Edwards. Ex-Officio Jody White. ABSENT: Alvin Stelly None.
4. **Person to address the Committee:**
None.
5. **Public Works Report:**

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

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

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

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

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

A motion was made by Councilman Jimmie Edwards, seconded by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry to forward to Regular Meeting held on *Wednesday, March 19th, 2025* forward

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

12. Adjourn.

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

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

Motion carried.

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